



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 29th January 2023, 4th Sunday of the Year- A

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Tuesday: *St John Bosco*, Thursday: *The Presentation of the Lord*



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Friday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Padre Pio Devotions
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday	9:00-10:00am
Wednesday	9:00-10:00am
Saturday	10:30-11:15am
Confessions	
Thursday – 7:15-7:50pm	
Saturday 10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm	
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
Confessions	
Monday	8:30-9:30am
Saturday	10:00-10:30am

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S Morning Prayer at 9:30am Monday-Saturday. Rosary after 10am Mass every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. ST ANTHONY'S Rosary before Mass on Monday.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £1754.

Mary's Meal A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend. The magnificent total of £3008 was raised and this will be doubled. And for your information, this will provide lunch for 150 children for one year!

Please note new parish email address: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation courses for infant Baptism will take place on the last Monday of every month. The next Baptism preparation course is on 30th January 2023 in St Francis Xavier's church hall, starting at 7pm. All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Please note the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour has resumed in St Francis Xavier's Church every Thursday at 7pm. Confession is available during this devotion.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 3rd February at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

UCM The new session begins on Wed 1 February at 1.30 in St Martha Hall. New members very welcome from 2pm.

First Confession An important information meeting for parents of children who are due to celebrate their First Confession in March, will take place in St Francis Xavier's Hall tomorrow, Monday at 7pm. Can at least one parent from each home attend this meeting.

Dates for the Diary

Day for Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- 4th February

Parent's Meeting:

P3 Confessions- 30th January

P4 Holy Communion- 6th February

P7 Confirmation- 9th February

Diploma in Catechetics

Congratulations to members of our parish who graduated last Saturday at Gillis Centre with their diploma (see diocesan website for photos). Best wishes for parishioners who have begun the diploma this year. Thank

you for taking the opportunity to deepen your faith.

Mae Black a former parishioner of this parish died on 3rd January in the Orchard Care Home, Tullibody. Mae's family would like extend an invitation to their Mum's funeral. Arrangements are: Reception of Remains, Monday 30th January at 4pm and Requiem Mass Tuesday 31st January at 10:00am in St Mungo's, Mar Street, Alloa.

Invitation to all parish Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Archdiocese have organised a reflection day for all those who assist at the altar and/or take Holy Communion to the housebound on Saturday 4th February, at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The day will start with registration at 10:30, then a spiritual talk titled "Our Lady: Mother of the Eucharist" given by Fr Jamie McMorris followed by lunch. In the afternoon, there will be a testimony given by a minister who visits the sick and housebound. The day concludes with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions by 3pm. This invitation is extended to all Parishioners. If we have sufficient numbers, the parish will organise transport. We plan to leave at 09:30am and return by 4pm.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

From this week until the beginning of Lent the days and times for adoration will be St Anthony's- Tuesday's 8:30-9:30am, St Francis Xavier's- Monday and Wednesday 9:00-10:00am, and Saturday during confessions.

Warm Places at St Francis Xavier's Hall will continue every week until Easter. Doors open at 12noon for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and importantly, company. Please encourage people to pop along to

support this new and excellent initiative.

'The Letter: A Message For Our Earth' An online screening of takes place on Thursday 2 February at 7pm. It tells the story of a journey to Rome to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. After the screening, there will be a Q&A with Lorna Gold, president of *Laudato Si'* Movement, who appears in the film. Register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>

Foodbank boxes are in each church porch for donations.

Going into Forth Valley Hospital If you, or someone you know is going into hospital and would like a visit, please let a member of the Parish clergy know. A name, date of birth, and ward number would be useful.

BCOS statement Responding to the publication of the Scottish Government's advisory group report on 'Ending Conversion Practices', the Bishops' Conference of Scotland issued the attached statement earlier this week. copies are available in both church porches.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparch in the UK, along with other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on Friday, 24 February, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join Christians in praying for peace.

Remembering Service A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of

pregnancy onwards, takes place on Sunday 19 February, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

Family Retreats Craig Lodge in Dalmally has announced dates for its family retreats. These are 3-7 July, 17-21 July and 31-4 July/August For details and to book visit www.craiglodge.org/events

Holy Hour Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following dates: Sun 12 Feb, Sun 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as the incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought

to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Valentine's Retreat 2023 This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady, which supports married couples in their vocation. They will share some of the stories and tools gathered over their 42 years together. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: Martin Dolan, Peter McCluskey, Gerald Spink, Michael McGuire, Sylvester Krawczyk, Mary McCallum, Nan Hilton, Kerr Walker, John Quinn, William Doherty, Catherine Maguire, Aliee Lynagh, Claude McAdam Ross, Susan O'Neill, Jean Thomson, Patrick Ford, Bridget Tweedie, John Karwowski, Bill Young, Henry O'Hara, Pat Lynn, Peggy Campbell, Rita Eddie Coyle, Bernard Kerrigan, William o'Hagan, Jack O'Donnell, Eileen Rock, Thomas Garner, Theresa Flesher, Dora Butler, Gerald Murphy, Hugh O'Connor, Molly McFadden, Kathleen Smith, Hugh Hart Jnr, Anne Marie Ashcroft, Heather Dolan, Isobel Miller, David Cattanach. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Thomas Cuthell & Sons, Hope Street, have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of January.

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Elizabeth Morris R.I.P.		Wednesday 1 st February 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Mae Black R.I.P.	Monday 30 th January, 4:00pm	Tuesday 31 st January 10:00am	St Mungo's, Alloa
Bernie Boyle R.I.P.		Monday 13 th February 12:00pm	St Francis Xavier's

