



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

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 22<sup>nd</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 Requiem 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 Mass
Tuesday	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 Cuthbert*  
Tuesday- *St Teresa of Calcutta*  
Friday – *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Saturday- *St Peter Claver*

monthly Novena to Padre Pio. Why not think about coming along- details in the newsletter.

**Parish Fun Day** which took place last Sunday was a great success. We were blessed with great weather, wonderful entertainment, home baking, hot/cold refreshments and great burgers! A word of thanks to all those who donated home baking to assist the day. A big thank you to the parish social/hall committee, the scouts and support workers for their great organisation and enthusiasm.

**Carfin Film Afternoon** that was held on 23 August was very interesting and well supported. A word of thanks to the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) for organising the film and the hospitality that followed.

**This Sunday** there will be no hospitality in St. Francis Xavier's hall due to the Mariapolis Conference. Why not come along and attend the conference instead.

**UCM- Union of Catholic Mothers Carfin** 3 September-bus leaves church at 1pm. On Wednesday 6 September -opening Holy Mass at 1 pm, followed by afternoon tea. New members welcome.

**Afternoon Tea Dance** that took place last Wednesday was a very enjoyable afternoon. It was great to see so many parishioners gathering to enjoy lovely tea and cakes, along with uplifting music and dance, not forgetting most importantly the friendship and support. Once again, thank you to the social/hall committee for all their efforts in organising a successful afternoon.

**Coach to Carfin is fully booked for today, Sunday.** The coach departs today (Sunday) from St Anthony's at 12:45 and St Francis Xavier's at 1pm. Return to Falkirk by 6pm approximately. **Please note the earlier departure times.**

**On Monday the Finance Committee** meet at 7pm and Fabric Committee meet at 8pm, both in the St Francis Xavier's chapel house.

**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 Church, Linlithgow at 10:00 am 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.

**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, 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)

**Welcome to** Cole Taylor Campbell, Caleb Thomas Campbell, Daisy Queen and Rocco Queen who were baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents and family.

**ALPHA/RCIA** Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Join us on Tuesday the 12th September at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Sacristy for a light bite, friendship, and faith discovery. We're excited to be launching a new RCIA course that we think will help you connect with God, know His love for you, and help you live the faith through His Church. For more information or to sign up please contact the Parish office on [office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk).

**The Children's Liturgy has** restarted at the 10 and 11am Masses. It is open to primary aged children. Look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

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

**Next Sunday** after 10am Mass cheeseburgers and rolls on sausage will be served.

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1858.

**Welcome to** Fr Matthew Ngiye as our new assistant priest, we hope and pray his time with us will be blessed and fulfilling. We also welcome Deacon Peter Shankland, student at the Beda College, Rome for the month of September. I am sure you will make them feel at home.

**A word of thanks** to all those who come along to the weekly Thursday Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and the

**Bible Study Group** restarts this Tuesday in the meeting room at St Francis Xavier's hall from 7:30-8:30pm. Everyone very welcome.

**SPRED** starts this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone would like more information, please contact Jennifer Lightfoot 07946 538958.

**Save the date!! MacMillan coffee morning** at St Anthony's church hall Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, after 11am mass. Donations of home baking welcome. This is always well supported, and we look forward to welcoming you and raising funds for MacMillan Cancer.

**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 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.

**St Francis Xavier Credit Union** will hold its AGM in the Church Hall next 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 possible to attend.

**Divine Will** Friends, here are the details for our Divine Will event in our parish on Sept the 9<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Pregnancy support** On the Feast of Mother Teresa learn how Pregnancy Support is provided in our Archdiocese and how you

can help. This webinar takes place this Tuesday (5 September) at 7:45pm on Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/lifesupport0923](http://bit.ly/lifesupport0923)

**Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass** The annual Caritas, Justice and Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's Church, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm this Monday (4 September). This year's preacher is Fr Ian Stevenson, Principal RC Chaplain (Army) & Deputy Assistant Chaplain General who will speak on the theme: 'Peace in a Military Context'. Hot food buffet after Mass. **Please register at [bit.ly/caritasmass2023](http://bit.ly/caritasmass2023)**

**Talk series at the Cathedral St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh** is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark)

**The Abortion Services** (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, will soon be debated in Holyrood. This bill will introduce so-called buffer zones around abortion clinics. It bans prayer in certain areas- a massive attack on religious freedom- and removes a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they no other choice than abortion. Please contact your Members of the Scottish Parliament to make your views known. To enable people to contact all eight of their MSPs at once, we have created an easy to use webtool, which can be found here: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland> Entering your postcode brings up who your MSPs are, together with an editable email template. You can then edit the email template and submit the email to all eight of your MSPs.

**National Pilgrimage** for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17 September from 12.30 – 6pm at St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Further details are on the notice boards.

**The Season of Creation** is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation. It began on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, The World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we are holding

our own celebration of our planet earth in St Francis Xavier's Church at midday, to which you are all invited. To prepare ourselves for this season, we have obtained from the Vatican, Our Common Home booklets. These are a guide to caring for our living planet, easy to read and full of facts and good ideas. They are available for you at the back of the church, free of charge. Please read it and pass it on.

### 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 this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversaries:** Rose McCaul, Mary McCane, Anthony Pastuch, Jimmy Bell, Frances McCafferty, John Francis Clarkin, Patrick Little, Catherine Silcock, Barbara Halpin, Elizabeth Short, Mary Hoggan, Sarah Anne Wright, John (Eion) Mullen, Rosina Brannan, Patrick O'Connor, Clara Thomas, Gordon Bain, Eileen Rafferty, Marion C. Jack, Teresa Welsh, Margaret Simpson, Domenico Giannandrea, Catherine Mowen, Mary O'Donnell, Terence Kelly, Molly Fletcher, Rose McCaul, James Gallagher, Joachim McMorro, Isobel Johnston, Madaline A. M. Vitesse, Leonard J. Wilkie, Madaline O'Brien. Fr. Joseph McMahan, Marion Johnstone Campbell, Joy Geoghegan. 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 September.

## FUNERALS

Name	Reception	Service	Church
James McNally R.I.P.	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	St Francis Xavier's



