



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

Sunday 28th July 2024, **17th 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	SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Thomas Kelly (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass		Christopher Cairns (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Ignatius of Loyola	Betty Payne (Anniversary)
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St Alphonsus Liguori	Dennis Whelan, RIP
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass St Pio at 6pm		Josephine Piacentini Smith, RIP
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		Our Lady	Special Intention
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			John & Patricia McGowan (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. There will be a baptism preparation meeting **this Monday, 29th July, at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. If you would like to register your child for this beautiful sacrament, please come along to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, email Deacon Kenneth for further information: baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Welcome to Leroy Thamani who was baptised in St Francis Xavier's Church last weekend. Congratulations to his family!

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1890.31** and the special collection for **Stella Maris** was **£243.**

From Monsignor Chambers

Administrator; My dear friends, as the saying goes, *'the nights are beginning to draw in'* and as yet we have not had a summer to speak of! Now being of a certain vintage, I recall with some fondness the summers of my youth, which as Gladys Knight sings, *'they seemed to be warmer'*. Do we tend to look through the famous rose-tinted glasses imagining things were better in the, so called, good old days...is that true? Were they? A great German theologian, who died some years ago, and who we studied at seminary, Karl Rahner, often used a phrase, *'the sacrament of the present moment'*. What did he mean? If you recall the hymn, *Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray*, it's a hymn of praise to the *'now'* we live in. It's a reminder to live in the moment, without looking back in regret or forward to the future. It can be hard to do in the midst of a busy life, the danger then being we may lack appreciation of the moment we are living. We need to enjoy it fully because that is part of God's plan for us. To illustrate from personal experience; My late Dad was an excellent golfer, I was not! We went out one day to play a round. I became

bored and spotted, in the distance, the shows - big wheel, dodgems etc. I abandoned the golf and made for the shows. He was not a *happy chappie* to say the least! Later that day, I learned from him to enjoy the moment and not to keep looking for something better; it's a lesson I have not forgotten. I hope you all have a pleasant week. God Bless. 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

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.

Parish Trip to York. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting a few weeks ago. The final balance of £300 (+ £50 single room supplement for those who have booked a single room and have still to pay the supplement) can be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Cheques should be made payable to St Francis Xavier’s Church. Please hand cash or cheque in to the office in an envelope marked York Trip with your name and amount. If paying by bank transfer, please use **York 2024** as the payment reference - the sort code and account number can be requested by emailing the office. As you know, the balance is due to be paid by **31st July** but if anyone needs extra time to pay, please email the office to let us know: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Parish Trip to York. The next meeting for those going on the holiday to York will be on **Monday 5th August at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier’s Church hall.

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. We are looking for 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.

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.

Enhanced Security Measures: The security alarm system in the sanctuary has now been installed and will be switched on after each Mass. Going forward, we may need to adjust the way we work in and around the sanctuary area when the church is not in use.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, this 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.

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

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/>

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: May Gallagher, William Derek Cumming, James Gaerty, Elizabeth (Betty) Payne, Roy McDade, Thomas Kelly, Ryan McGuickin, Thomas Stuart Dundas, Maria McArthur, Richard Welsh, David Kewell, Jessie Kane, William (Bill) Danks, George Oliver, Jean McKenna, William Fitzpatrick, Doris Ure, Mary Grogan, Betty Crawford Korda, Peter McGuire, Dennis Brennan, Jean Cowie, Annabella Muirhead, Catherine Gallagher, Condy McGeehan, John McGinlay, Christoher Noel McCormack, Charles Connolly, Annie Connell, Mary Hendrie, Barry Maley, Felix Quinn, Stella Sophia Marcinkiewicz, Eleanor Jordan, Esther Kelly, Walter Johnstone and Veronica Claudia Beattie (Gladys)

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

‘May the Angels Lead them into Paradise’

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

Name	Requiem Mass	Church
Mary Lynn	Friday 2 nd August at 10am	St Francis Xavier’s
Mary Hamilton	Tuesday 6 th August at 10am	St Francis Xavier’s