



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



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	John Henderson, RIP
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – People of the parish 12 noon – Isobel & David Wilson (Special Intention) 7pm – Special Intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Ninian, Bishop	Anne Loughran (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Breid Reilly (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Aileen Young (Anniversary)
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Rose McCaul (Anniversary)
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	Robert Cheape
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	St Matthew, Apostle	Betty Regan, RIP
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			Holy Souls
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		Allison Gilchrist (Special Intention)
Wednesday	9:30am			Fr Matthew Ngiye (Special Intention)
Friday	9:30am			Holy Souls

**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.

**Morning Prayer** takes place in St Francis Xavier's church (Polish Chapel) at 9:30am Monday to Saturday. All are welcome.

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting for infant baptism will be on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1933.99**

**Celebrating the Gift** takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at the Gillis Centre from 10am. If you would like to reserve a seat on the bus, please add your name to the sheet in the porch by next weekend. The event is a good opportunity to find out, from expert speakers, more about the new lectionary being introduced this Advent, along with ways to increase your knowledge and love of scripture and the liturgy. Places are limited so please sign-up as soon as possible. Register at [bit.ly/scriptureevent](http://bit.ly/scriptureevent)

**RCIA** commences on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September in St Francis sacristy at 7pm. Please email the parish office to register your attendance:  
[office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**SPRED** welcome our friends to our new SPRED year. We meet on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

**Weekday Mass in St Anthony's** recommences Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30am.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** are holding a fashion show in the hall on Sunday 22 September from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets cost £6 including afternoon tea and are available from any member.

**Altar Servers** We would like to invite more young people of the parish to become altar servers. If your child is primary 4 or above and would like to serve at the altar, they would be very welcome! To join the parish altar servers, speak to Fr Peter after Mass or email the office: [office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Fire Marshals Wanted** We are looking for **more volunteers** to fulfil this role. If you can assist on a regular basis, please contact the parish office.

**Mark and Joyce Byrne** would like to thank parishioners for their prayers, good wishes and gifts on the birth of their first grandchild, Jacob Byrne. Holy Mass will be offered for your intention.

**Praise music for friends** will resume after our summer break. Half an hour of praise music, on the last Friday of each month at 10.45am. Everyone is welcome.

**Janice and Geraint** are asking for prayers on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Also, for prayers for Janice's parents who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary and are moving to St Francis Xavier's Parish in the next few months.

**The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage** takes place at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ on Sunday 22 September. <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

**Seasons of Creation Online Event** The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised an online event for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The online event will take place on **Thursday 19 September** with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>.

**Beginning Experiences** are holding a weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. Please see poster in both church porches or call Louise on: 07926571004.

**Fr Peter Shankland, Assistant Priest.** I arrived in Edinburgh in 1992 to study at university and I loved the city so much that I settled there for work afterwards. Much of my working life, apart from a brief period as a primary school teacher, was spent in customer services roles. Most recently I worked for Edinburgh Trams. Around 2016 I felt God was calling me to some sort of service, but I wasn't sure what. It was on a trip to Rome in 2018 that God called me to be His priest. I entered seminary at the Beda College in Rome in 2020 and I regarded it as a great privilege to be studying and living in Rome. I came to this parish, last year after being ordained as a Deacon and I was given a very warm welcome. I feel very blessed to be here and your welcome has made me feel at home now that I am your assistant priest. I was very honoured to be asked by Archbishop Leo to be part of the pastoral team in your parish. I look forward to getting to know you all, and to serving you in the best way that I can in the coming weeks, months and years. God Bless Father Peter.

**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 [frobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

**Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25** 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>

**Fr Joshua Kauras, Assistant Priest,** was ordained in 2010 after studying at St Thomas Aquinas seminary, where he received his Bachelorette in philosophy, and then at St Augustine seminary where he achieved his STB in Sacred Theology. Whilst in Nigeria, Fr Joshua served as a university chaplain, Cathedral Administrator, parish priest and spiritual director. Since moving to Scotland, he has served as assistant priest in Kirkcaldy, Cardenden and Stirling. He then served as parish administrator in South West Fife and Dunfermline moving to Kelso in 2023 where he resided until coming to Falkirk. He is a keen footballer and also likes to sing and pray. Fr Joshua is very much looking forward to serving the parish of St Francis Xavier's.

**Ceilidh Ball** The National Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on Saturday 16 November at 7:00pm, includes live band and buffet. Details and Tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh>  
Queries: Fr Robert Taylor [frobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

**Anniversaries:** Maria McGleave, Marion Heeps, Kathleen Miller, David Blackhall, Joseph Hendren, Theo Lumsden, James McKenna, Jim McGlynn, Patrick McKay, Norah McKay, John Nutley, James Aitken, Fr John Hooper O.F.M., Charles Crossan, Hugh Grubb, Bridget McKenna, Andrew Kier, Joe Allison, Aileen Young, Anne Bradbury, Thomas Ainslie, Bernadette McNeily, Kay McKendrick, Patrick McElroy, Rosina McIntyre, John Stirling, Paul Thomson, Rose McGinley, Mary Theresa Ferguson, Catherine Coyle, John Kennedy, Janet (Jenny) Crooks and Geoffrey Carlin.

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