



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



Sunday 7th July 2024, **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Sea Sunday**

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass	Our Lady of Aberdeen	
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St Benedict	
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass		
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil			
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (polish) & 7pm			
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Sunday	11am			

School Uniform Exchange
Collection of uniforms: St Francis Church hall **this weekend** (Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July between 12 and 3pm).

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1,892.41**, and Special Collection for Peter's Pence was **£1,194.93**

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

Parish Trip to York. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the date of the next meeting. Please also remember the date for making the last payment, **31st July 2024**. Any questions in the meantime, please email officeoffice.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Enhanced Security Measures The security alarm system in the sanctuary has now been installed and will be switched on as soon as we have the appropriate signage fitted. Special thanks to Derek Sharkey and all the members of the Fabric Committee who facilitated the procurement and installation of the facility. Going forward, we may need to adjust the way we work in and around the sanctuary area when the church is not in use.

Main Church Entrance:

Due to recent events and to comply with security and insurance requirements, the main doors of the church will be closed after each Mass (Monday to Saturday) with immediate effect. However, the side door will always remain open as before.

Congratulations:

Congratulations and blessed good wishes to Kathleen and Ron Finlay who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this Saturday. We wish them and their family all God's blessings for the days ahead.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland who were ordained to the sacred priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral recently. Fr Paul is to be Assistant Priest at St Margaret's, Davidsons Mains and SS John the Baptist & Kentigern's, Edinburgh; Fr Peter will be Assistant Priest at St Francis' Xavier's, Falkirk. Both appointments begin on 6 September. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry.

Lourdes:

Pilgrims from across the Archdiocese are in Lourdes this week for the annual pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Leo Cushley. We wish all pilgrims a happy and holy time. Find out more about the pilgrimage at <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/>

Mass for the Chinese Catholic Community | 華人天主教團體彌撒:

Mass is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in Cantonese and English at 2:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. The next Mass in Cantonese and English will be on Sunday 14 July at 2pm. On Sunday 21 July, Fr Li Chi Yuen will celebrate Mass in Cantonese at 2pm. All welcome.

每月第二主日下午二時有粵語和英語雙語彌撒，有懂粵語的神父來訪時會另開粵語彌撒。彌撒後有茶聚。歡迎所有人參加。如有查詢，請聯絡劉偉明執事

'A City of Faith' walking tour:

This free walking tour will visit key sites in Scotland's capital that have been centres of the worship of God. Meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Broughton Street, at 9:30am on

Saturday 13 July. Bring a packed lunch and dress for the weather. Includes Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Patrick's in The Cowgate at 12:30pm. Queries to frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

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.

Save the Date – 3 October:

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. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Details to follow soon.

Save the Date – 5 October:

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.

MA Theology SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25. For more information about the course visit: [Applied Catholic Theology \(Edinburgh\) | St Mary's University, Twickenham, London\(stmarys.ac.uk\)](https://www.stmarys.ac.uk)

Columba Trust: The 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/>

Events in the Archdiocese:

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

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

Anniversaries: Edward Kubala, Mary Jane Hanlon, Mr Grant, Michelle Barr, Thomas Scott, Hugh Callaghan, George Thomson, Jamie Ironside, Francis Mitchell, William Boyies, Ann Dewar, Alexander Bell, Neil Molloy, James Scott, Peter McGleave, James Spink, Bill McGuffe, Neil Crombie, Henry White, Jean McKenna, Alexander (Sandy) Bell, Wanda Wotoch. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*