



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024, **The Most Holy Trinity**



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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Augustine of Canterbury	Annie Haxton (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass		James McHale, RIP
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Paul VI	Santan Rodrigues (Special Intention)
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Bernadette Toland, RIP
Friday	10am		The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Michael McPeake (Birthday)
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		St Justyn	Joseph Robinson (Anniversary)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (polish) & 7pm		Corpus Christi	Hugh Lindsay (Anniversary)
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Sunday	11am			

**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.

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was £2077.12.

**Welcome** to Ciaran Patrick Maguire who was baptised last weekend in St Francis Xavier's Church. Congratulations to his family!

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting for the sacrament of infant baptism will take place **this Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**, 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:

[baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**St Andrew's Primary school's** Faith in Action group would like to welcome the parishioners of St Francis Xavier's to their 'Wonderful Café' on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 11am in the school (FK1 1SH)

**Fr Neil Crombie's** anniversary Mass, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in St Francis Xavier's church. Please sign-up, in the church porches, if you would like to attend.

**Choir practice:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm.

**From Monsignor Chambers Temporary Administrator, St Francis Xavier's Parish:** Firstly, I thank you all for your continued understanding and patience during this challenging time for this parish family. Secondly, this coming weekend Fr Peter Kelly will be assisting Fr Matthew and Deacon Kenneth with celebrating the parish Masses. Thirdly, for the five weeks of June, Fr John Peter, already known to so many of you, will thereafter assist in the parish for the weekend Masses and anything else which may transpire. I will come over for one or two days, as time allows, during the week to catch up on any administration as required. Finally, I have asked Fr Matthew, from this weekend, to publish in the newsletter the Mass intentions for the week ahead. I believe it is important to show that Masses handed in are being celebrated, as requested, in the parish - particularly anniversaries. Anything urgent, Nicola, the parish secretary, has my mobile number.

**Parish Outing to Largs, 15<sup>th</sup> June.** A gentle reminder, as we need to confirm numbers to the bus company, if you intend to join us, please add your name to the sheet by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**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 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June between 12 and 3pm. Uniforms will be ready for collection Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** meet **this Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May**, at 1pm in St Francis Xavier's Church for the rosary. At 1:30pm we will gather in the hall for our AGM.

**Union of Catholic Mothers National AGM** will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10:30am in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall - St Martha Hall, followed by Mass in St Francis Xavier's Church at 12 noon.

**SPRED** - the next meeting with friends is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in St. Francis Xavier's hall at 7pm. If you would like any information about SPRED, please get in touch with Jennifer on 07946 538958.

**James Irwin:** Des, Annette, and the family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their support and kindness following James' recent death. The Mass and sympathy cards as well as the flowers and music were a great comfort. Thank you too to Deacon Kenneth and Father Matthew for lovely services. The retiral collection for Parkinsons UK raised an incredible £300, thank you all for your generosity.

**"Praise Music for Friends"** will be on the 31st May at 10.45am in St Anthony's Church. All are welcome to enjoy half an hour of praising God through music!

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

**Warm Places** will take place for the last time this Thursday from 12-2pm in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall. Thanks to our volunteers for their excellent hospitality.

**MA Theology** SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese **this Wednesday, 29 May**, (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

**Mass for Married & Engaged couples** The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm **this Wednesday, 29 May 2024**, at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love.

**Andrew Morrison:** Josie and family would like to express their profound thanks to Fr Matthew, the Bereavement Group and all who sent Mass cards, cards and gave support on the recent passing of her husband Andrew. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Blessing of the Graves**, of those who have passed in the last 12 months, will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm in both Camelon and Old Grandsable cemeteries. We invite you to join us on 9<sup>th</sup> and look forward to seeing you then.

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage** Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on Sunday 23 June 2024. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

**Treasuring the Gift – Sacred Scripture Reflection Day** The translation of the Bible that we hear at Mass is changing this Advent. The Archdiocese has organised a day of prayer, study and discussion to learn more about this and to reflect on the gift of the word of God for the Church. *Treasuring the Gift* takes place on Saturday 8 June 10:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at [bit.ly/treasuringthegift](https://bit.ly/treasuringthegift)

**RCIA** continues this Tuesday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's sacristy.

**Anniversaries:** Caroline Moen, Tom Callaghan, Ruth Forsyth, Adam MacKintosh, Alan Beattie, Annabella Carr, Peter Hughes Snr, John Corrigan, James Looker, John Sloan, Irena Bylo, Zdzislaw Lewandowski, Fr. Gerry Prior, Thomas McIlroy, Anne Welsh, Roman Szumski, Jane Rintoul, Peter Visocchi, Jadwiga Krawczyk, Pearl Swords, Violet Stewart and James Noel McAllister.

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

**Corpus Christi – 2 June** St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ, on Sunday 2 June, beginning with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at 11:00am, followed by a procession. All are welcome to this special event. First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion outfits. St Patrick's hosts a 40 Hours' Devotion ahead of the event.

**40 Hours' Devotion.** Due to clergy availability, there will be no 40 Hours' Devotion in St Francis Xavier's Parish ahead of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

#### Events in the Archdiocese

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

**Parish Newsletter:** Thank you to everyone who has sent an insert for the parish newsletter. If you would like to include anything in the newsletter, please email the office by 9am on a Thursday.

### **'May the Angels Lead them into Paradise...'**

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

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Joyce McMenemy		Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
John Dewar	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June at 6pm	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June at 10am	St Francis Xavier's