



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 19th March 2023, 4th Sunday of Lent-Year A

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Monday-St Joseph, Souse of the Virgin Mary, Saturday – The Annunciation of Our Lord



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 Requiem 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	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Friday	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Mon-Wed	8.30-9.30am
Saturday	8:30-9:30am
Confessions	
Friday	7:30pm-8:00pm

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £ 2203.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available for the coming tax year. Please contact office if you no longer pay tax or need to change your address.

Mother's Day Congratulations and best wishes to all our mothers, grandmothers and the many other women in the parish who exercise motherly roles, not forgetting our mothers who have departed this world.

UCM St Patrick's Night on Wednesday was a great success. It was great to see a full hall, lovely food and a great

atmosphere. See parish Facebook for the photos.

Lent 2023

Today we enter the fourth week of Lent- the midpoint of our journey to Easter. Please continue your great efforts of attending the additional Masses, Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. And if you have "slipped up", don't be down hearted, just start again. Next Sunday we will give you full details of all the holy Week ceremonies.

SCIAF This 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

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!

Lent filled rolls. After 10am and 11am Masses next Sunday there will be hot filled rolls served in our halls. There will be also an opportunity to guess the birthday date of the Easter bunny- only £1 a go-the winning prize is a Easter Hamper. All proceeds to the Youth for Lourdes fund. Six pupils from St Mungo's are taking part in the pilgrimage to Lourdes this July. Please give them your support.

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.

Letter from Bishop McGhee- update on the work of SCIAF. Copies are available in each church porch.

Chrism Mass will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Tuesday, 4th April at 7pm. At this Mass we not only celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the blessing of the oils that will be used in all the parishes in the Archdiocese during the next twelve months, the clergy also renew the priestly promises. It is our intention to organise a coach to this Mass, so that we can join the Archbishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful throughout archdiocese praying for the needs of the clergy and archdiocese. Please consider coming along. There is a list in the porch in each church for you to sign up. The coach will leave St Francis Xavier's at 5:30pm and St Anthony's at 5:45pm. We should return to Falkirk around 9:15/9:30pm

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

First Confessions The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated by many of our children this week. On Monday

children from St Francis Xavier's School from 10:30-11:30am, on Tuesday St Andrew's School from 10:30-11:30am and on Saturday those children from other schools in the area. Please keep the children, parents, catechists and teachers in your prayers at this very special and important time.

RCIA What are the Scrutinies? On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the new "Elect" (those entering the Church at Easter) participate in rites called "the Scrutinies". God does not scrutinise the Elect in order to find out what is wrong with them but to celebrate all that is beautiful, good and true in them. Jesus "scrutinises" them with His Divine Light, bringing healing and repentance to where they need it and revealing all that is valuable in them. Let us continue to pray for those entering the Church this Easter!

Feast of the Annunciation Saturday 25th of March is the Feast of the Annunciation there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary, on the hour, from 11am to 6.15 pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Holy Rosary will be led/facilitated by the Legion of Mary and will be live streamed to allow the housebound to participate. Join us on this wonderful feast day.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th - 14th July: By air from Edinburgh. Prices start at £919. Bookings can now be made directly online or contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666. Further details available by following this link: <http://www.tangneytours.com/Edinburgh>

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass/Service	Church
Peter Gallagher R.I.P.	Tuesday 21 st March 6:00pm	Wednesday 22 nd March 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
William Carberry R.I.P.		Tuesday 21 st March 1:45pm	Camelon Crematorium
Andrew Liddle R.I.P.		Thursday 23 rd March 10:30am	St Mary's, Bo'ness
Kevin Doake R.I.P.		Monday 27 th March 12:30pm	St Mary's, Bo'ness
Jean Leask R.I.P.	Monday 3 rd April 6:00pm	Tuesday 4 th April 10:00am	Sr Francis Xavier's

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 24th 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. **A few spaces still available in the coach, contact parish house to reserve a place. Coach leaves St Francis Xavier's at 6pm.**

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.

Songs of Praise- today Sunday 19th March Sr Clare Crockett at 1:15pm featuring Sr Clare Crockett.

Welcome to Nicole Julia Czarnecka and Shay Bernard Alexander Kerrigan Black who were baptised last weekend and congratulations to their parents.

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 Easter Cards.

Meet, Eat and Heat at St Francis Xavier's every Thursday from 12 to 2pm. All very welcome.

Dates for Choir practices: 30th 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 Patrick Lynach, Angus McSween, Anthony John Bell, Henry McCormick, Robert McCormick, Janette McConnachie, Tom Harvey, Rosie & John Burgoyne, Patrick Gorman, Frank Allison, Ruth Armstrong McDonald Cameyon, Helen McCabe, Gerry McGleave, Helen Kennedy, Joseph Compapiano, John Nagle, John Francis Noble, Rachel Burn, John O'Connor, Agnes (Nan) McQuade, John Mohan, Margaret Ann Travers, D. Hughes, D. Hughes Jnr., Jean Hughes, Peter Hughes, D. Hughes, Fred Walsh, Tommy Winter Jnr, Renata Wantuch, Cormac McNelis, Philip Kelly, Walter Marshall, Lianda Notterangelo, Thomas Hendrie, James Hainey, Maureen Anna Young, John Bradley Cullen, John Cumming, Annie Quigley, Roger McPeake, Sarah Herron, Christine Murphy, John Waugh, Isa Hughes. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

