



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

Sunday 1st September 2024, **22nd 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		James Scott (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass	St Gregory	Catherine Silcock (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Cuthbert	Hughie Harkin, RIP
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Sr Nora Mary Ryan (Special Intention)
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass St Pio at 6pm		Sr Teresa Lorimer (Special Intention)
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		Our Lady	Rose McCaul (Anniversary)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			Sr Mary Leary (Special Intention)
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 on **Monday, 30th September 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 **£1752.36.**

Union of Catholic Mothers
The next meeting is **this Wednesday, 4th September**, with Mass at 7pm.

From Monsignor Chambers Administrator. The late great, in my opinion, David Bowie had a song entitled *Changes*, where he sang of the challenges that change can bring. As I type, I am listening to it evoking memories of my youth... many years ago now, of course!

Change affects us all in different ways, depending on how we are made, it's part of our life experience. For some it is something they love and embrace, for others it's something to be avoided at all costs, and others can be in between, for them, a little change can be a good thing.

I had an aunt who moved house so often that her family, my cousins, refused to unpack because they did not know how long they would be staying in the house!

Here in our parish, this coming week sees us embarking on a profound change as three new priests arrive to serve the needs of both St Anthony's and St Francis Xavier's churches.

This may be unsettling for some and

for others not so much as we are all different people and that is never a bad thing in my experience of life.

As Fr Joshua, Fr Peter and myself prepare to move into the parish to work alongside Deacon Kenneth as a team, we bid farewell to Fr Matthew who, alongside Deacon Kenneth, has devoted himself tirelessly to the parish these past few months.

As you all embrace the change of a new clergy team, what will remain steadfast is our commitment to preach the Gospel, the Good News which is our hope and salvation. We together will do this with joy, with hope and also with humour.

I said, some time ago, quoting the words of Julian of Norwich; 'all will be well,' and it will! As we begin our journey together we are very much looking forward to working with you and bringing forward all the good this parish knew from the past into the present and beyond. Fr Allan

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

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.

The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatrikisedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

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.

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace

Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN **this Monday** 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

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

Old Parish Mass Books. With the new lectionary being introduced at the start of Advent, our current Mass books will be made redundant. Please feel free to take these old Mass books home, if you would like to.

The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

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>

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.

Anniversaries: James Scott, Walter Murison, John McGarr, Helen Mitchell, James Scott, Seán O'Farrell, Mary Mochan, Irene Silcock, Tom Struthers, Catherine (Irene) Johnman, Bill Manderson, Ellen Leslie, Mary McCane, Anthony Pastuch, Jimmy Bell, Frances McCafferty, John Francis Clarkin, Patrick Little, Catherine Silcock, Barbara Halpin, Elizabeth Short, Mary Hoggan, Sarah Anne Wright, John (Eion) Mullen, Rosina Brannan, Patrick O'Connor, Clarammaa Thomas, Gordon Bain, Eileen Rafferty, Marion C. Jack, Teresa Welsh, Mary McQueen, Margaret Simpson, Domenico Giannandrea, Caatherine Mowen, Mary O'Donnell, Terence Kelly, Molly Fletcher, Rose McCaul and James Gallagher.

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

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Veronica Harvey	Wed 28 th at 6pm	Thur 29 th at 9:30am	St Anthony's

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

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Veronica and remember her family in your prayers.