



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 9th April 2023, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	09:00am Mass 10:00am Requiem Mass (Polish)
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Divine Mercy
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-Wed	9:00-10:00am
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Sat	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Confessions	
Saturday	10:00-10:30am

A Word of Thanks from the Clergy to everyone who participated in the many lenten services and in our Holy Week Ceremonies. A great number of people were involved in the background as well as in the public eye and to one and all, we appreciate everything you do, not only at Easter, but throughout the entire year.

We wish all our parishioners & visitors to the parish, every blessing at Easter and pray that we may all come to the Risen Christ in the core of our being. Alleluia!

Easter Reflection As we gathered in darkened churches to celebrate the Easter Vigil, we were reminded that the power of one candle, lit from the Easter fire, had the ability to illuminate the entire church and banish darkness. From that one candle the flame is shared and diffused throughout the worshippers until hundreds of reflections of that light bathe the entire church in a warm glow. For many people struggling with darkness in their lives, a helping hand, a kind word or a necessary resource shared can be the spark that provides light where before there was none. The Easter celebration of new life of light overcoming darkness, gives us the hope and faith that will show the way throughout this coming year. Let us reflect the light of the Easter candle to all those we meet, but especially to those who are looking for a way out of darkness.



Thanks be to God! Congratulations to all those who were received into God's Holy Church this Easter: Susan Allison, Des Bissett, Laura Marshall, Ossian Macrae, Joan Coll, Kirsty Lilley and Steven Allan. We give God thanks for your courage and generosity in responding to the Lord. Please be assured of our prayers for you as you continue to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. God Bless you all!

Divine Mercy Novena Will take place every morning at 9:45am during Easter week in St. Francis Xavier's.

Please note Tuesday of this week, Mass at St Francis Xavier's will be at the earlier time of 9am due to a Funeral Mass in Polish at 10am. Divine Mercy on this day will take place at 8:45am.

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.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2401

SCIAF Wee Box Can you please return at your earliest convenience. Last day to hand in is Sunday 16th April.

A huge word of thanks to the two teams who provided the food and company every Thursday in St FX hall for the Eat, Meet and Heat initiative. This initiative is planned to restart in the autumn.

Going to Confessions Sometimes we need a little help to encourage and help us to celebrate this Sacrament most effectively, especially if we have not been for some time. You will find a handout with a guide and an Examination of Conscience in the porch of both churches.

Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh is celebrated on Tuesday of this week in each of our parishes.

Easter Edition of My Day by Day is available in St Francis Xavier's porch.

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation courses for infant Baptism will take on the 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

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 practicing 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)

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.

Afternoon of Music will be held in St Francis Xavier's hall on Thursday 20th April from 2-4pm. Live music, dance time, tea, cakes, etc. Cost £5. Contact Moira Kennedy or parish house for tickets.

Neil McNelis intends to walk 120 miles in April to support Mary's Meals Dalmally to Malawi appeal. Anyone wishing to support should follow the link www.justgiving.com/neil-mcnelis

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

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

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>

Anniversaries: Hugh McAllister, Hugh Quinn, Jessie Walls, Mary Kennedy, Archie Connachie, James McArdle, Margaret McElroy, William Moodie, Frances Berrie, Thomas Lumsden, Thomas Patrick Lynach, Charles McGhee Snr, Ellen McGhee, Frances Harvey, Peter Francis Flaherty, Daniel Kane, Pauline Gemmel, Josephine Sisman, Gino Bertolini, Marjory Travers, James Frame, John McKean, George Harris, Greta Malley, Giacinto Notarangelo, Mary Savoy, Flora Weir, Peter Kennedy, George Jenkins. 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
Roman Szczesniak R.I.P.		Tuesday 11 th April 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Jean Ferguson R.I.P.		Monday 17 th April 12noon	St Mary's Bo'ness

