



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 2nd July 2023 13th Sunday of the Year



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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
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
Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday. Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday	
Confessions	
Thursday	7:20-7:50pm
Saturday	10:30-11:45am and 5:45-6:15pm
Mass Times at St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
Rosary 9am on Monday.	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Monday- St Thomas, Wednesday- St Anthony Zaccaria	

Special thanks to our bereavement group for organising and assisting in the service.

A word of thanks to all the parents who encourage their children to participate in the children's liturgy at the 10am and 11am Masses and the Thursday evening youth group. A special word of thanks to the volunteers who lead these groups every week during the school year.

School Holidays Once more our schools come to the end of another scholastic year! We extend our warmest congratulations for all the work accomplished by our students and staff. Rest and recreation are good for the soul! We all need a break or we become dull. In the bible, the Sabbath was to provide a boundary, to prevent life from becoming just work and more work. Recreation means to recreate oneself again. It is about recreating that space in our lives where we realize that there is more to life than doing, getting and having. Sometimes we have to force ourselves to find that space. We don't have to travel anywhere to find it and it doesn't have to cost. So, whatever you do, come back refreshed...if not for your sake, then ours!

Padre Pio Prayer Group- service takes place in the church on Friday, 7th July at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

A Prayer for the Holidays Lord God help us to remember that you made us for rest and peace in the eternal sunshine of your love. To love one another, as a family, in communion of your deep mystery as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is our eternal destiny. We thank you for this holiday time. creation and grow closer to you in prayer, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In your prayers_please continue to remember all our sick & housebound, not forgetting carers and family members who look after them.

May the Angels lead her into Paradise Please remember in your prayers Christina McGinley who died recently. The reception will be at 6pm on Wednesday 19 July and Requiem Mass Thursday 20th at 10am.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. There will be a special collection to assist all those who minister and serve the ports of Scotland, especially our own local port of Grangemouth. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes leaves this Friday 7 July. Several of our parishioners along with six young people will be on this trip. Fr Martin will also attend as Youth Chaplain. If you have any petitions for Our Lady's Shrine please leave them this weekend in the box next to the statues in both churches.

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>

Anniversaries: Maureen McNelis, Terence Cochrane, John Crawford, Margaret Duffy, Robert Bell, William Anthony Butler, Desmond Kelly, Mary Clarkin, John McElroy Shanks, James Fallon, Rodger Byrne, Thomas Michael Kennedy, Mary Flaherty, James McLaughlin, Franco Mitchell, Francis Joseph Lawrence, Ellen McCue, Karen Frances McGuffe, Elizabeth Clune, Hugh Hart, Susan Docherty, Peter Couthie, James Kine, Anna Lemmetti Sandro, Joseph Martin McMorro, Hugh Lindsay Snr, Fanny McLearey, Margaret Sutherland, George Robb, Sr. Mary Patrice, Francis O'Donnell, Edward Kubala, Mary Jane Hanlon, Thomas Scott. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

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



This Sunday there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes if you have one.

The Childrens Liturgy Team at St Francis Xavier's need your help to support this wonderful ministry. If you would like to become more involved in the life of your parish this is a truly rewarding way to do so. Please speak to any of the liturgy team for more information. Thank you.

Blessing of the Graves took place last Sunday at Grandsable and Camelon and what a great response. Many thanks to all those who came to these prayer services- a true expression of your deep faith and the importance of praying for our dead. Many people have expressed how much comfort and consolation the service was gave them.

