



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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Tuesday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
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. Divine Mercy after 10 am Mass, Friday, 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	09:30am
Tuesday	09:30am
Wednesday	09:30am
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. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Tuesday- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of August** is a Holy Day of Obligation- The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. Mass times are: St Francis Xavier's: 7am, 10am and 7pm. St Anthony's: 9:30am. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, from 11am to 6.00 pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Holy Rosary will be said on the hour from 11am – 5pm led/facilitated by the Legion of Mary. Join us on this wonderful feast day.

**Next weekend** Special Collection for the African Missions and Holy Places. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes.

**Congratulations** to Janice and Joe Sugden and to James and Catherine Gallagher who celebrated their respective Golden and Silver Wedding Anniversaries last week. Thank you for your powerful witness to the beauty of Christian Marriage. May God Bless you with many more happy years to come!

**Douglas Robertson**, who is studying for the Permanent Diaconate and had his parish placement here at St Francis Xavier last year, will be ordained in St. Michael's RC Church, Linlithgow at 10:00am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Douglas is very grateful for the help and support he received from many parishioners at St Francis Xavier and would be delighted if they could join him at his ordination.

**Bible Alive September edition** – has arrived. Only costs £1 – place money in St Francis Xavier's CTS box or St Anthony's piety shop.

**Parish Fun Day** will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Further details to follow. A reminder that there will be a social committee meeting to confirm the Parish Fun Day this Monday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

**The Funeral Teas** As a parish we have a group of dedicated parishioners who provide a light buffet and hot drinks in St Francis Xavier's hall after a funeral.

If you would like more details, please contact Catherine O Neil 07789112194 or Kate Robinson 07807669120.

**Schools Re-Open** and it is hoped that the staff and pupils have had an enjoyable & restful time and are ready for the new academic year. Best wishes to all those starting school and to those moving on to high school. Let's pray that new beginnings go smoothly.

**Altar Servers Training Day:** A day of faith, fun and friendship takes place at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh to celebrate and thank our young altar servers. The event takes place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30-15:00. Please see the forms at the back of the church for more information and to sign up.

**The New Parish Diary** attached to this newsletter will hopefully help us as a parish to do our best to have a forward-thinking plan that accommodates the different groups and activities that take place during the academic year.

**Carfin Pilgrimage** The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin takes place on Sunday 3 September. Coach departs St Anthony's at 1:15pm and St Francis Xavier's at 1:30pm. Return to Falkirk by 6pm approximately. Please sign up on the sheets in the church porches.

**The Archdiocesan Events Diary** for 2023-2024 are available in both porches. The diary gives details of events and dates for the different meetings/training days/pilgrimages, etc. The diary is also available on our Facebook page.

**The new Junior Youth Group** starts next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Open to all P5 – 7's, this will be a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience fun, faith, and friendship. Sign up using the QR code on the posters in the Porch!

**The existing Senior Youth Group** starts on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August for all children in S1-3. Keep an eye out on the porch and parish Facebook page for details on how to register.

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1850.

**Clergy Update** Fr Michael will leave us at the end of August to become the administrator of St. Matthew's, Rosewell. Fr Matthew Ngiye will join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Also, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September Deacon Peter Shankland, student at the Beda College in Rome, will join us for a parish placement for the month of September.

**UCM** New session opens on Wednesday 23 August, at 1:30pm- new members most welcome. At 2.00 prior to our visit to Carfin on Sunday 3/9, we will show the film 'CARFIN GROTT 100 Years'. This is open to all the parish.

**"May the Angels lead him into Paradise"** Please remember in your prayers David Kewell who died recently. His reception and funeral Mass will be at 10am on 14 August at St Francis Xavier's. We also remember his family at this sad time.

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

### **The Angelus Prayer**

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

**R.** And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R.** Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary...

**V.** And the Word was made flesh,

**R.** And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray.** Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as the incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Glasgow Central Station** Tour The Social Group are considering having a visit to Glasgow Central Station tour provided there is enough interest. Possible dates would be towards the end of September. The cost of the tour is £15 per person. Each group is limited to 18. We may combine this with a lunch in Glasgow. If you are interested please put your name and contact details on the list in the foyer. For more information contact Neil by text on 07718625511.

**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.

### **Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way**

The Billing Ovulation Method of Natural Planning is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with **no side effects.** This method is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving and is a natural alternative to IVF. For an information pack or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland HO – 0141 221 0858 or email [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk)

**Divine Will** Friends, here are the details for our Divine Will event in our parish on Sept the 9th. The Divine Will is the fulfillment of the Lord's prayer. The day will be an introduction to it with talks from Mother Gabrielle Marie of The Benedictine Daughters of The Divine Will, Catholic author and speaker Daniel O'Connor and travelling from Ireland to be with us, Greg Dunne who works with scriptural scholar Francis Hogan - who has a unique testimony to share with insightful knowledge of the Divine Will. The event will be from 11.15am - 4.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and teas and coffee will be provided. Admission is free and for more information or booking, email [dwd@beingcatholicmedia.org](mailto:dwd@beingcatholicmedia.org) or call Carol on 079 19024 993. A flyer will also be in the porch with full schedule of the day & we look forward to seeing you!

**Save The Date-** on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept the Scottish Mariapolis will take place in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall. Mariapolis, meaning, City of Mary, is an annual gathering organised by the Focolare Movement, whose inspiration comes from Jesus' Prayer, "That All May Be One" (John 17:21) Time to stop, get to know one another, time for spiritual reflection and relaxation. See poster in porch for more details. Bring a friend!

**Laudato Si Appeal:** We are looking for any musical instruments gathering dust! Asylum seekers here in Falkirk will dust them down and bring them

back to life! Small instruments can be placed in the boxes provided in the porches of both churches. Larger instruments can be picked up by Karen Blackwood of Hope Community Church on 07539 104230

**Laudato Si** See Facebook for this week's message.

**Festival Mass** The new Apostolic Nuncio, HE Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, will be the main celebrant at the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Archbishop Cushley will concelebrate and preach the homily.

**Festival Music Event** Join the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Monday 14 August at 7:30pm for a unique performance of Paul Mealor's sacred choral music along with an interview with the man himself. It's a unique opportunity to hear from one of the world's most performed living composers. Tickets £16 (under 16s £5) available from the Fringe Box Office, Eventbrite, or on the door.

**Anniversaries:** Annie Dickson, Helen Scott, John Shiels, Mary Dolan, Jose Ross, Moira Anderson, James Sharp, Francesca Rossi, Eileen Torrance, Mary McCabe, Joseph Andrew Dooner, James MacLean, Annie Blair, Frances Sweeney, Mary Gow, Giorgina Marchi, Brigid O'Brien, D. Hughes, Thomas Keenan, Margaret Pastuch, William McGuire Jnr, Cabiriflo Sandoro, Stephen Robertson, R. Bob Cooper, Catherine McFall, Kathleen Purcell, Grace Maguire, Alison Geoc, Ruby Campopiano, Alex Hunter, Peter Conlin, Jean Theresa Lynch, Emma Pellegrini, Emily Syme (Baby), Pat O'Neill, Kevin Farrell, Dr Richard Burns. 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 August.





