



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 5th February 2023, 5th Sunday of the Year- A

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Monday: St Paul Miki and Companions, Friday: St Scholastica



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
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
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
Saturday	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: £ 2054.

Mary's Meal A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend. The magnificent total of £3313 was raised and this will be doubled. And for your information, this will provide lunch for 165 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. All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Easter Palms Please returned last year's palms to the church porch to be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

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.

World Day of prayer this year will be held in St Francis Xavier's on Friday 3 March at 2.30 with tea in hall afterwards. Everyone most welcome.

Parents' Meetings: A meeting for parents in Primary Four and above who are due to celebrate their First **Holy Communion** will take place tomorrow, Monday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. It is very important that at least one parent attends.

Confirmation meeting for parents of children in Primary Seven has changed to Monday 20 February at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's church hall.

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 to parishioners who have begun the diploma this year. Thank you for taking the opportunity to deepen your faith.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 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.

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.

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.

Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley My Dear Friends, World Day for the Sick is on Saturday 11 February. In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites us to reflect "that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." The day is also the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes so we ask for her intercession in giving comfort and peace to the sick and ill in our parishes.

Lent talks Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Female vocations Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. It continues on Sunday 26 February, 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. To register please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Marriage Preparation Courses Courses for February, March and April 2023 are now full. Couples can check availability of places on later courses on the Archdiocesan website at bit.ly/archmarriagecourses

Our Lady of Lourdes The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 February at St Cuthbert's Church, Slateford Road, Edinburgh. All welcome. Find out more about the Archdiocesan summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes at <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/>

Valentine's Retreat 2023 This free half-day retreat offers married (and engaged) couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm on Sunday 12 February, St Margaret's

Chapel, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. The final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March.

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. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

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SPUC Youth & Student Conference - 24-26 February SPUC Youth and Student Conference is a weekend providing information, inspiration and social time with hundreds of pro-life students and young people from around the UK. You will learn how to discuss pro-life issues among your peers intelligently, honestly and persuasively. The Archdiocese has a limited number of sponsored places available, including transport from Edinburgh. Contact Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.

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

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

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.

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: May Short, Gerald Murphy, Mary McCabe, William McGhee, Anthony James Duffy, Stanley Rowlings, Charles Byrne, Jack O'Donnell, Rosalyn McBride, Thomas Kennedy, James Gerald Spink, William Hart, Jamie Fraser, Billy Divining, Gloria Caramando, Mary McPherson, Mary Fotheringham, Rose Silcock, Agnes Campbell, Joseph McQuade, Andrew Smith, Theresa Murison, John Hylands, Thomas Dodds, Margaret McCafferty, James Gallagher, William Mochan, Bella Welsh, James Scott, Veronica Moir, Thomas McCanley, Hugh O'Neill, Daniel Gray, Tom Scott, Alison Jane Fletcher, Helen Schofield, Johanna Cleply, Aidan McEvoy, Margaret Wood, Joseph Crossley, Daniel Byrne, David Dickson, Marion Maguire, Joseph Patrick McQuade, Tom Turnbull, Hugh John MacLennan. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass/Service	Church
John Wood R.I.P.		Saturday 11 th February 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Bernie Boyle R.I.P.		Monday 13 th February 12:00pm	St Francis Xavier's

