



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

Sunday 16th April 2023, 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Divine Mercy
Friday	10:00am Mass
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	9:00-10:00am
Wed	9:00-10:00am
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Sat	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Sunday	11:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday Exposition of the Blessed sacrament at 3pm and conclude with Benediction at 3:45pm. There will be the opportunity for confessions.

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

Duties! a reminder that the Church encourages us to experience the joy of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) during the Easter season, as part of our Easter duties. Going once a year is the bare minimal that the Church asks in order to receive the Lord in Holy Communion during Eastertide in a state of grace.

Easter Edition of My Day by Day is available in St Francis Xavier's porch.

Going 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 handout with a guide and an Examination of Conscience in the porch of both churches.

At this time we are requested to remember all our children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation (27th May) and First Holy Communion (13th May). We also remember their parents; Godparents; Teachers and Catechists.

How beautiful our churches look for Easter. A sincere words of thanks for all those who made it possible for us to decorate the church with all your donations of lilies. And a word of thanks to all those who prepared the flowers for display. Well done!

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £3972.

A huge word of thanks to the two teams who provided the food and company every Thursday in St FX hall for the Eat, Meet and Heat initiative. This initiative is planned to restart in the autumn.

The clergy would like to express their sincere thanks for the many cards and Easter gifts that they received.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Fridays instead of Tuesdays as from this week.

Thanks be to God! Congratulations to all those who were received into God's Holy Church this Easter: Susan Allison, Des Bissett, Laura Marshall, Ossian Macrae, Joan Coll, Kirsty Lilley and Steven Allan. We give God thanks for your courage and generosity in responding to the Lord. Please be assured of our prayers for you as you continue to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. God Bless you all!

RCIA: If you feel called to explore coming into the Catholic Church, please keep an eye on our newsletter for more information regarding our upcoming RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program for the year ahead.

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation courses for infant Baptism will take on the last Monday of every month at 7pm in St Francis Hall. All enquires about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Godparents: it is always useful to remind ourselves of what the Church stipulates regarding godparents for baptisms: 1. You need only one godparent who must be a practicing Catholic over the age of sixteen years; 2. If you have two godparents, one must be a man and one must be a woman; 3. You may have a maximum of two godparents; 4. A baptised non-Catholic may stand as a Christian witness to the baptism. The rules for godparents are stipulated in Canon Law (cf. can. 873)

Schools Reopen. As the staff and **Gift Aid** envelopes are now **Lourdes Pilgrimage** Archdiocesan pupils return for the summer term, available for the coming tax year. Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th - 14th July: By we hope they all had a blessed Please contact office if you no air from Edinburgh. Prices start at Easter and well rested, especially longer pay tax or need to change £919. Bookings can now be made those pupils preparing for exams. your address.

Norah Logan and Steven Prylewski would like to thank all those who gave Mass cards and sympathy cards for Norah. The holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. £700 was collected for Strathcarron Hospice – thank you very much.

UCM our next meeting is on Wednesday 19 April, when we welcome Fiona from Strathcarron Hospice bringing her brand new jewelry handbags and scarfs for sale. All parishioners are very welcome from 2pm onwards.

Afternoon of Music will be held in St Francis Xavier's hall on Thursday 20th April from 2-4pm. Live music, dance time, tea, cakes, etc. Cost £5. Contact Moira Kennedy or parish house for tickets.

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

Called & Gifted Workshop Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at bit.ly/calledgifted2023

Dates for the Diary. Find below dates for your diary of events etc up until June.

First Holy Communion	13 May
Crowning of Our Lady	14 May
First Holy Communion Parties	14 May
Confirmation	27 May
Youth Day Out	3 June
Alpha Training Day	10 June
Parish 40 Hours	9-11 June
Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession in Falkirk	11 June
Parish Day out	17 June
Parish BBQ	24 June
Blessing of the graves	25 June

directly online or contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666. Further details available by following this link: <http://www.tangneytours.com/Edinburgh>

Anniversaries: Mr Varghese, Thomas (Carrie) Lynach, Michael Martin, John Mitchell, Eileen Burns, Mary Keenan, Cathy McBride, Edward Harvey, Francis McAllister, Edvard Harvey, Emanuela Araredida Catarino, David Nevin Kileen, Mary Furby, Robert Garvie, Madge O'Donnell, Charles Gallagher, Alexander Bell, John Joseph Korda, Catherine Mary Boyle, Mary Martin, Bridget Anderson, Mary Fitzpatrick, Duncan McDonald, Willie Elliot, Patrick Lynagh, Catherine Boyle, William McGenily, Agnes McNive, J. Minski, P. Sheils, Margaret Dunnigan, Victor Fernandes Delrio, Peter Swords, Beth Nelson, Robert Gorman, Jessie Doherty, Catherine MacFarlane, John Geoghegan, Agnes Thompson, James Lyons, Christine Marshall, Martha Hendrea, David Corrigan, Gino Gonella. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass/Service	Church
Jean Ferguson R.I.P.		Monday 17 th April 12noon	St Mary's Bo'ness
Sofia Edwards R.I.P	Sunday 23 rd April at 6pm	Monday 24 th April at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Thomas Travers R.I.P.	Monday 24 th April at 6pm	Tuesday 25 th April at 9:30am	St Anthony's
Mary Kremm R.I.P.	Thursday 27 th April at 6pm	Friday 28 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Kopszywa R.I.P	TBC	TBC	St Francis Xavier's

