



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

Sunday 26th March 2023, 5th Sunday of Lent-Year A

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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Tuesday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Wednesday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Friday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Padre Pio
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Mon-Sat	9:00-10:00am
Sunday	9:00-9:45am
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Saturday	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Friday	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Mon-Wed	8:30-9:30am
Saturday	8:30-9:30am
Confessions	
Friday	7:30pm-8:00pm

Lent and Easter 2023

Lent filled rolls. After 10am and 11am Masses this Sunday there will be hot filled rolls served in our halls. There will be also an opportunity to guess the birthday date of the Easter bunny- only £1 a go-the winning prize is an Easter Hamper. All proceeds to the Youth for Lourdes fund. Six pupils from St Mungo's are taking part in the pilgrimage to Lourdes this July. Please give them your support.

Easter Decorations Many people commented, not just from this parish, how magnificent our churches looked for Christmas, especially with all the poinsettias, in fact some of them lasted until Ash Wednesday! For Easter we would

like to decorate the church with white lilies. We invite you again to consider donating a bunch or two for each of our churches in loving memory of loved ones who have gone before us.

So that the flowers will be fully bloomed for Easter Sunday, please do not hand into the church porches (buckets will be provided) until Wednesday of Holy Week. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sacrament of Penance There will be many opportunities during the Holy Week to come to Confessions to prepare your souls for Easter. In addition to this, next Saturday 1st April, Confessions will be available all day, with our own and visiting priests as follows:

- 09:30-11:00am Fr Michael
- 11:00-12noon Fr John McInnes (Larbert)
- 12:00-12:30pm Fr Michael
- 12:30- 1:30pm Canon Boylan (Denny)
- 1:30-2:30pm Fr Martin
- 2:30-3:30pm Fr Benedict (Gmouth)
- 3:30-4:30pm Fr Michael
- 4:30-5:30pm Fr Martin
- 5:30-6:30pm Fr Michael

How to go to Confessions Sometimes we need a little help to encourage and help us to celebrate this Sacrament most effectively, especially if we have not been for some time. You will find handouts with a guide and an Examination of Conscience in the porch of both churches.

SCIAF Wee Box Can you please return at your earliest convenience. Last day to hand in is Sunday 16th April.

Stations of the Cross In both church porches, there are several CTS books to assist you in making the stations at home or in either church during the day.

Holy Week Please try your best to attend as many of the Holy Week Liturgies as you can, but try to make the Easter Triduum a priority.

Easter Vigil Cheese and Wine After the Vigil please try and pop down to the hall to continue the celebration of the Resurrection and an opportunity to welcome and congratulate those who will have just been baptized and received into the church.

Good Friday 3pm Passion, Veneration and Holy Communion In both churches our Children's Liturgy leaders have agreed to offer Station's of the Cross, alternative to the Passion. Any children who would like to take part, can they proceed to St Francis Sacristy at 3:55pm and St Anthony's hall at the same time. The children will return to the church in time for the Veneration.

Chrism Mass will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Tuesday, 4th April at 7pm. At this Mass we not only celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the blessing of the oils that will be used in all the parishes in the Archdiocese during the next twelve months, the clergy also renew the priestly promises. It is our intention to organise a coach to this Mass, so that we can join the Archbishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful throughout the archdiocese praying for the needs of the clergy and archdiocese. Please consider coming along. There is a list in the porch in each church for you to sign up. The coach will leave St Francis Xavier's at 5:30pm and St Anthony's at 5:45pm. We should return to Falkirk around 9:15/9:30pm

Palm Sunday talk Archbishop Cushey hosts a talk about Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy and prepare for the day. Register for this Zoom talk at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £1774. SCIAF collection £1512.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available for the coming tax year. Please contact office if you no longer pay tax or need to change your address.

Welcome to Abigail Alicja Campbell who was baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents.

STOP Please visit our Piety Stalls – For a great selection of Easter Cards.

Please note new hall email address: hallstfrancis.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Baptism Preparation courses for infant Baptism will take place tomorrow at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Church hall.

Holy Week	St Francis Xavier's	St Anthony's
Palm Sunday: Vigil Mass Confessions & Exposition Holy Mass Confessions	6:30pm 9-9:45am 10am, 12noon, 1:30pm (Polish), 7pm 11:15-11:45am, 6:15-6:50pm	11am 10-10:45am
Monday: Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	9-9:50am 10am 7pm	8:30-9:20am 9:30am
Tuesday: Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	9-9:50am 10am	8:30-9:20am 9:30am
Chrism Mass 7pm St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh		
Wednesday: Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass Stations of the Cross	9-9:50am 10am	8:30-9:20am 9:30am 7pm
Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper Confessions Night Prayer	10am 7pm 8-8:30pm 10:45pm	9:30am 6pm 7-7:30pm 10pm
Good Friday: Morning Prayer Walk of Witness Passion, Veneration and Holy Communion Confessions Stations of the Cross and Veneration Tenebrae Service	10am 12noon 3pm 4:15-5pm, 7:45-8:15pm 7pm	9:30am 3pm 4:15-5pm, 6:45-7:15pm 6pm
Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer Confessions Easter Food Blessing (Polish)	10am 9:15-9:45am 1pm	9:30am 9:45-10:15
Easter Sunday: Easter Vigil Holy Mass	8:30pm 7:30am (Polish), 10am, 12noon	11am
No Easter Sunday 7pm Mass		

Lourdes Pilgrimage Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th - 14th July: By air from Edinburgh. Prices start at £919. Bookings can now be made directly online or contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666. Further details available by following this link: <http://www.tangneytours.com/Edinburgh>

Thank you to the members of the Legion of Mary who kept watch with the Lord during Exposition yesterday, Saturday and led the Rosary every hour on the hour from 11am until 6pm.

Neil McNelis intends to walk 120 miles in April to support Mary's Meals Dalmally to Malawi appeal. Anyone wishing to support should follow the link www.justgiving.com/neil-mcnelis

Fr Daniel would like to express his sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy he received on the recent death of his brother, especially for the many Mass cards. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Congratulations to all our children who in the past week celebrated the Sacrament of Penance- Confession. A big thank you to their parents, catechists and teachers who prepared the children.

Meet, Eat and Heat will meet in St Francis Xavier's hall this Thursday from 12-2pm and next Thursday 6th April will be our final gathering until the autumn.

Dates for Choir practices: 30th March at 1.30pm. New members most welcome.

Anniversaries: Please Pray for Gerald Walshe, Mary Dickson, Elizabeth (Moir) Strain, Mary Hylands, Elizabeth McMillan, James Cogano, Dolly McKenna, Tony Dodds, Louise McGhee, Neil Molloy, Norah Savoy, Mary Dickson, Eleanor Rice, Hannah Farrell, James Bell, Frances McKean, Rosina Wallace, Jessie Allan, Philip Donnelly, Teresa Rankin, Janet Cogans, David Millar, Winnie Gow, John Lafferty, Thomas Shannon, Frances McKean, John Gerard, Keane, William McGuire, Francis Little, Helen Danks, Maureen Harkins, Gerry Lynagh, Mary Mohan, Bridgit Thomas, Andrew Winters, Hugh O'Donnell, Ian Gold, Annie Hussey, Richard John Murdoch, Christopher Mallet, Kathleen (Collins) Cassidy, Hugh McAllister. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass/Service	Church
Kevin Doake R.I.P.		Monday 27 th March 12:30pm	St Mary's, Bo'ness
Jean Leask R.I.P.	Monday 3 rd April 6:00pm	Tuesday 4 th April 10:00am	Sr Francis Xavier's
Norah Prylewski R.I.P.		Wednesday 5 th April 10:45am	Camelon Crematorium

