



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 29th October 2023 30th Sunday of the Year

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm October Devotions
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	7:00am 10:00am Mass 7:00pm
Thursday	7:00am 10:00am Mass 7:00pm
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.	
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	
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	9:30am
Friday	9:30am
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Rosary	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Wednesday – All Saints	
Thursday- Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed	
Saturday -St Charles Borromeo	

Enrolment Ceremonies for children in preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation take place this weekend. Parents and children are welcome at any Sunday Masses (except 1:30pm) including the Vigil.

Final October Devotions tomorrow, Monday at 6pm in St Francis Xavier's Church.

Trat Yourself- next Sunday after the 11am Mass in St. Anthony's hall to a filled roll. All proceeds to Parish Youth to Lourdes Fund.

Mr Paul Cusack We would like to wish Paul a very happy goth birthday on behalf of all the parishioners, especially those that he cheerily greets at 10 o'clock Mass. Can we also thank you Paul from all those in the care homes and at home to whom you bring Holy Communion. Your kindness and good company are much appreciated. God bless you!

On Wednesday of this week we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. A wonderful occasion to come to Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation to remember all those who have been canonized by the Church, also all those faithful people who lead exemplary and holy lives and are now enjoying the bliss of heaven and counted among the company of all the Saints. Please try and come along to Mass today.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is on Thursday of this week. Plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory from midday 1st November to midnight 2nd November. Similarly any day from 1st to 8th November for visiting a cemetery and praying for those buried there. The indulgence is granted together with the usual conditions of a prayer for the Pope, detachment from sin, confession, and Holy Communion around the time of the visit. You can apply the indulgence to yourself or to the dead. There are extra Masses on Thursday to allow as many people as possible to come and pray for the dead. At the 7pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's we will remember in a very special way all those who have died over the past twelve months.

Prayer for the dead Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace.

Amen. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

November- Month we pray for the dead. November lists are available in the church porches. Please write the names of your family members who have died over the years. Please place the completed list in the boxes in the porches. At every Mass during November, we will say a special prayer for all those listed. Please note this is not the same as having an actual Mass offered up for the soul of your loved one. Mass intention envelopes can be collected from the porches.

Next weekend we host the White Flower Appeal 2023- The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis. There will be a door collection as you leave Mass next weekend.

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay association. Its objective is the glory of God. This is developed by prayer and active co-operation in the Church's work of bringing everyone closer to God. The 10 currently active members of the Legion visit St Francis Xavier parishioners in their homes, hospitals, care homes and we also visit schools where we pray the rosary, with the pupils, and talk on the history of the rosary, the Legion and the 1830 St Catherine Laboure "Miraculous Medal" However, the active members would be ineffective without the prayers of our wonderful auxiliary members of the Legion, who provide the back-up prayers from the Church and their homes and we need more auxiliary members to join us and to be our solid prayerful foundation in our apostolate. If you would be interested in being an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, or would like more information, please contact the clergy on 623567 or J Smith on 07523892010.

Social/Hall Committee meeting will take

place in St Francis Xavier's hall on Monday 30th October from 7-8pm to discuss the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – St Andrew's and Hogmanay Socials. Please come along if you would like to help in any way.

St Andrew's Social will take place in St Francis Xavier's hall on Saturday 25th November. More details to follow next week.

Hogmanay Supper and entertainment Last year's celebration was a great success and we have received many requests to repeat. To gauge interest and numbers, could you please put your name on the sheets in church porches if you would like to come. The evening starts at 7pm until the early hours! BYOB!

Parish website The revamp of the parish Facebook has been very well received. Many thanks to those who contribute and manage it, not forgetting those who "like it"! We are now in the early stages of revamping the parish website. We need more help, so far, we have **TWO** very able volunteers. We are looking for **ONE** more, so it is a team effort and to lighten the workload. Can you possibly help in any small way, please speak with Fr Daniel or email parish address.

Union of Catholic Mothers Sunday 29th October-2.00 pm Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Bring your own bottle! Tickets only! Sold out! Advent Talk with Fr Daniel, 1st November- 1:30pm in the church hall.

ALPHA/RCIA For more information or to sign up please contact the Parish office.

ALPHA/RCIA Helpers wanted. A big part of our new ALPHA/RCIA course is about making our enquiries feel welcomed and at home in our Parish. If you would like to volunteer your time and find out how you can help make our Parish feel even more like a home, please email the parish office with the subject 'ALPHA/RCIA helper'.

Dates for the Sunday 10am Mass choir practices: Thursday afternoon at 1pm- 9th, 30th November 7th, 21st December. New members most welcome.

Infant Baptism Baptism Preparation course will take place tomorrow, Monday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024 Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Archdiocesan Youth Day! A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Speak to the parish priest to register.

All Souls' Day Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. It takes place on All Souls' Day, Thursday 2 November at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG. All welcome.

Job vacancy [The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November

Vocations Mass The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

Lonely Not Alone- Christmas Dinner is being provided for those who may find themselves alone, possibly after a bereavement or an illness, in Grahamston

United Church on Christmas Day. This is very kindly being offered free by one of our local funeral directors Merrilees Family Funeral Directors, Thistle Street, 01324636446. Please contact them directly if you would like to attend on the day.

World Mission Sunday. Thank you for responding to Missio Scotland's Appeal last weekend. Together as a parish we raised £1649. Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide.

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.

Anniversaries: Corrine Blackhall, Anne Allison, John O'Brien, William McCabe, Ann McFadden, Alec Lynn, James O'Donnell, John McKee, Margaret Kilbride, Charles G Malley, John Finn, Phil McDermott, Mary McGuire, Stella Karwowski, Placido Do-Rego, Catherine Gallagher, John McKillop, Patricia Hanrahan, Rosa Bertolini, Anne Allison, Sarah Jane Welsh, Kathleen Forsyth. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

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



FUNERALS

Name	Reception	Service	Church
James McGoff R.I.P.		Tuesday 7 th November 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
James Garner R.I.P.		Thursday 9 th November 2:30pm	Camelon Crematorium

