



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



Sunday 22nd September 2024, **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil			
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – 12 noon – 7pm –
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs	
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	St Vincent de Paul	
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		
Wednesday	9:30am			
Friday	9:30am			

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, 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 **£2063.91**

From Fr Allan

From this weekend, Fr Joshua will be the priest from the team who has overall pastoral responsibility for St Anthony's Church.

He will celebrate the weekday Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with the Sunday Mass at 11.00am. He will also celebrate any Baptisms, Weddings or funerals that take place in the church. Fr Joshua will serve as chaplain to St Andrew's primary school as well as visiting the sick and housebound and attend to any other pastoral issue that may come his way.

This will be done under my administration and oversight. Fr Peter and myself will celebrate all Liturgies in St Francis Xavier's. I will look after St Francis primary school and Fr Peter will be Chaplain at St. Mungo's High.

I believe these arrangements will best serve the pastoral needs of the parish giving both clarity and structure to our mission.

Monsignor Chambers

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

My dear friends as you are aware by now we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before morning mass Monday thru Saturday. The Eucharist is central to our faith as Roman Catholics and it is what actually defines our faith, belief and practice, namely we believe Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour to fully present in the Eucharist Bread both in Holy Communion and when we adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar.

I am also firmly of the belief that in parishes where there is frequent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament the spiritual benefits and fruits from that are of much benefit to us as we draw ever more closely to Jesus Christ.

I would hope in time we may all come to a new awakening of this fact in our lives as Roman Catholics and our parish may benefit from this

healing us and strengthening us in our faith.

Celebrating the Gift takes place on Saturday 5th 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 this 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.

RCIA commences on Tuesday 24th September in St Francis sacristy at 7pm, all are most welcome! Please note this course will be for one year only beginning in September and ending with the Easter Vigil, when joyfully we welcome our new members into the Catholic faith. Please email the parish office to register your attendance:

office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Please remember them all in your prayers as they begin this initial period of enquiry. Thank you. My thanks also to our RCIA team who are undertaking this important work.

SPRED welcome our friends to our new SPRED year. We meet this Wednesday 25th September at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

Union of Catholic Mothers are holding a fashion show in the hall this 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

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.

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.

The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ this 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 1st September – 4th 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, 4th – 6th 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. 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 frrobert.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>

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>

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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