



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

Sunday 21st July 2024, **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Fr Daniel P. Doherty, Fr Matthew Ngiye and Deacon Kenneth Mununga

St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Mary Magdalene	Patrick Winters
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass	St Bridget of Sweden	Theodore Kosoris
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Margaret MacNeil, RIP
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St James	Imogen Johnston (Sick)
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass	St Joachim & St Anne	Hugh Short (Anniversary)
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		Our Lady	Myra Boyle, RIP
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			Holy Souls
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Sunday	11am			

Confession is available in St Francis Xavier's church on Saturday morning from 10:30am until 11:15am and on Saturday evening from 4:15pm until 4:45pm. **Please note there will be no confession on Thursday evenings until the new clergy team start in September.**

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

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

Welcome to Cohan Ferguson who was baptised in St Francis Xavier's Church last weekend. Congratulations to his/her family!

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1884.90.**

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

From Monsignor Chambers Administrator; My dear friends, again my grateful thanks to Fr Matthew, Deacon Kenneth and Fr John Peter who continue to provide the necessary cover to the two churches during this period. On a positive note, last Thursday Fr Joshua, Fr Peter, Deacon Kenneth and myself had a very pleasant lunch in the house and then had a very good meeting to look at how as a 'Team' we move forward with both communities from the first weekend of September.

Daily Mass will be restored at Saint Anthony's as well as Saint Francis Xavier. We will, for the most part, continue with the devotional services, though in time there may be some adjustments as there may be to other areas that fall under my competence. We are all very much looking forward to beginning our work with you and for you, so please do keep us in your prayers as the time approaches.

Also, I need to share with you what a wonderful job the students who attend Saint Mungo's High School did during our week in Lourdes. They are a credit to their parents, their school and the community they come from. For me,

among many highlights of our Pilgrimage, their contribution, fun and humour was a standout. Well done one and all and a marvellous fundraising effort to help get them there. Thank you. Fr Allan

Parish Trip to York. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting a few weeks ago. The final balance of £300 (+ £50 single room supplement for those who have booked a single room and have still to pay the supplement) can be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Cheques should be made payable to St Francis Xavier's Church. Please hand cash or cheque into the office in an envelope marked York Trip with your name and amount. If paying by bank transfer, please use **York 2024** as the payment reference - the sort code and account number can be requested by emailing the office. As you know, the balance is due to be paid by **31st July** but if anyone needs extra time to pay, please email the office to let us know: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to Tommy and Ellen McGeever who celebrated 60 years of marriage on 18th July. They were married by Rev Francis Doherty at St Francis Xavier's Church in 1964.

Many congratulations to Tommy and Catherine O'Neil who also celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 18th July.

May God continue to bless them in the years ahead!

A Scripture Reflection Day

titled 'Celebrating the Gift' will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 October 2024. The event will help explain more about the new lectionary that is being introduced in Advent and is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Details to follow.

Fire Marshals Wanted

Following a recent fire safety inspection, several points were raised regarding both parishes. In order to comply with one of these recommendations, it will be necessary to have two Fire Marshals present at each Mass. We are looking for volunteers to fulfil this role. If you can assist on a regular basis, please contact the parish office.

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

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE

2024 The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

Enhanced Security Measures: The security alarm system in the sanctuary has now been installed and will be switched on after each Mass. Going forward, we may need to adjust the way we work in and around the sanctuary area when the church is not in use.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, on Sunday 28 July at 3:00pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop John Keenan (Paisley Diocese), who is President of the Bishops' Conference Marriage, Family and Life Commission. The Café will be open for refreshments.

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/>

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the evening of **Thursday 3 October 2024**. Details to follow soon.

Anniversaries: Mary Crawford Horn, Maud Baird, Richard Ironside, Jane Healy, James McGurk, Edward O'Connor, Gavin Young, Patrick McGlynn, Veronica Pender, Elizabeth Bessie Miller, James Scott, Daniel Welsh, Sam McDonald, Bill Allan, Michael Green, Therese Parker, Matthew Marley, Peter Fotheringham, Jordan Russell, Monique Bostock, Jean Fotheringham, Isabella Donaldson, Peter Mitchell, Dougie Bell, Maureen Given, Janet Nixon, Joseph Mitchell, Melita De Sousa, Jan Jozef Pinas, Violet Garner, Reta Marshall, Mary O'Rourke, John Kewell, David McCallum, Kathleen Colligan, Nancy McLeish, Verna Allison, Susanna Harley and Edvardas Jakubovskis

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

'May the Angels Lead them into Paradise'

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of James and Mary and remember in your prayers their families.

Name	Requiem Mass	Church
James Silcock	Thursday 25 July at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Lynn	Friday 2 nd August at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

