



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 30th June 2024, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Charles Lynch, RIP
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass		Anne Ward (Birthday)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Thomas, Apostle	Esther Cooney, RIP
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St Elizabeth of Portugal	Mary & John Grant (Anniversary)
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass Padre Pio at 6pm	St Antony Mary Zaccaria, Priest	Winifred McCormick, RIP
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr	David Gray (Special Intention)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (polish) & 7pm			Mgr. Philip Kerr (Anniversary of Ordination)
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Sunday	11am			

Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Congratulations to Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson who will be ordained to the sacred priesthood this weekend, on the **Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul**. Please remember both men in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry. Wishing everyone a happy feast day!

School Uniform Exchange We are delighted to accept donations of clean, pre-worn school uniforms suitable for another child to wear, for our uniform exchange. Drop off St Francis Church hall **this weekend** (Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June between 12 and 3pm). Uniforms will be ready for **collection next Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 12-3pm**. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the uniforms for collection. If you can help, please leave your contact details on the form in the church porch. Thank you.

Administrator, St Francis Xavier's Parish. Next Friday, please God, I will be part of our Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - travelling out on 5th July and returning on the 12th. I have been going for more years than I can recall now, but the sense of prayer, peace and hope are always present. It is a humbling experience to see so many sick pilgrims, of every age, lovingly cared for and supported by family. With children, so often, their parents, who of course, do this not just for one week in Lourdes but day by day, week by week, year after year - extraordinary to witness and, as I say, very humbling. Then there is our youth, and a substantial number of them come from St Mungo's High. I saw them in action last year along with youths from other High Schools in our Archdiocese. Parents should be very proud of their daughters and sons for the work they do, the service they offer and the fun and laughter they bring along as well - it is great to witness

and experience. Even if they are not at Mass every weekend then hopefully their 'Lourdes experience' will bear fruit for them in later years. Please do pray for all of us as we prepare to embark on this important journey. I will light a candle for our parish - for Our Lady of Lourdes to guide us and watch over us in the coming months. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen

Youth for Lourdes Race Night. Many thanks to all parishioners who sponsored horses at the recent race night, held to raise money for the group of 19 pupils and former pupils from St Mungo's who will be going to Lourdes in July as part of the YfL pilgrimage. Your sponsorship is very much appreciated and helped to contribute to over £8000 which was raised by the group. There was only one winning horse that was sponsored on the night - well done to Liz Duncan - your prize of a bottle of wine can be collected from the chapel house.

Confession is available in St Francis Xavier's church on Thursday evening from 7:20pm until 7:40pm, on Saturday morning from 10:30am until 11:15am and on Saturday evening from 4:15pm until 4:45pm.

Morning Prayer takes place in St Francis Xavier's church (St Margaret's side chapel) at 9:30am Monday to Saturday. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was £1811.43.

Special Collection for Peter's Pence will be taken up this weekend.

Infant Baptism. If you would like to register your child for this beautiful sacrament, please email Deacon Kenneth for further information: baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Laudato Si weekly message is available on the parish Facebook page.

Parish Trip to York. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting for the parish trip to York. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the date of the next meeting. Any questions in the meantime, please email the office: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Enhanced Security Measures In the next few weeks, work will commence to enhance security on the sanctuary at St Francis Xavier's church, which will be alarmed.

Main Church Entrance: Due to recent events and to comply with security and insurance requirements, the main doors of the church will be closed after each Mass (Monday to Saturday) with immediate effect. However, the side door will always remain open as before.

MA Theology SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25. For more information about the course visit: [Applied Catholic Theology \(Edinburgh\) | St Mary's University, Twickenham, London \(stmarys.ac.uk\)](http://AppliedCatholicTheology(Edinburgh)|StMarysUniversity,Twickenham,London(stmarys.ac.uk))

Columba Trust
The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals to support projects which promote the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **31 July 2024**. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at: <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

African & Caribbean Community
The next Mass with the African & Caribbean community in the Archdiocese is at St Cuthbert's Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT at 2pm on Sunday 7 July.

General Election, this Thursday, 4th July. Please visit the website of the Catholic Parliamentary Office for more information and resources: <https://rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/>. This link can be accessed from our Falkirk Catholics Facebook page.

Newsletter. Please email your newsletter inserts to the office by 9am on a Thursday.

Anniversaries: Tom Callaghan, Maureen McNelis, Isabelle Storah, Mary Grant, Elizabeth Callaghan, Mary Coulter (McGuire), Harry Dunnigan, Bernard Gallacher, Margaret Hill, James Nesbit, John Mure, George Burt, Francis Joseph Swords, Denise Kelly, Isobel Bryson, John Crawford, Margaret Duffy, Robert Bell, William Anthony Butler, Maureen McNelis, Desmond Kelly, Mary Clarkin, John McElroy Shanks, James Fallon, Rodger Byrne, Thomas Michael Kennedy, Mary Flaherty, James McLaughlin, Franco Mitchell, Francis Joseph Lawrence, Ellen McCue, Karen Frances McGuffie, Elizabeth Clune, Hugh Hart, Susan Docherty, Peter Couthie, James Kine, Anna Lemmetti Sandro, Joseph Martin McMorrow, Hugh Lindsay Snr, Fanny McLearey, Margaret Sutherland, George Robb, Sr. Mary Patrice and Francis O'Donnell.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

'May the Angels Lead him into Paradise...'

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Charles and remember in your prayers his family.

Name	Reception	Service	Location
Charles Lynch		Mon 1 st at 3:15pm	Falkirk Crematorium