



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 14th May 2023, 6th Sunday of Easter



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Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Requiem Mass 6:00pm May Devotions
Tuesday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Rosary
Wednesday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Rosary
Thursday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass
Friday	10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am Requiem 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
Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday. Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday	
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 Requiem Mass
Thursday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
Rosary 9-10am on Monday.	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Thursday	The Ascension of the Lord.

Solemnity of the Ascension takes place this Thursday. It is a Holy Day of obligation, when all Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass. Mass times are: St Anthony's 9:30am, St Francis Xavier's 7am, 10am and 7pm.

Next weekend is World Communication Sunday. There will be a second collection to assist the Archdiocese to continue its mission in communicating effectively through modern means. If you have Gift Aid please use your envelope.

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.

Parish Foodbank A word of thanks for your ongoing generosity. Boxes are provided in both churches, if you would like to donate.

Annual Parish Financial Statement will be issued very shortly, once the parish finance committee meet.

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's Saturday 17th June. Only 9 seats left on the coach, please book this weekend to avoid disappointment. Sign up sheets in both porches.

Preparing For Pentecost (Sunday 11 June) in the pages of the Gospel, we see Our Lord teaching others the value of prayer. After His ascension, His Mother and His followers participated in the great Novena that culminated in the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. To be a Christian is to be a prayerful person. By praying we go to the Father with the Son in the Holy Spirit. Through prayer we open our minds and hearts to His will. A Novena is simply a prayer said for nine consecutive days for a certain intention. In the long tradition of the Church many people pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit starting this Thursday until Pentecost.

Novena to the Holy Spirit Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R And you shall renew the face of the earth
 Let us pray, O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen
 Let us pray, O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love. I consecrate to you my understanding, my heart, my will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible Guide; may my heart ever be inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will, always conform to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever. Amen

Parish Finance Committee meet this Wednesday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's parish house.

Marriage 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

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £ 2062

Welcome to Mia Flora Logan and Sienna Estrella Faulds who were baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents and family.

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

appointment with one of our Parish's priests.

Bring flowers of the rarest

1. Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and dale; our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. Repeat

2. Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee. O, grant that thy children on earth be as true, as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

3. Sing gaily in chorus, the bright angels o'er us re-echo the strains we begin upon earth; their harps are repeating the notes of our greeting, for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth.

UCM-update The main aim of the UCM is to raise funds for Student Priests so our first £300 goes there. Then £200 to our clergy. The following will each receive £100: Strathcarron Hospice Tots and Toddlers Carrongrange school Wayside Club - Legion of Mary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate conception Glasgow Local food bank Maggies Centre Fr John McAuley Borneo St Mungos trip to Lourdes Dr Mary Higgins re Ghana project Sensory Centre. New members very welcome!

Laudato Si Week 2023 takes place from May 21-28. It marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation. You can watch the Pope Francis film 'The Letter' on Friday 26th May in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall, with tea and coffee at 6:30pm with the film starting at 7pm Age 11+.

Tots and Toddlers meet in St Francis Xavier's hall every Wednesday morning. To reserve a place email: ftotsandtoddlers@gmail.com

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

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

Neil McNelis has completed his walk for Mary's Meals Appeal and would like to thank parishioners, friends, family and others unknown who have generously supported his efforts. To date £1510, including Gift Aid, has been raised. This will enable 75 children in Malawi to have a meal each day for one year his fundraising page will close on 21 May 2023. May God Bless you all.

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.

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

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

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

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.

Corpus Christi Procession Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with Archbishop Cushley who will lead a Corpus Christi procession through Falkirk town centre at 2:30pm on Sunday 11 June. The procession will head to St Francis Xavier's Church for Benediction followed by refreshments in the church hall. Altar Servers can wear their altar robes and those who have recently had their First Holy Communion can wear their dresses/suits.

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

Anniversaries: Fr. J. Tweedie, Nora Parker, Agnes Cullen, Edward Travers, George Beattie, Elizabeth Fullard, Brian Redding, Sylvia Murdoch, Margaret Crook, Harry Cameron, John Peter Scanlan, Catherine Mailer, Canon J.C. Ward, Hugh Lindsay, John Semple, Annie Williamson, Peter Tilley, Anthony Evangelisti, Hugh Grogan, Mai Hickey, Frances Clafferty, Cathy McBride, Susan Coyle, Peter Dicherty, Franciszek Waclawski, John Lavens, Lily McFarlane, Pearl Swords, Gloria Cannon, Joseph Robinson, Hugh Lindsey Jnr, John Docherty, Anne Welsh, Maria O'Holloran, Fr Norman Cooper, James Campbell, John Kenedy, William Blair, William Lawrence. 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
Joseph Crow R.I.P.		Monday 15 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
James McLeish R.I.P.	Tuesday 16 th May at 6pm	Wednesday 17 th May at 9:30am	St Anthony's
Celia Holland R.I.P.	Friday 19 th May at 6pm	Saturday 20 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Anne Montague Hazel R.I.P.	Tuesday 23 rd May at 6pm	Wednesday 24 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

