



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year- A

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Wednesday: Ash Wednesday



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Ash Wednesday	
	10:00am Mass
	7:00pm Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass
	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
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
Tuesday	9:00- 10:00am
Wednesday	9:00-10:00am
Thursday	9:00-10:00am
Friday	9:00-10:00am
Saturday	9:00-10:00am
Confessions	
	Thursday – 7:30-8:00pm
	Saturday 10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Ash Wednesday	
	9:30am Mass
	7:00pm Mass
Friday	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday	8.00-9.30am
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
Wednesday	8:30-9:30am
Saturday	8:30-9:30am
Confessions	
Monday	8:30-9:30am
Friday	7:30pm-8:00pm
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: £ 2012.

**This 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.

**Today** after the 10am and 11am Masses, filled rolls are 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.

**Welcome to** Madeline Yvette Armstrong, Freya Heather Rose Paterson and Connor John Thomas Paterson who were baptised last weekend and congratulations to their parents.

**Parents' Meeting: Confirmation** meeting for parents of children in Primary Seven is tomorrow 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](mailto: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:** 9<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. New members most welcome.

**Dates for the Diary.** Find below dates for your diary of events etc up until June.

Ash Wednesday	22 Feb
Rite of Election	26 Feb
First Confession St Francis Xavier's School	20 March
First Confession: St Andrew's School	21 March
First Confession: Other Schools	25 March
Chrism Mass	4 April
Easter Vigil & Cheese and Wine	8 April
First Holy Communion	13 May
Crowning of Our Lady	14 May
First Holy Communion Parties	14 May
Confirmation	27 May
Youth Day Out	3 June
Alpha Training Day	10 June
Parish 40 Hours	9-11 June
Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession in Falkirk	11 June
Parish Day out	17 June
Parish BBQ	24 June
Blessing of the graves	25 June

**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](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023)

**Message from Archbishop Cushley** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and it is a day of fasting and abstinence to acknowledge our mortality and begin preparing ourselves spiritually for Easter. Lent is a time of prayer and penance and I encourage you to take the opportunity to go to Confession if you have not been for a while. It is there that we experience the loving mercy of God, who forgives our sins and offers us His grace as we look with hope to experiencing the joy of Easter when Jesus was resurrected from the dead. The Friday after Ash Wednesday is the Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have experienced abuse. I wish you all a prayerful and peaceful Lent.

**Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse** This day is marked each year on the Friday following Ash

Wednesday (24 February). We unite in prayer for those who have suffered abuse: *Lord Jesus, we praise you for calling us to the service of others. We pray for a generosity of spirit to ensure the vulnerable are protected. We pray for a compassionate heart so that we will reach out to those who are wounded by abuse. We pray for courage and determination as we seek the safety of everyone in our parish communities. We dedicate ourselves to this work of service and pray that you will help us to do your will at all times and in all places. Amen.*

**Synod** What happened at the recent Continental Assembly of the Synod in Prague? And what happens next? Find out in a series of feedback videos on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. See [bit.ly/synodplaylist](http://bit.ly/synodplaylist)

**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](http://bit.ly/archmarriagecourses)

**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.

**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 William F Jordan, Antonio Vettraino, Ernest Koszary, Stanley Woods, Anthony Winters, Mary Pow, Wladyslaw Stasiowski, Robert Ure, Ann McKinlay, Joe McGeever, Pat McGlynn, Baby Paul Gilligan, Rena McRorie, Margaret Foster, Marjory Laing, Jimmy Welsh, Winifred, McGeehan Canny, Mary Catherine Lynn, Neil McKinlay, Margaret Craig, Charles Byrne, Catherine McLaughlin, Daniel Doherty, Frank Doherty, David Silcock, Kathleen McDermott, David Silcock, Owen O'Neil, Michael Kennedy, John McCabe, Kathleen Smith, Edward Mowem, Joseph Marley, John McKenna, Bob Meighan, Rosina Marley, Theresa Hamilton, Bill Gallacher, William, F Jordan, Michael McGarvey, Matthew Collins, Jimmy McCarroll, Alice Donaldson. 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
Margaret McGuire R.I.P.	Sunday 19th February 6:00pm	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Sarah Gallagher R.I.P.		Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 10:00am	Camelon Crematorium
June Reily R.I.P.		Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 12:00pm	ST Mary's, Bo'ness
Barbara MacLennan R.I.P.	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

