



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 7th May 2023, 5th Sunday of Easter



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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm May Devotions
Tuesday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Rosary
Wednesday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Rosary
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Friday	10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am FHC Mass 1:30pm FHC 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
Saturday	5:45-6:15pm
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	11:30am FHC Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am

Saints of the Week: Wednesday- St John of Avila, Friday- St Nerus and St Achilleus, St Pancras. Saturday – Our Lady of Fatima.

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: £1949. Ecclesiastical Students £1254.

Welcome to Mikolaj Perryman Bartosz, Ayda Ann McGuiirk and Pola Kate Zabrocka who were baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents and family.

First Holy Communion takes place this Saturday as follows: St Francis Xavier's Church at 10am and 1:30pm, St Anthony's Church at 11:30am. There will be no morning Confessions this Saturday. This is a very special day for us all, especially the children and their parents. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Fabric Committee meet tomorrow, Monday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Chapel House.

Bereavement Group meet on Thursday at 8Pm in the Sacristy at St Francis Xavier's.

Hall/Social Committee we are very fortunate in this parish to have two very sizeable and well-equipped halls with great parking. It would be very advantageous if we could form a hall/social committee to look after the halls and help develop and organize social events for the parish. Please consider coming along to a planning meeting on Monday 22 May at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's hall, when you will have the opportunity to share your gifts and talents for the wider parish community.

Youth Day Out To say thank you to our young people we're organising a day of fun and adventure with our Parish Youth Day Out. Full details are available in the forms at the back of the Church. **WHEN:** June 3rd. **WHERE TO:** Blair Drummond Safari Park. **WHO:** P4-P7 children. **HOW TO JOIN:** Pick up a consent form at the back of the church, complete, and hand into the chapel house. Only £10 per child. See Fr Martin for further details. Hope to see you there!

Please visit our Piety Stalls – For a great selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards.

Congratulations to the newly Married Alan and Rebecca Paterson . We wish you every grace and blessing as you

begin your married life together!

If you are considering getting married or were married outside the Catholic Church but would like to look into having your marriage blessed, please feel free to arrange an appointment with one of our Parish's priests.

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's This takes place on Saturday 17th June. The plan for the day is as follows. Holy Mass at 9am at St Francis Xavier's; coach leaves St Francis Xavier's at 9:30am, St Anthony's at 9:45am; arriving St Andrew's around 11am. On arrival at St Andrew's, the local parish priest will have a display of St Andrew's and St Margaret's relics, we will then have if we wish, the opportunity to venerate them. Everyone will then be free to explore St Andrew's until 3:15pm. We will provide a handout for you as St Andrew's is a town steeped in history; culture; faith; great shops; public houses and beaches- something for everyone. At 3:15pm we will depart for the Victoria Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy for the High Tea. High Tea served at 4:30pm and departing 6:30pm with a return to St Anthony's for about 7:15pm and St Francis Xavier's 7:30pm. This will be a great day out. Think about coming along. The menu is: salad, steak pie, breaded or battered haddock, macaroni cheese bake, lasagna. Cost per adult £20 and per child £10 (includes transport). There is a separate menu for children. Please complete the sign-in sheet (**adult or child**) in the porches and enclosed your money in an envelope with your names on the front to St Francis Xavier's House or St Anthony's Sacristy.

SPRED Just a reminder this group meets in St Francis Xavier's hall from 7-9pm on the following dates: 10, 24 May, and 7 June. All made very welcome. If anyone would like more information about SPRED please contact Jennifer Lightfoot 07946 538958.

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

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.

Flowers at St Anthony's Church We are very grateful to those who look after the flowers at St Anthony's. We would like to ask for more volunteers to assist in beautifying the church for the praise and glory of God. If you would like to help, even in a small way, please contact Marion King or one of the clergy.

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

Laudato Si Week 2023. This takes place 21-28 May and parishes are invited to host the screening of the film 'The Letter', which we plan to do. Further details next week.

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

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.

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

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.

Stanton Healthcare Are you or a loved one going through an **unexpected pregnancy?** SHE Pregnancy Support can help you with whatever you need, for as long as you need it, through your pregnancy and beyond tel 07526480578 or visit stantonscotland.org

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 vemarriage@staned.org.uk, or phone 0131 334 1693.

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

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).

Anniversaries: Annie Kane, Thomas Monteith, James Lynn, Thomas Ferrier, Agnes Cairns, Betty Struthers, Patrick Grogan, William Lilley, Tom Callaghan, John Sludden, Nancy Timmins, Christine McAteer, Sean Byrne, John Marshall, Ellen Dougan, Carmela Pozzo, James Lynn, Mary Winters, Catherine Wood, Jay, John Docherty, Jessie Notorangelo, Gerry Pollock, Helen O'Connor, Catherine Mailer, Rev. Cannon J.C. Ward, Catherine McGuire, Hugh McMorro, Scott Fraser, Lily MacFarlane, Paul Augustine Frank Barry, Mary Neish, Annie Fotheringham, Christine McLeish, Patricia Silcock, Mgr. W. Drobina, Devasia Thomson, Charles Enyi, William Farrell, Nan Nixon, John Peter Scalan, Nora Parker, Agnes Cullen, Edward Travers, George Beattie, Elizabeth Fullard, Brian Redding, John Semple. 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
James McLeish R.I.P.	Tuesday 16 th May at 6pm	Wednesday 17 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
David March R.I.P.	Wednesday 24 th May at 6pm	Thursday 25 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Joseph Crow R.I.P.		TBC	St Francis Xavier's

