



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 11thst June 2023 Corpus Christi



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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am 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	10:30-11:45am and 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	
Tuesday- St Anthony of Padua, Friday- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saturday- The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary	

Next Sunday is the "Day for Life" when we think and pray for the dignity of life from natural conception until natural end. Find attached to next week's newsletter, details of issues that are of concern to the church in upholding the dignity of life, there will be second collection. If you Gift Aid, please use your envelope.

Corpus Christi Procession The Eucharistic Procession, is today, Sunday 11 June starting at the bandstand on the **High Street at 2:30pm – try to be there for 2pm.** The Corpus Christi Procession, a venerable Church tradition, is a Profession of Faith: both affirming and defining our faith "in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist," and the procession is a public statement of that belief. When the Eucharist is carried through the streets in solemn procession, the Christian people give public witness of their faith and devotion toward the sacrament of the Eucharist. Furthermore, during the procession we profess our faith in the God who, in becoming incarnate, made himself our travelling companion. Jesus should be proclaimed everywhere, particularly in our streets and amongst our houses as an expression of our grateful love, and as a fount of inexhaustible blessings. When we carry out and participate in the Corpus Christi procession, we immerse Christ, so to speak, "in the daily routine of our lives, so that he may walk where we walk and live where we live." "The procession with the Blessed Sacrament reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives." The procession is, finally, an invitation to Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live. "We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him!

May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence." Amen. 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. After the Benediction at 3pm there will be hospitality in the hall.

An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Most sweet Jesus, humbly kneeling at Thy feet, we renew the consecration of our family to Thy Divine Heart. Be Thou our King forever! In Thee we have full and entire confidence. May Thy spirit penetrate our thoughts, our desires, our words and our deeds. Bless our undertakings, share in our joys, in our trials, and in our labours. Grant us to know Thee better, to love Thee more, to serve Thee without faltering.

Bereavement Group meet in St Francis Xavier's sacristy this Thursday at 8pm.

Blessing of the Graves In the past many parishes, including this parish met at the local cemeteries on or near the 2 November (All Soul's Day) to remember and pray for their dead. In more recent years it is felt that it may be more practical to meet in the summer and have a service. This year the blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 25 June at 3pm. There will be two services- one outside Camelon Crematorium building and the other at the large cross as you enter Grandsable Cemetery. The service will consist of readings, psalm, hymns, prayers of intercession and the reading out of names of the deceased who have died over the past twelve months. Holy Water bottles will be provided for everyone, not just those who have had a bereavement in the past twelve months, to sprinkle on their own graves. Please try and come along.

Youth Day Out Last Saturday was a great day out at Blair Drummond Safari Park, the wonderful weather helped greatly and the young people were a delight to be with. Special thanks to the team of youth leaders who made the day possible. Please see Facebook for the photos and video. Details of the Junior Youth Group that will

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's Saturday 17th June. For those who wish, Holy Mass will be at 9am in St Francis Xavier's Church. The coach departs from St Francis Xavier's at 9:30am and St Anthony's at 9:45am. We should arrive at St Andrew's by 11am. On arrival Fr Galbraith will have the relics of St Andrew and St Margaret available for veneration. Free time to explore this historic and beautiful town until 3.15pm, when we will take the coast road to Kirkcaldy for High Tea at 4:15pm. We plan to depart Kirkcaldy by 6:30pm and return to Falkirk by 7:30pm.

commence in the autumn will be issued very soon.

Children's Liturgy Leaders from 10am and 11am Masses are invited to a meeting in St Francis Xavier's Sacristy on Wednesday this week at 7pm.

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

The Legion of Mary have two new statues of Our Lady of Fatima, these statues will be available for two calendar months at a time for parishioner's 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.

A concert of Sacred Vocal Music will be held in the Church on Friday the 16th June at 7:30pm. The concert will feature a 1 hour programme of various solo and group performances. Entry is free of charge but donations will be accepted towards the young people going to Lourdes.

June – the Month of the Sacred Heart

There are only eighteen (18) total solemnities throughout the Liturgical Year, but in May and June there are no fewer than seven solemnities: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and the Sacred Heart are all celebrated in less than five weeks, with two more solemnities in late June—the Birth of John the Baptist and Saints Peter and Paul. Early summer has the greatest concentration of the highest feasts of the Liturgical Calendar. On Friday 16 June, the third Friday after Pentecost is the [Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#). Although the revelations to St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque in the 17th century promoted this devotion, the origins of the honouring of Jesus and His love for man trace back to Scripture and many other saints and sacred writings throughout the history of the Church.

Funerals

Name	Reception	Service	Church
Evelyn Walsh R.I.P.		Tuesday 13 th June at 12noon	St Mary's, Bo'ness

And the devotion is not outdated, but actually for our time. The 20th century saw almost every pope promote the devotion to the Sacred Heart, including the encyclical [Hauerietis Aquas \(On the Sacred Heart\)](#) by Pius XII in 1956. The actual feast began only in 1765 as a locally celebrated in Poland and certain congregations, and then in 1856 Pope Pius IX made it a feast for the universal Church. In 1899 Pope Leo XIII raised it to a higher rank, and Pius XI elevated the east even higher, and revised the liturgical texts, which are the basis of the Mass texts used today.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2277.

School Uniform Exchange will be taking in donations of good quality school clothing on the weekend of Saturday 1st and Sunday the 2nd July 11am-2pm at St Francis Xavier's hall. Items will be available for collection the following weekend- Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 11am-2pm. If anyone would like to help with our School Uniform Giveaway, please add your name and time slot to our Doodle Poll. Sincere thanks

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b6BLoXQb/vote>

Neil McNelis having completed my Just Giving and Fundraising for Mary's Meal Appeal. I am pleased to say the final amount raised was £1637.50, including Gift Aid. Thanks to all who donated and God Bless.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023

St Margaret's 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. 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.

Study Theology in Edinburgh Thinking of supporting your professional, academic and faith development? The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is offered by St Mary's University in Scotland, in partnership with the Archdiocese, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, from September 2023. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the skills to apply that theology to the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and this programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. To find out more watch the webinar: [bit.ly/theology2023](https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology).

To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

Compassion to Hope This event celebrates the lives of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland, with 'music, poetry, silence and celebration'. It takes place on Tuesday 20 June at 4:30pm in the hall of Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ.

Vocations Mass The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at 7pm on Friday 23 June at St Margaret's, Hope View, Loch Road, South Queensferry, EH30 9LS.

Paul H. O'Connor Funeral Care- 13b High Street, Bonnybridge, FK4 1BX, have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of June.

Anniversaries: Joe Harvey, Mary Currie Allison, Anne-Marie Taylor (Smith), Thomas Leslie, Barbara Todd, Pat Gallagher, Lauren Bain, Edmund Summers, Slavica Vrsakks, Margaret (Pearl) McFeat, Brenda Tolmie, Edward Curran, Susan McAllister, Mary (Malone) Kemp, Daniel Anthony McGeever, Agnes McKnight, John Reginald Todd, John Sloan, Elizabeth Strathie, James McGuckin, Eileen O'Docherty, Mary Donoghue, Elizabeth McGuire, James Reilly, Patrick Canavan, Hugh McLellan, Sarah Cusack, Dennis Cooper. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

