



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 8th January 2023, The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

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Monday: The Baptism of the Lord, Friday: St Kentigern



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass
Friday	10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Confessions	
Saturday	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Sunday	- during every Mass
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
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: £1944

Please note no Novena/Exposition or Confessions this Thursday

The Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Praesidium Falkirk) is having an annual reunion with other Praesidia in Broxburn on 28th January. All Legion of Mary auxiliary members are invited. Please contact any active member for further details.

The Parish Clergy visited all the sick and housebound that they are aware of during Advent. If you or you know anyone who may wish a visit from one of the clergy, please speak to one of the clergy or contact chapel house.

Archdiocesan Directory has arrived priced £3 and available in piety shops.

Justice & Peace Second collection will be taken today. If you are a Gift Aider, please use your envelope.

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

Tomorrow, Monday- Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season.

Tuesday 10th January, marks the beginning of Ordinary Time. This season is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all aspects. Green is the colour of the season and the Gloria is said or sung on all Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts. The Creed is recited on Sundays and Solemnities.

Friday 13th January- Feast of Mungo On this day we remember in a special way all the pupils, staff and Fr Martin (Chaplain) of St Mungo's High School. St Mungo's is also one of the patrons of our deanery (Falkirk and Stirling area).

Canon William Conway, retired parish priest at St Machan's, Lennoxton, died on 26th December. Please remember him in prayers

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@falkirkcatholics.org

Schools reopen tomorrow, Monday. As you return to school, colleges, and employment it is hoped everyone had a peaceful and restful break and all prepared for a new school term.

Thank you to all who came to the Hogmanay Night in St Francis Xavier's Hall. It was a great success. The food was excellent, the MC did a wonderful job keeping everyone on the floor. Finally thank you to the organisers. We plan to do this again next year.

POST CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from The Clergy As the season of Christmas comes to a close, and most of you have already returned to your 'normal' duties/life, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation in our many liturgies during Advent and Christmas, especially those who attended the Candlelit Masses, Carol Services and the wonderful numbers who went to Confession and not forgetting all those who attended the daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We were very impressed by your great commitment and enthusiasm for the faith. We appreciate that we did ask a lot of you, and so many of you responded very generously. We would also like to thank all those who offered and gave support during this joyful and holy time: especially the many parishioners who worked so hard to prepare the chapels, our cleaners, welcomers, sacristans, florists and piety shops. Those who participated and led the liturgies: music ministry, readers, and altar servers. Finally, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the many cards and generous and thoughtful gifts that you showered on us at Christmas. Your overwhelming thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly and truly appreciated. May God reward the givers! Let's pray that 2023 will be a blessed, stable, and peaceful year. May God bless and look after you and yours, in this new calendar year.

Diploma in Catechetics Register now for the Diploma in Catechetics which begins in January! It's a great way to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Testimonials, FAQs, details and registration at bit.ly/archdiplomaz2023 . or please speak with Fr Daniel for further details Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

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, Wednesday and Saturday 9:00-10:00am.

Funeral Teas This is a service a group of youngish ladies provide in the parish over the past few months. They have been kept busy and provided excellent hospitality to many bereaved families. Many thanks for all their hard work and dedication.

This Thursday Warm Places Initiative begins in St Francis Xavier's Hall. It has been decided to offer St Francis Xavier's Hall as a warm place for people of the town to gather to enjoy hospitality. This will start this Thursday 12th January 12-2pm. We plan to offer hot soup, sandwiches and hot drinks. Please pass the word around and encourage people who need the warmth of people and food.

Crib offering there will be a basket at front of crib for any offerings you may wish to give. The proceeds will be sent to the Archbishop to assist him in the many charitable requests he receives.

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.

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: Tue 10 Jan, 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.

Female vocations Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue:

26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

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

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: Mary McElroy, Archie McElroy, Ramsay Young, Jim Short, Christina Crosbie, Mary Farrell, John Cumming, Margaret Lafferty, Stefan Wantuch, John (Ian) Nixon, Hugh Miller, Sr M Anthony Poor Clare (Betty Tait), Patrick Ferguson, Sean Byrne, Richard John Murdoch, John Joseph Beattie, Jean Gillespie, Richard John Murdoch, Dan O'Donnell, Jack Boyle, Margaret O'Neill, Hugh McCormack, John McKenna, Hugh Short, Gerard Gorman, Margaret McSheaffrey, Janet Henderson, Daniel McGowan, Annie Walsh, John McKenna, Mary Grogan, Margaret Dargacz, Patrick Reynolds, Francis Kotrys, Margaret Winters, Mary Walker, John McDermott, Margaret Watson, James McCarroll, Sadie Nolan, James Anthony Hendrie, Isabel Sibbald, Helen Covertry. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
James McGuckin R.I.P.	Monday 9 th January 6:00pm	Tuesday 10 th January 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Patricia Martha French R.I.P		TBC	

