



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 30th April 2023, 4th Sunday of Easter



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Monday- St Joseph the Worker, Tuesday- St Athanasius, Wednesday- St Philip and St James, Saturday- Our Lady

Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm May Devotions
Tuesday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Rosary
Wednesday	10:00am Requiem Mass 6:00pm Rosary
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Friday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Padre Pio
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

Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Sat	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
Sunday	11:00am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday.

ST ANTHONY'S Rosary 9-10am on Monday.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2484.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 5th May at 6pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

Welcome to Nina Grace Anderson Kelly who was baptized last weekend and congratulations to her parents and family.

World Vocations Sunday is today. A day dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood. There will be a special collection to assist the Archbishop in the formation cost of future priests. Please use gift aid envelopes, if you have one.

Luxury Easter Hamper Winner Date of Easter Bunnys Birthday was 13th December (same as Fr Martin's mums!). The person who guessed closest to this date and who wins the hamper is a very special little girl from St Francis Xavier's and Theo at St Anthony's. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who supported the prize draw. So far the Parish has raised £1850 to help send our young people to Lourdes! A massive Thank You for your support.

Exams At this time of the year many of our young people are preparing for and sitting school, college, and university exams. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this important and challenging time. To assist the students (and parents!) there are prayer sheets in the porches of both churches.

This week we begin the month of May-Month of Our Lady. There will be May Devotions every Monday at 6pm; Each Monday will be dedicated to an intention. This Monday it will be for vocations to the priesthood and the diaconate. The rosary on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be led by the Legion of Mary at 6pm and the Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour on Thursdays at 7pm all in St Francis Xavier's Church.

Lost property Many items have been accumulating in the porch of St Francis Xavier's. These will remain in the box until the 13th May, what has not been claimed will be donated to Strathcarron Hospice shop.

SCIAF Wee Box Thank you for those who supported this initiative. £2000 was raised for SCIAF.

Please visit our Piety Stalls—For a great selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards.

Flowers at St Anthony's Church We are very grateful to those who look after the flowers at St Anthony's. We would like to ask for more volunteers to assist in beautifying the church for the praise and glory of God. If you would like to help, even in a small way, please contact Marion King or one of the clergy.

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's This takes place on Saturday 17th June. The plan for the day is as follows. Holy Mass at 9am at St Francis Xavier's; coach leaves St Francis Xavier's at 9:30am, St Anthony's at 9:45am; arriving St Andrew's around 11am. On arrival at St Andrew's, the local parish priest will have a display of St Andrew's and St Margaret's relics, we will then have if we wish, the opportunity to venerate them. Everyone will then be free to explore St Andrew's until 3:15pm. We will provide a handout for you as St Andrew's is a town steeped in history; culture; faith; great shops; public houses and beaches- something for everyone. At 3:15pm we will depart for the Victoria Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy for the High Tea. High Tea served at 4:30pm and departing 6:30pm with a return to St Anthony's for about 7:15pm and St Francis Xavier's 7:30pm. This will be a great day out. Think about coming along. The menu is: salad, steak pie, breaded or battered haddock, macaroni cheese bake, lasagna. Cost per adult £20 and per child £10 (includes transport). There is a separate menu for children. Please complete the sign-in sheet (**adult or child**) in the porches and enclosed your money in an envelope with your names on the front to St Francis Xavier's House or St Anthony's Sacristy.

SPRED Just a reminder this group meets in St Francis Xavier's hall from 7-9pm on the following dates: 10, 24 May, and 7 June. All made very welcome. If anyone would like more information about Spred please contact Jennifer Lightfoot 07946 538958.

The Angelus The name is derived from the first few words of the text in Latin (*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae*). It is a simple yet powerful prayer that offers an

opportunity to meditate on Mary's discipleship and radical obedience to God's will. The prayer commemorates the Incarnation of Christ and is based on Biblical texts narrating the mystery of the Incarnation. It is normally recited three times a day: in the morning, at noon and in the evening. It is also called an Angelic Salutation, as it recalls the moment that Archangel Gabriel came to Mary with a message that would change human history! The prayer of the Angelus is simple, yet it is a powerful means of dramatically opening our hearts up to receive God's grace, a moment to renew and remember our baptismal 'Yes' to God and ask him to guide us.

RCIA: If you feel called to explore coming into the Catholic Church, please keep an eye on our newsletter for more information regarding our upcoming RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program for the year ahead.

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation course for infant Baptism will take place last Monday of every month at 7pm in St Francis Hall. All enquires about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Stanton Healthcare Are you or a loved one going through an **unexpected pregnancy**? SHE Pregnancy Support can help you with whatever you need, for as long as you need it, through your pregnancy and beyond tel 07526480578 or visit stantonscotland.org

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

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

Prepare for Pentecost Join this six-week online talk series to prepare and learn more about two major feasts at the end of Eastertide: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas, it will take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. Begins on Tuesday 2 May at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at bit.ly/prepareforpentecost

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023 St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:15pm on Wednesday 31 May. Reception in Coffee Saints afterwards. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please email Fr Jeremy Milne so an invitation can be sent. Submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to vemarriage@staned.org.uk, or phone 0131 334 1693.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Please pray that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Keep in your prayers the seminarians from the Archdiocese – Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson (Beda College, Rome), Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty (Scots College, Rome) and Matthew Frankland (Royal Scots College, Salamanca). If you feel called to the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with our vocations director Father Andrew Garden on

01316634286 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 or go to religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Called & Gifted Workshop Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at bit.ly/calledgifted2023

Rethink Abortion Training Day This day will help you clarify your own beliefs to become more effective and informed in real-life discussions about pro-life issues. It takes place on Saturday 13 May from 10am-5pm in Turnbull Hall Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG. To book a place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/> Tickets £25 (includes lunch and refreshments).

Anniversaries: Theresa Callaghan, Agnes Gorman, Hailey Smith, John Short, Peter Brady, Maureen Allan, George Wilson, Anna Sarzynski, Bridget Harvey, Duncan Cram, Bernard McElroy, Agnes Donnelly, Joseph Nally, Bridget Boyle, Martin C. Spain, Myra J. Spain, Peter Sneddon, Ann (Shera) McMorrow, Hugh Fawcett, Hugh Fawcett Jnr, Jean Fawcett, Fr. Herbert Herrity, William Welsh, James Byrne, Annie Maguire, James Smith, James Buchanan, Bridget Brown, Michael Martin, Bridget O'Donnell, Jim Campbell, Peter Clark, Anna Marchi, May O'Brien, Edward Gray, John Wood, Hannah Power Wood, Tom Wood, Georgie Wood, Bernard Joseph Shields, Mary Shields, Bridget Power, Thomas Power, George Wood, Mary Lamont Wood, Mary McGlynn, John Fleming, Rosemary Docherty, Jean Gogan, Bridget McCartney, Edmund Powlowski. 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
Jean Balahura R.I.P	Tuesday 2 nd May at 6pm	Wednesday 3 rd May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

