



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

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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Tuesday-St Mark, Saturday- St Catherine of Siena



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Requiem Mass 7:00pm Novena
Friday	10:00am Requiem 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	
Monday	9:00-10:00am
Wednesday	9:00-10:00am
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8:00pm
Sat	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Requiem Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday.

ST ANTHONY'S Rosary 9-10am on Monday.

**Thank you** for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £1797.

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday** Thank you to all those who came along to the Holy Hour last Sunday and to those who led the prayers and hymns.

**Thank you** to all those who came along to the Afternoon of Music on Thursday. It was a great turn out and very enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to all those who organized and assisted at the event.

**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 minimum that the Church asks in order to receive the Lord in Holy Communion during Eastertide in a state of grace.

**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 a 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.

**Welcome to** Learoy Connal Moodie and Grace Jane who were baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents and family.

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

**This weekend** the children preparing for Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented with the Creed. This will take at all Masses. Please keep the children, parents, and teachers/catechists in your prayers.

**Exams** At this time of the year many of our young people are preparing for and sitting school, college, and university exams. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this important and challenging time. To assist the students (and parents!) there are prayer sheets in the porches of both churches.

**Next week** we begin the month of May- Month of Our Lady. There will be May Devotions every Monday at 6pm; the rosary on Tuesdays and Wednesdays led

by the Legion of Mary and the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Thursdays at 7pm all in St Francis Xavier's Church.

**Lost property** Many items have been accumulating in the porch of St Francis Xavier's. These will remain in the box until the 13<sup>th</sup> May, what has not been claimed will be donated to Strathcarron Hospice shop.

**Hot filled rolls** will be served after the 10am Mass this morning in St Francis Xavier's. All proceeds for the Youth for Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**Next weekend-** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April is World Vocations Sunday. A day dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood. There will be a special collection to assist the Archbishop in the formation cost of future priests. Please use gift aid envelopes, if you have one.

**The Angelus** The name is derived from the first few words of the text in Latin (*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae*). It is a simple yet powerful prayer that offers an opportunity to **meditate on Mary's discipleship and radical obedience to God's will**. The prayer commemorates the Incarnation of Christ and is based on Biblical texts narrating the mystery of the Incarnation. It is normally recited three times a day: in the morning, at noon and in the evening. It is also called an Angelic Salutation, as it recalls the moment that Archangel Gabriel came to Mary with a message that would change human history! The prayer of the Angelus is simple, yet it is a powerful means of dramatically opening our hearts up to receive God's grace, a moment to renew and remember our baptismal 'Yes' to God and ask him to guide us.

**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 course for infant Baptism will take tomorrow at 7pm in St Francis Hall. All enquires about infant Baptism should be emailed to [baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**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](http://www.justgiving.com/neil-mcnelis)

**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

**Prepare for Pentecost** Join this six-week online talk series to prepare and learn more about two major feasts at the end of Eastertide: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas, it will take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. Begins on Tuesday 2 May at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at [bit.ly/prepareforpentecost](http://bit.ly/prepareforpentecost)

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023** St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed

by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

**Mass for Married & Engaged Couples** Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:15pm on Wednesday 31 May. Reception in Coffee Saints afterwards. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please email Fr Jeremy Milne so an invitation can be sent. Submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to [vemarrriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarrriage@staned.org.uk), or phone 0131 334 1693.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** Next Sunday (30 April) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Keep in your prayers the seminarians from the Archdiocese – Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson (Beda College, Rome), Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty (Scots College, Rome) and Matthew Frankland (Royal Scots College, Salamanca). If you feel called to the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with our vocations director Father Andrew Garden on 0131 663 4286 ([vocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:vocations@staned.org.uk)) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 or go to [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**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](http://bit.ly/calledgifted2023)

**Rethink Abortion Training Day** This day will help you clarify your own beliefs to become more effective and informed in real-life discussions about pro-life issues. It takes place on Saturday 13 May from 10am-5pm in Turnbull Hall Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG. To book a place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/> Tickets £25 (includes lunch and refreshments).

**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>

**Anniversaries:** Rosemary Bernadette Docherty, John Harris, Cathie O'Donnell, Jean Gillespie, C. Minoki, Sarah Dooner, Daniel Campbell, Daniel Kane, Margaret Lynski, William Smith, Arthur Brannan, Giovanni Batista Caramando, John Gallagher, Richard Hume Ironside, Helen Stremlau, Ian Downie, Tim Nolan, Catherine Henery, Janis Taylor, Bobby Kay, Andrew Thomson, Kevin F. Jordan, Ian Hendry, Mary Marvcidass, Sarah Attacta Sudiskas, Isa Forsyth, Sarah Hughes, Fr. Willie Henery, Robert Donaldson, Frank Richardson, James Buchanan, Gerard Summers, Bridget McAllister, Theresa Kane, C. Black, Theresa Callaghan, Agnes Gorman, John Short, Peter Brady, Maureen Allan, George Wilson, Anna Sarzynski. 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
Sofia Edwards R.I.P	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Thomas Travers R.I.P.	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April at 6pm	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am	St Anthony's
Lillian Fraser R.I.P	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April at 6pm	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30am	St Mary's Bo'ness
Margaret Kopszywa R.I.P		Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Klemm R.I.P.		Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Jean Balahura R.I.P	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

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