



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent-Year A

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Friday-St Patrick



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Tuesday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Wednesday	7:00am Mass 10:00am 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	
Mon-Sat	9:00-10:00am
Sunday	9:00-9:45am
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Saturday	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Friday	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
No Exposition this week	
Confessions	
Friday	7:30pm-8:00pm

**Thank you for your gift to God and His Church:** Last week's offertory cash collection: £ 2292.

**Lent 2023**

**It was great** to see so many people, especially so many young people and school pupils at the Stations of the Cross this week. Keep up the great work!

**Way of the Cross-Stations of the Cross** A Plenary Indulgence is available to all who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross: here on Fridays after 10am Mass (barring a Funeral). The Sick or Housebound or Prisoners may gain the same Indulgence, if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading & meditation on the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ. For a Plenary Indulgence normal conditions

apply: be free from all attachment from sin; receive the Sacraments of Penance & the Eucharist; pray for intentions of the Pope. If not plenary, the Indulgence is partial. Please do not get in a fankle regarding Indulgences; for example a Gospel Indulgence is granted to all who "bearing the heat & burdens of the day, raise their hearts to God in humble trust with some reverent invocation."

**Stations of the Cross** In both church porches, there are several CTS books to assist you in making the stations at home or in either church during the day.

**SCIAF Wee Box Packs-** There are still a few Wee Box Packs available in the porches of our churches.

**SCIAF** "Next weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world. We pray for all those involved in charities of the Church, which help those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." – Archbishop Cushley

**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 continue at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 and Wednesday 22 March. Register at [bit.ly/lenttalks2023](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023) Catch up on YouTube: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

**Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross** This takes place on Monday 3 April at 7:45pm on Zoom. It is a chance to pray for all pro-life intentions and includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo. Register at [bit.ly/stations2023](http://bit.ly/stations2023)

**Palm Sunday talk** Archbishop Cushley hosts a talk about Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy and prepare for the day. Register for this Zoom talk at [bit.ly/palmsundaytalk](http://bit.ly/palmsundaytalk)

**Relics of St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio).** The relics of Padre Pio are visiting Scotland and will visit St John Cantù's & St Nicholas church in Broxburn on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. There will be a mass at 7 pm and immediately after individual blessings with the glove of Padre Pio. The mass will be celebrated by Fr Bryan Shortall , Director of Padre Pio Apostolate appointed by San Giovanni Rotondo. Anyone interested could they please add their name to the sheet provided at back of church. Transport will be arranged.

**The Parish Clergy** will be visiting all the sick and housebound over the next four weeks in preparation for Easter. Can Communion Ministers please inform those they visit that the priests will be happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Confessions during their visit.

**Welcome to** Finn James Frater, Elliot Wallace, Nova Margaret Hanlon, Maya Blaskevic, Ciaran Cooper, Eva Wright and Leonardo Verrecchia who were baptised recently and congratulations to their parents.

**LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT - School Transport** Falkirk Council is proposing to change its Children's Services Transport policy. It would mean a reduction in the entitlement of children and young people to free school transport. This will affect Catholic families the most, as our children tend to travel further distances to get to school. Please ensure your voice is heard by taking

part in the online consultation by 15 March at [bit.ly/falkirkconsultation](http://bit.ly/falkirkconsultation) Please also consider attending the final public consultation meeting to express your concerns to councillors in person: Denny High School, Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 6:30pm. Sample letters that you can send to local councillor and details of their contact address are available in the porches of both churches and also on our Facebook and website

**Walking Group** - Walk of Faith 28 March 2023. The Walk of Faith from St.Paul's Church, Milton of Campsie to Schoenstatt Shrine (3.5 miles) will take place on 28 March. We will attend 09.30 Mass at St.Paul's prior to walking. At Schoenstatt we will have time to visit the Chapel, have our packed snack and do the outdoor Stations of the Cross before walking back to St.Paul's. Further information from Neil at 07718625511 or any member of the Walking Group"

**STOP Please visit our Piety Stalls** – For a great selection of St Patricks Day, Mother Day, and Easter Cards.

**Primary 7 pupils from** St. Francis Xavier's Primary School are welcoming you to a coffee morning that will be held in the school hall to raise money for SCIAF on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The coffee morning will begin at 9:30am and end at 11:30am. There will be an entrance fee of £2.00, which includes a coffee/tea and two cakes on arrival. Following this there will be opportunity to purchase other cakes and baked goods to take away. As a sustainable school we ask that you bring along your own mug in order for us to reduce any waste from paper cups.

**Infant Baptism**- Baptism Preparation courses for infant Baptism will take on the last Monday of every month at

**Funerals**

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass/Service	Church
Sarah Hastings R.I.P.		Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 12:15pm	Camelon Crematorium
Peter Gallagher R.I.P.	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 6:00pm	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Andrew Liddle R.I.P.		Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 10:30am	St Mary's, Bo'ness
William Carberry R.I.P.		TBC	Camelon Crematorium
Kevin Doake R.I.P.		TBC	St Mary's, Bo'ness

7pm in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. 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)

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

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 every Thursday from 12 to 2pm. All very welcome.

**Dates for Choir practices:** 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. New members most welcome.

**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 Mary Ford, Beryl Mailer, Hugh Welsh, Denis Collier, Kathleen Winters, Gino Gonella, William Crawford, Herbie Zimmerman, Catherine (Kitty) Gormley, John O'Connor, Christine Herriott, Thomas Wood, Andrew Duff, Andrew Furby, Joseph Ferry, Chris O'Donnell, Elizabeth Cooper, Sean Clune, Isobella O'Donnell, Tony Duffy, Jessica Heaver, Bryan O'Donnell, Phillip McLaughlin, Mary Sim, Hilda MacKintosh, Catherine Wilson, Bridget McKinlay, Colin Monk, Dannie Halpin, George Jenkins, David Main, Joseph McGinlay, Thomas Moan Jnr, Bridget McNelis, Patrick Hanlon, William Hunter Jnr Marion Fitzpatrick, Eric Burno, Campbell Rich, Lee Cochrane Maria Gunn, Margaret McPeake, Elizabeth Miller, Primo Pellegrini, George Devlin, Daniel Kane, Irene Maud Toyne. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

