



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

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 20<sup>th</sup> 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
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. Pius X  
Tuesday- The Queenship of Our Lady  
Wednesday - St Rose of Lima  
Thursday - St Bartholomew  
Friday - St Louis  
Saturday - Our Lady

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

**Parish Fun Day** will take place next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1-4pm at St Francis Xavier's. There will be: bouncy castle, face painting, children's entertainer, games, activities, hot filled rolls, home baking and much more. Free to all Parishioners (pray for good weather).

**Note: The Hall car park will be closed off for the Parish Fund Day** following the Vigil Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Appeal for home baking/biscuits** for Parish Fun Day to be handed in to hall/parish house by Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August (no nuts please).

**Congratulations** to Anne and Brian Koszary who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last week.

**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.

**Schola of St Kentigern** which will be a Choir based in the parish and responsible for the music at the 12 Noon Solemn Mass on Sundays. The Schola will provide music at liturgical services throughout the parish and deanery, with a particular focus on Gregorian Chant and Sacred Polyphony. We are looking for a range of voices to join the Schola. You do not need prior experience in sacred music to join, but please note that an informal audition may be necessary for us to better understand your voice range. A meeting will take place following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 10 September 2023 in the Parish Hall. Should you wish to register your interest, please contact Jamie and Emma McGowan at [scholakentigerni@outlook.com](mailto:scholakentigerni@outlook.com)

**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate** 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.

**RCIA** begins next month. If you are interested in becoming Catholic please email your details to the parish office. RCIA offers an incredible opportunity to discover the faith and grow your personal relationship with Jesus. Why not consider becoming Catholic today?

**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.

**Schools Re-Opened** It is hoped that the staff and students have had an enjoyable and restful time and are settled back into school and college. Let's pray that new school year continues to go smoothly.

**St Francis Xavier Credit Union** will hold its AGM in the Church Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. This is a very important moment for the credit union and we need as many members as can manage to attend.

**The New Parish Diary** was attached to the newsletter last weekend. There are spare copies in the porches. It is hoped the diary will 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.

**Union of Catholic Mothers (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 GROTT00 100 Years'. This is open to all the parish.

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £ 2022.

**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.

St Francis Xavier's is a Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, a Charity registered in Scotland – number SC008540

**The Archdiocesan Events Diary** for 2023-2024 is 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 Children's Liturgy** restarts today at the 10 and 11am Masses. It is open to primary aged children. Look forward to seeing familiar and new faces. 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.

**The new Junior Youth Group** starts next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We've reached full capacity. If you would like to add your child to the waiting list, please contact parish office or complete the registration form using the QR code.

**The existing Senior Youth Group** starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September for all children in S1-3. Sign up using the QR code on the posters in the porch.

**Infant Baptism-** Baptism Preparation course for infant Baptism will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to [baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.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!

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Anniversaries:** Chirsty Allen, Isabella MacKintosh, Ian Pavryk, Sarah Sweeney, Elizabeth Moore, Luke Little, Mario Marchi, James Mochan, Concetta Caramando, Charles Campbell, Brenda Watrensfooh, Michael Hanlon, Margaret Rock, Bernard Harkins, Nancy Robb, Stella Marcinkiewicz, Anne Herriott, George Herriott, Marion Cram, Ruth McRorie, Jeanie Oliver, John Boyle, Jen Welsh, Elizabeth Vlahos, Margaret Politowski, Alexander Strathie, Mary Teresa Sweeney, Kevin Harvey, James Montague, Eddie Morven, Elizabeth Matyozkowioz, Christine Anderson, Margaret Gentleman, Darren MacLean, Francis Little, Michael Schofield, Tessie Clarkin, Alice Elliott, Tommy Winters Snr, Margaret Peters, Helen (Lena) Dobbie, Alexander Downie, Francis Little, James Harley, James Sneddon. 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.



**FUNERALS**

Name	Reception	Service	Church
Annabella Muirhead R.I.P.	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 6pm	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 10am	St Francis Xavier's
James McInally R.I.P.	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	St Francis Xavier's

