



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



Sunday 26th November 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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
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 10am Mass, Friday. Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday	
Confessions	
Thursday	7:20-7:45pm
Saturday	10:30-11:15am and 5:45-6:15pm
Mass Times at St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Friday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30am-9:30am
Rosary Monday 9am	
Confessions	
Saturday	10:00-10:30am
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Monday-	St Fergus
Thursday-	St Andrew

SCIAF Real Gifts- see noticeboards for further details. parish social. Can we now ask you to make your food choices from the sheets in the porches. The closing date to book a place and make a food choice is 10th December.

The Statue of Saint Michael the Archangel has arrived in St Francis Xavier's. The novena will be recited at 9:45am every day except Sunday and on Thursday at 7pm. On Thursday evening at beginning of the novena, Mary Doogan will speak for a brief period on the history of the statue of St Michael the Archangel. Please come and join in with the novena or visit the church any time during the day.

Vacancy Applications are invited for a parish secretary in our own parish office. The hours are 9 to 1pm Monday to Friday. If interested, please email the office for a detailed description of the vacancy.

Help Yourself to a range of medals, statues, holy pictures, prayer books wrapping paper etc from the table in St Francis Xavier's church porch.

Next Sunday- First Sunday of Advent The Archbishop will visit the parish and celebrate the 11am Mass at St Anthony's.

Solemnity of St Andrew's takes place this Thursday. Archbishop Cushley will visit St Andrew's school who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the present school building. We pass on our congratulations to staff and pupils of the school and hope they have a wonderful day of celebrations. To mark this occasion the parish has gifted a processional cross, candles and lectern.

Bible Alive The December edition is available in both church porches.

Hospital Admissions If you or a relative are being admitted to hospital and you would like a visit from one of the clergy, could you please contact the parish office or speak to one of the priests who will be very happy to visit you. This includes admission to Forth Valley Hospital, Falkirk, Stirling and Bo'ness Community Hospital as well as Strathcarron Hospice.

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The new Parish Pastoral Council meets for the first time tomorrow evening from 7pm-8:15pm in St Francis Xavier's chapel house.

Hogmanay Supper and entertainment Thank you to all those who have signed up for this great

Christmas Parish Toy Giveaway! We kindly ask for preloved toys and gifts which would be suitable to give a child on Christmas morning. Drop-Off Sat 25th Nov 10am-4pm, Sun 26th Nov 11am-3pm. Pick-Up Sat 2nd Dec 9am-3pm, Sun 3rd Dec 11am-3pm. Thanking you in advance for your great generosity as staff and pupils of the school and hope always.

Christmas Party On Sunday 10th Dec. from 1:30 to 3:00pm there will be a Christmas Party in St. Francis Xavier church hall. Children who regularly attend the children's liturgy in either St Francis or St. Anthony's are most welcome to attend. Permission slips for the party will be available after Mass this Sunday 26th November and must be completed and returned prior to the event.

Carols at Tesco in Redding will be on the 17th December 2-4pm All are welcome from across the whole Parish! There will be rehearsals on the 3rd and the 10th December 2pm for anyone wishing to practice the hymns beforehand.

St. Anthony's Music Group offer "Praise Music for Friends" on the last Friday of the month. It is just for half an hour beginning at 10.30am and we would like to open it up to anyone who would like to come along and join in. Our next get

Thank you for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £ 2025.

Welcome to Lucy Laura Nicoletti and Isabella Catherine Rafferty who were both baptized last weekend and congratulations to their families.

Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards are now available in both piety shops.

together is this coming Friday 24th. The following one will be on the 29th December at which we will be singing lots of Christmas related songs.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

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

St Andrew's Primary School PTA Christmas Fayre Saturday 9th Dec 12pm-3pm. Please come along to support our school and local small businesses. Santas Grotto, food trucks, fairground rides, home baking and lots more. This will be a great family day out for everyone. The PTA are looking to raise funds to support the new school library and provide more events for the kids throughout the rest of the school year.

Christmas Jumper Appeal We are asking for your preloved Christmas jumpers, as we will be participating in Christmas Jumper day on 6th December, if you can we are collecting jumpers at school up to the end of November. We appreciate all your support. St Andrews PTA

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.

Advent Prayers and Christmas Carols please support these events in Stirling to raise awareness of people dealing with mental health issues. Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th December at the intersection of King St, Port St and Murray Place at 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

Sex & relationships education The Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: bit.ly/detailsandresponse

Lonely Not Alone- Christmas Dinner is being provided for those who may find themselves alone, possibly after a bereavement or an illness, in Masonic Hall, 200 Grahams Rd 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.

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.

COP28 The annual climate summit takes place in the United Arab Emirates from Thursday 30 November. Archbishop Bill Nolan (Glasgow Archdiocese), president of Justice & Peace for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has issued a statement that can be read in the news-events section at www.archedinburgh.org.

Blessing of Nativity Scene Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene for Edinburgh at the annual outdoor Carol Concert for Edinburgh at 3:30pm on Sunday 3 December at Mound Place.

Vocations Mass The monthly Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 4 December at St Columba's in Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN.

Mass with African community The monthly Mass with the African & Caribbean Community takes place at

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: James Lunn, William Byrne, Jacqueline A. Robertson, Peter Swords, Tommy O'Rourke, Margaret Hannah, Maureen Xoland, Mary Scott, John McGlynn, Thomas Holleran, Sr. Mary - Sr. of St. Martha, (Ele) Eileen Hayes, William McQuade, John Ross, Joan Malley, Kathleen McKenna, Thomas Grant, Anthony McNelis, Mary Noble, Andrew McCartney, Paul O'Neil, Annie McGuckin, Diana Koncz, Frank McCabe, John McLeish, Bridget Cannon, Jane Scott, Tom Buchanan, Francis Hainey, Patricia McAllister, Thomas Guy, Christine Green, Elizabeth Taylor, James Bell, Rose Hanlon, Frank Simpson, Rose McGuire, James Hedivan, Michael Kiely. 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 November.



FUNERALS

Name	Reception	Service	Church
Mary Burt R.I.P.	Monday 4 th December 6:00pm	Tuesday 5 th December 10am	St Francis Xavier's

