



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 12th February 2023, 6th Sunday of the Year- A

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Tuesday: St Cyril and St Methodius



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 Requiem 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: £ 1909.

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

Next weekend the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception will speak at the end of all Masses updating us in their Mission work. The second collection will assist them in their work.

Stuff Your Face Evening As Lent looms we thought it would be good to gather for pre Lent social in preparation for a time of penance! Next Saturday in St Francis Xavier's hall from 6:30/7:00pm we will have a night when you can treat yourselves on pizza. Feel free to book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stuff-your-face-2-tickets-542750530447> or sign up on the sheets in each porch. This is open to all ages. Cost £5 per person, family £20 and pre-school free. Paid at the door. Bring your own bottles! All proceeds from the evening will help subsidise several S6 pupils from St Mungo's to be helpers on this year's Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Sunday 19th after the 10am and 11am Masses, filled rolls will be served in the respective halls. All proceeds will go towards assisting S6 pupils from At Mungo's to be helpers on this year's Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Why not pop in and support our young people.

Thank you to all those who came along to the day for Communion Ministers last Saturday in Edinburgh. It was an excellent response and very enjoyable time together. Well done!

Welcome to Anna Song McGuckin, Olivia Halliday, Ella-Mae Loudon and Finlay Richard Graham who were baptised recently and congratulations to their parents.

UCM meet this coming Wednesday 15th in St Martha's hall when we will welcome Dr Mary Higgins to give us a talk on Ghana. Parishioners are very welcome from 2pm.

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

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

Godparents: it is always useful to remind ourselves of what the Church stipulates regarding godparents for baptisms: 1. You need only one godparent who must be a practising Catholic over the age of sixteen years; 2. If you have two godparents, one must be a man and one must be a woman; 3 You may have a maximum of two godparents; 4. A baptised non-Catholic may stand as a Christian witness to the baptism. The rules for godparents are stipulated in Canon Law (cf. can. 873)

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

Dates for Choir practices: 16th February, 9th March, 30th March at 1.30pm. New members most welcome.

Meet, Eat and Heat at St Francis Xavier's (new name for Warm Places) has been meeting in St. Francis Xavier's hall for the past five weeks. The first week one person came, last Thursday about fifty people came

along and enjoyed lovely and enjoyable food, a warm and most importantly welcoming and friendly company. The success speaks for itself! A big thank you to all those who have volunteered to make this possible. It is our intention to offer this service until Holy week. We would like to appeal for more volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact one of the clergy or contact the parish office.

World Day of prayer this year will be held in St Francis Xavier's on Friday 3 March at 2:00pm with tea in hall afterwards. Everyone most welcome.

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

Synod Update The Continental Assembly for the Synod Scottish Delegation concludes today (Sunday 12 February) in Prague. Find out more about the Scottish input at this event at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Vocations Mass The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life. The next one takes place at 5:15pm on Monday 6 March at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

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

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine Archbishop Cushley will join 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 fellow Christians in praying for peace.

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.

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: Anne McLaochlin, Brigid Sweeney, Hugh Welsh, John Walton, Jozef Koncz, Johnny Kildare, Thomas McElroy, Douglas Crawford Horn, John Brown, James McGuirk, James Johnston Dundee, Christina Travers, Ian Alexander, John McColl, Wallace Anderson, Pat Wood, Nellie Devine, John McGuckin Snr, Mary Cameron, John Welsh, Joan Flucker, Mhairi Nutey, Patrick Sweeney, Catherine Beattie, Helen Moore Marshall, Margaret Marshall, Agnes (Nancy) McPaul, John O'Donnell, Anthony Hanlon, James Silcock, Grace Blo, Thomas McAteer, Andrew Montgomery, Bernard Gallagher, Patrick McGlynn, Margaret Canny. 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
Bernie Boyle R.I.P.		Monday 13 th February 12:00pm	St Francis Xavier's
Neil McCarron R.I.P.	Friday 17 th February 6:00pm	Saturday 18 th February 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret McGuire R.I.P.	Sunday 19 th February 6:00pm	Monday 20 th February 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Sarah Gallagher R.I.P.		Tuesday 21 st February 10:00am	Camelon Crematorium
June Reily R.I.P.		Thursday 23 rd February 12:00pm	ST Mary's, Bo'ness
Barbara MacLennan R.I.P.	Tuesday 28 th February 6:00pm	Wednesday 1 st March 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

