



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

Sunday 11th August 2024, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| St Francis Xavier's | Mass Times | Devotions | Holy Day | Mass Intention |
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| Monday | 10am | Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass | | Sarah McCabe (Anniversary) |
| Tuesday | 10am | Rosary after Mass | | Danny Gallagher (Anniversary) |
| Wednesday | 10am | Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass | St Maximilian Kolbe | Lucy Mathew, RIP |
| Thursday | 12noon 7pm | Rosary on the hour from 10:45am until 5pm Novena at 7pm | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) | Barbara Byrne |
| Friday | 10am | Divine Mercy after Mass | | Mary Lynn, RIP |
| Saturday | 10am & 5pm Vigil | | | Sandy Thom, RIP |
| Sunday | 10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm | | | Ellen & Tommy McGeever (Wedding Anniversary) |
| St Anthony's | | | | |
| Monday | | Rosary at 9am | | |
| Thursday | 9:30am | | | |
| 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. The next preparation meeting for infant baptism will be on **Monday, 26th August at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. 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 Elijah Owen and Angela Doherty who were baptised in St Francis Xavier's Church last weekend. Congratulations to their families!

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2047.39.**

The Solemnity of the Assumption is celebrated this Thursday, 15th August. On this day, we commemorate the assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into heaven. To mark this joyful solemnity, the Legion of Mary will lead the rosary on the hour from 10:45 until 5pm. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation therefore Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am in St Anthony's and at 12 noon and 7pm in St Francis Xavier's. There will be no 10am Mass in St Francis Xavier's on this day due to clergy availability.

From Monsignor Chambers Administrator; My dear friends of our parish, what a decidedly odd period of time we are living through currently. As I indicated in last week's newsletter, the tragedy of the murder of three young innocent girls and the grief of their parents, families and school friends. Then the riots in England and Northern Ireland - so far here in Scotland we have been spared that...so far. There is a dreadful anger and

frustration which is consuming people to behave in an aggressive and violent way towards their fellow human beings, resulting in totally unacceptable behaviour.

Commentators will posit many reasons for this, some reasonably sensible others simply outlandish, leading to ridiculous theories that the less enlightened are only too happy to accept without rigid critical analysis.

In many communities, people are genuinely frightened for their lives and those of their families and loved ones. This cannot and never will be acceptable.

There is a serious sickness affecting many people who we, not only need to pray for but, need to actively have the courage to safely and prudently confront.

History, down through the ages, tells that violence is but a temporary solution. We need to rediscover what it is to learn to live in peace and harmony, which is achievable when brave minds seek to achieve

it.
This weekend let us commend to the care of Our Blessed Lady all those communities blighted by the violence of the past week and earnestly pray for God's gift of peace. Amen.

The Late Mary Lynn Anne Koszary would like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who attended the funeral of her dear aunt, Mary Lynn. Thanks also for the Mass cards and sympathy cards.

Fr Neil Crombie's Golden Jubilee Fr Neil and family would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped with, and took part in, the Mass and after party in the hall to celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination. Holy Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for the parishioners of St Francis Xavier's Parish.

Altar Servers Thank you to the young people of the parish who give their time to serve at the altar every week. Their effort is greatly appreciated! We would like to invite more young people of the parish to become altar servers. If your child has received their First Communion and would like to serve at the altar, they would be very welcome! To join the parish altar servers, speak to the clergy after Mass or email the office:
office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Altar Servers' Day at Gillis There will be a day for altar servers on Saturday 31st August from 11am until 3pm at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The day is for all new and existing altar servers and will include fun games, activities, talks and Mass with the Archbishop. The young people will travel to Edinburgh as a parish group with

adult leaders. The event is free and transport will be provided. If your child is interested in attending, please email the parish office for further information and a registration form.

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. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We are looking for more 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. Many thanks.

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

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.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin

Archbishop Cushley invites you to the Archdiocesan Summer

Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto **next Sunday 18 August**. There will be a Rosary Procession at 2:00pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

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.

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: James McKay, James Allison, Sylvia Lorimar, Hugh O'Fee, Helen Cafferty, George Crow, Alan Goldie, Greta Kieschnick, Annie Dickson, Helen Scott, John Shiels, Mary Dolan, Jose Ross, Moira Anderson, James Sharp, Francesca Rossi, James McNally, Eileen Torrance, Mary McCabe, Joseph Andrew Dooner, James MacLean, Annie Blair, Frances Sweeney, Mary Gow, Giorgina Marchi, Brigid O'Brien, D. Hughes, Thomas Keenan, Margaret Pastuch, William McGuire Jnr, Cabiriflo Sandoro, Stephen Robertson, R. Bob Cooper, Catherine McFall, Kathleen Purcell, Grace Maguire, Alison Geoc, Ruby Campopiano, Alex Hunter, Peter Conlin and Jean Theresa Lynch

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