



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 14th April 2024, 3rd Sunday of Easter



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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Friday	10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am Mass 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Mon & Wed	9:00-9:45am
Thursday	7:20 - 7:40pm
Rosary	
Mon-Thu after 10am Mass	
Confessions	
Thursday: 7:20-7:40pm	
Sat: 10:30-11:15am, 4:15-4:45pm	
Divine Mercy	
Friday after 10am Mass	
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Mon, Tues, Thu & Fri	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Rosary	
Monday	9:00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:20am
Feast Days	
Thu: Dedication of the Cathedral	
Sat: Our Lady	

The Parish Clergy would like to thank everyone who attended the many Lenten Liturgies, especially those who came out in great numbers for the Holy Week services. We cannot provide these liturgies without the support of a large army of helpers. Many of these roles were very public to the eye, and even more were in the background. To everyone involved, we very much appreciate everything you do, not only at Easter, but throughout the year.

RCIA resumes this Tuesday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's sacristy.

Bible Study restarts this Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall meeting room.

Toddlers' Group meet this Wednesday in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

Youth Groups resume this week in St Francis Xavier's hall – seniors, Thursday at 7pm and Juniors, Friday at 6:30pm.

Parish Trip to York Thank you to the 42 people who have signed up and sent deposits for this trip. If you have still to send your deposit, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to join us on this trip, please email/telephone the parish office by next Sunday. It is our intention to offer the remaining 8 places to other parishes in the deanery. There will be an information meeting after Easter.

Going to Confessions Sometimes we need a little assistance to encourage and help us to celebrate this Sacrament most effectively, especially if we have not been for some time. You will find a handout with a guide and an Examination of Conscience in the porch of both churches.

Duties The Church encourages us to experience the joy of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) during the Easter season, as part of our Easter duties. Going once a year is the bare minimum that the Church asks in order to receive the Lord in Holy Communion during Eastertide in a state of grace.

April Edition of Bible Alive, a valuable resource for scripture readings this Easter, available in both church porches, cost £1.

Dates for the Diary - events up until June.

First Holy Communion	18 May
Crowning of Our Lady	19 May
First Holy Communion Parties	19 May
Confirmation	20 April
Alpha Training Day	8 June
Parish 40 Hours	31 May – 2 June
Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession in Falkirk	2 June
Parish Day out	June (tbc)
Blessing of the graves	9 June

Felix Anusas Pat and family would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners for their kind support on the recent death of Felix. *'Thanks too for all the Mass and sympathy cards. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions'*.

Update on Warm Places. This initiative has been ongoing since early January and it has been very well supported by people from the area including our own parishioners. A huge thank you to the two teams of ten each who offer the hospitality every Thursday from 12-2pm. It was due to stop this Thursday, but the volunteers would like to continue until at least the end of May. Please pass the word that warm places will continue every Thursday until the end of May.

Afternoon of Music will be held in St Francis Xavier's hall on Wednesday 24 April 2-4pm. Entertainment by Maggie Dee, dance time, tea, cakes, etc. Cost £5. Contact Moira Kennedy in St Francis Xavier's church hall on Sundays before and after the 10 and 12noon Masses or contact the chapel house.

Taxi Share We have a parishioner attending the 5pm Vigil Mass by taxi from the Carronshore area. If anyone can offer a lift or taxi share, please contact Brenda Nisbet on 07960820909 Brenda.Nisbet@staned.org.uk

Sacraments of Initiation please remember in your prayers all our children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation (20 April) and First Holy Communion (18th May). Please also remember their parents, godparents, teachers and catechists.

Your generosity is much appreciated. Last week's offertory cash collection was £2232.80.

Many thanks to everyone who collected their Gift Aid envelopes and to those who have signed up for Gift Aid. Envelopes are still in both porches, for anyone who has not yet collected them. If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid (by envelope or standing order) please collect the documents from the church porches.

Thank you to all who came along to the Divine Mercy Novena last Sunday and to everyone who prayed before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday for the Feast of the Annunciation.

Tour of St Francis Xavier's Church The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion have participated in a *Tour of the Church*. Many families have commented on how insightful and enjoyable the tour was. Please collect a copy of the tour leaflet (in St Francis porch), if you would like one.

Union of Catholic Mothers Wednesday 17th April. Strathcarron Hospice volunteers will display a selection of handbags and various accessories. Sales will go to help the hospice. All welcome! Members meet at 1.30pm, friends please join us at 2.00pm.

St Andrew's PTA Quiz Night: Friday 26 April in the School hall, 6.30pm - 10pm. BYOB & snacks! Raffles/tombola on the night. £5 - individual adult/child ticket, £20 - family ticket(max 2 adults & unlimited children) Teams of max 6 adults - children don't count towards team numbers. email:pta.standrews@outlook.com - include your name and number of tickets. Payment by cash or online- details provided via email. Please join us for a fun filled evening and support our school community to raise funds for our new library.

Deeply Devoted Explore the rich history of Catholic Devotions at a special event on **Saturday 27 April** 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. *Deeply Devoted* features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

May the angels lead him into Paradise... Please remember in your prayers Canon Andrew Monaghan who died on the 3 April. Canon served as a young priest in this parish. The Requiem Mass for Canon will take place at St Mary's, Bathgate on 15 April at 1pm followed by cremation at 2pm.

Save the date An Archdiocesan Lourdes Day takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 18 August. The day will include Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Details to follow soon.

Filled Rolls at St Anthony's: Join us in St Anthony's hall for some delicious hot filled rolls with money raised going to support our young people's pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday 21 April. Please pray for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life, especially from our parish. If you feel called to the priesthood, contact any of the clergy or Fr Garden, Vocations Director, on 0131 663 4286. For enquiries about the religious life contact Sr Mirjam on 0131 623 8902. [Vocations - Archdiocese of Edinburgh \(archedinburgh.org\)](https://www.archedinburgh.org)

Mass to pray for vocations in our Archdiocese - Monday 22 April, Our Lady & St Andrew, 63 Stirling Street, Galashiels, TD1 1Bs at 6:00pm.

MA Theology SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Register www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students.

James McMillan event Join Sir James MacMillan, one of the world's most successful living composers and Scotland's best known Catholic musician, for a free talk at *St Mary's Cathedral*, Edinburgh, on **Tuesday 23 April** at 7:30pm. Sir James will explore how chant, as the music of Faith, has influenced the history of music. Register at <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on **Saturday 27 April** at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

Mass for Married & Engaged couples The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling [0131 334 1693](tel:01313341693).

Synod The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at St John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Youth For Lourdes Race Night: April 27th, 7pm, St Francis Xavier's Church Hall. Join us for a night of suspense and excitement as Royal Ascot meets Falkirk with a night at the Races. Back your horse (see the A3 race sheets in the Porch - £2 a horse) and join us to see if you're bet wins! Feel free to bring your own bottle and bring your friends – only £3 entry. See you there!

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on [0131 441 1939](tel:01314411939) or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Lourdes Pilgrimage Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th - 14th July: By air from Edinburgh. Prices start at £919. Bookings can now be made directly online or contact Tangney Tours on [01732 886666](tel:01732886666) or <http://www.tangneytours.com/Edinburgh>

Assisted Suicide warning What will be the impact if assisted suicide is legalised in Scotland? Watch the Archdiocesan webinar 'Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada' on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (30 mins). Sign the online petition at www.carenokilling.scot

Anniversaries: George Harris, Greta Malley, Giacinto Notarangelo, Mary Savoy, Flora Weir, Peter Kennedy, George Jenkins, Mr Varghese, Thomas (Carrie) Lynach, Michael Martin, John Mitchell, Eileen Burns, Mary Keenan, Cathy McBride, Edward Harvey, Francis McAllister, Edward Harvey, Emanuela Araredida Catarino, David Nevin Kileen, Mary Furby, Robert Garvie, Madge O'Donnell, Charles Gallagher, Alexander Bell, John Joseph Korda, Catherine Mary Boyle, Mary Martin, Bridget Anderson, Mary Fitzpatrick, Duncan McDonald, Willie Elliot, Patrick Lynagh, Catherine Boyle, William McGenily, Agnes McNiven, J. Minski, P. Sheils and Margaret Dunnigan.

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, has very kindly sponsored the newslett

'May the angels lead them into paradise!'

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Mary Lennon	Sun 14 th at 6pm	Mon 15 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Andrew King	Mon 15 th at 6pm	Tue 16 th at 10am	St Anthony's
Charles McGinley	Thu 25 th April @6pm	Fri 26 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Janina Kwiatkowska		Thu 25 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's