



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

Sunday 18th August 2024, 20th 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		Peter McGuire (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass	St Bernard	Margaret Aitken (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Pius X	John McManus (Anniversary)
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	Our Lady, Mother and Queen	John Sheils (Anniversary)
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass		Steven Horne, RIP
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		St Bartholomew	Francis Wylie (Special Intention)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			Mr & Mrs S. McWattie (Wedding Anniversary)
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. The next preparation meeting for infant baptism will be next **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

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1913.99.**

From Monsignor Chambers Administrator. My dear friends of our parish, with the start of the new school year on Wednesday, I'm sure you will join me in wishing all our staff and pupils a successful academic year ahead. Please join me in praying for all our school and nursery children, especially those who have started primary one and are learning the school routine and for those who have moved up to high school and are new to navigating a timetable and being taught by different teachers. Please also remember the young people who have received their exam results and are considering their options for the future, whether that be applying for a job, a modern apprenticeship or preparing to study at College or University. Wishing all staff and pupils every blessing for the year ahead! Fr Allan

Union of Catholic Mothers

The new session begins this coming Wednesday, 21st August, **at 7pm.** New members are very welcome. Please note the change of time.

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.

Beginning Experiences are holding a weekend, 4th – 6th October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The event will take place at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For more information, please see poster in both church porches or call Louise on: 07926571004.

Caritas Cup – sponsorship opportunities

The Caritas Cup football and netball tournaments involve secondary schools across St Andrews & Edinburgh, Paisley and Motherwell. Organiser SCIAF is looking for sponsors. Please contact Adam (caritascup@outlook.com) for further information around sponsorship. All funds raised will benefit SCIAF's work in Gaza and the Holy Land.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin

Join people from across the Archdiocese in Carfin this Sunday (18 August) for the annual pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Rosary Procession at 2:00pm followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm.

Celebrating the Gift

A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at bit.ly/scriptureevent

Raise the Roof concert

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (SAAS funding available for Scottish students!)

Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year's programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

Pilgrimage of Hope

Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year, the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Anniversaries:

Emma Pellegrini, Emily Syme (Baby), Pat O'Neill, Kevin Farrell, Dr Richard Burns, Isabella MacKintosh, Ian Pavryk, Sarah Sweeney, Elizabeth Moore, Luke Little, Mario Marchi, James Mochan, Concetta Caramando, Charles Campbell, Brenda Watrensfooh, Michael Hanlon, Margaret Rock, Bernard Harkins, Nancy Robb, Stella Marcinkiewicz, Anne Herriott, George Herriott, Marion Cram, Ruth McRorie, Jeanie Oliver, John Boyle, Jen Welsh, Elizabeth Vlahos, Margaret Politowski, Alexander Strathie, Mary Teresa Sweeney, Kevin Harvey and James Montague.

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