



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 21st May 2023, 7th Sunday of Easter



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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 Requiem Mass 7:00pm Novena
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
Wednesday	9:00-10:00am
Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday. Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday	
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Saturday	5:45-6:15pm
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
Rosary 9-10am on Monday.	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Friday- St Philip Neri	

Tomorrow Monday at 6pm we will have May Devotions at 6pm. The prayer intention will be the Family. Please try and come along, it only lasts about 30 minutes.

This weekend is World Communication Sunday. There will be a second collection to assist the Archdiocese to continue its mission in communicating effectively through modern means. If you have Gift Aid- please use your envelope.

First Holy Communions last weekend went very well. The children were so prayerful and reverent during Holy Mass and especially when they received Jesus for the first time. Our thanks to the teachers and catechists who prepared the children. Well done!

First Communion Parties last Sunday in both halls were very well supported and enjoyable. Thanks to those who set up the halls, baked, shopped, prepared, and served the food also those who cleared up. It is greatly appreciated.

The Crowning of the May Queen at the 11am and 12noon Masses was very well received. Thank you to the girls who did the crowning and their page boys. And thank you to our seamstress who made the crowns and capes.

Hall/Social Committee we are very fortunate in this parish to have two very sizeable and well-equipped halls with great parking. It would be very advantageous if we could form a hall/social committee to look after the halls and help develop and organize social events for the parish. Please consider coming along to a planning meeting this Monday 22 May at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's hall, when you will have the opportunity to share your gifts and talents for the wider parish community.

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation course for infant Baptism will take place last Monday of every month at 7pm in St Francis Hall. All enquiries about infant

Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Youth Day Out To say thank you to our young people we're organising a day of fun and adventure with our Parish Youth Day Out. Full details are available in the forms at the back of the Church. **WHEN:** June 3rd. **WHERE TO:** Blair Drummond Safari Park. **WHO:** P4-P7 children. **HOW TO JOIN:** Pick up a consent form at the back of the church, complete, and hand into the chapel house. Only £10 per child. See Fr Martin for further details.

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's Saturday 17th June. **Only 3 seats** left on the coach, please book this weekend to avoid disappointment. Please contact Parish Office.

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's has been asked to host the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession again. The Archbishop was very impressed with how well it was organized last year and has requested it to take place in our parish again on the Sunday 11th June, beginning at the bandstand on the High Street at 2:30pm (try to be there for 2:15pm) and proceed along the High Street, then down Hope Street, with Benediction at 3pm. Can we invite all altar servers and children who just made their First Holy Communion to come with their dresses/outfits to lead the procession. Can we also ask for many helpers to coordinate and stewards to assist the procession. A meeting is planned in St Francis Xavier's hall for next Monday 29th May at 7pm to plan/discuss the event- please try and come along. In the meantime, if you can help in any way, please complete the sheets in the porches.

Parish Foodbank A word of thanks for your ongoing generosity. Boxes are provided in both churches, if you would like to donate

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

Preparing For Pentecost (Sunday 11 June) in the pages of the Gospel, we see Our Lord teaching others the value of

prayer. After His ascension, His Mother and His followers participated in the great Novena that culminated in the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. To be a Christian is to be a prayerful person. By praying we go to the Father with the Son in the Holy Spirit. Through prayer we open our minds and hearts to His will. A Novena is simply a prayer said for nine consecutive days for a certain intention. In the long tradition of the Church many people pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit starting this Thursday until Pentecost.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Let us pray, O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love. I consecrate to you my understanding, my heart, my will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible Guide; may my heart ever be inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will, always conform to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever. Amen

UCM-update The main aim of the UCM is to raise funds for Student Priests so our first £300 goes there. Then £200 to our clergy. The following will each receive £100: Strathcarron Hospice, Tots and Toddlers Carrongrange school, Wayside Club - Legion of Mary, Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Glasgow Local food bank, Maggie's Centre, Fr John McAuley, Borneo, St Mungos trip to Lourdes, Dr Mary Higgins re Ghana project, Sensory Centre. New members very welcome.

The clergy would like to thank the Union of Catholics Mothers (UCM) for the great witness and wonderful work they do in the parish; not only is this a group who fundraise, but spend significant amount of the time deepening their own spiritual lives and offering friendship and support to each other. The group had their final

meeting for this session on Wednesday and will restart in the autumn. Please think about joining this great group of committed women of the parish.

The Legion of Mary have 2 new statues of Our Lady of Fatima, these statues will be available for 2 calendar months at a time for parishioners to take into their homes and will be a wonderful focal point for prayer. If interested please put name and contact number on sheet at the "Parish Prayer Groups" notice board.

Tots and Toddlers meet in St Francis Xavier's hall every Wednesday morning. To reserve a place email: fxtotsandtoddlers@gmail.com

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is hosting a 'Run Alpha' training day for parishes interested in trying Alpha. Alpha is an evangelisation tool used by many Churches and denominations throughout the world, and can be utilised in a Catholic context. Join us June 10th, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Please plan to bring a lunch. You can sign up through Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/run-alpha-training-day-tickets-551134095917>

Laudato Si Week 2023 takes place from May 21-28. It marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation. You can watch the Pope Francis film 'The Letter' this Friday 26th May in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall, with tea and coffee at 6:30pm with the film starting at 7pm. Age 11+.

Brecannoch Pilgrimage 2023: This year's Brecannoch Pilgrimage takes place 9-12 June 2023. The 43-mile pilgrimage is open to all ages, where pilgrims will travel from Oban on foot, carrying St Columba's relics back to Iona. Bookings close 31 May - please visit www.brecannoch.org for info.

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

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

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

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

Anniversaries: Sister Maureen, Michael Bell, Thomas Keane, Mary Smith, John Corrigan, Jack Downie, Terrance McAtteer, Mary Conroy, Annie Molloy, Margaret Patterson, Patrick Cumming, Margaret McCrorie, Audrey McGuinness, Michael J. Couhlan, Fred Murray, Janet Heggie, Anna Docherty, Baby Seamus Fitzpatrick, Kunjamma Verghese, Tom Sudiskas, John Docherty, Annie Haxton, Caroline Moen, Violet Stewart, Tom Callaghan, Ruth Forsyth, Adam MacKintosh. 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
Anne Montague Hazel R.I.P.	Tuesday 23 rd May at 6pm	Wednesday 24 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
David March R.I.P.	Wednesday 24 th May at 6pm	Thursday 25 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

