



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 28th May 2023 Solemnity of Pentecost



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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 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	
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 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	
Monday- The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Wednesday- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday- St Charles Lwanga and Companions	

June – the Month of the Sacred Heart

There are only eighteen (18) total solemnities throughout the Liturgical Year, but in May and June there are no fewer than seven solemnities: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and the Sacred Heart are all celebrated in less than five weeks, with two more solemnities in late June—the Birth of John the Baptist and Saints Peter and Paul. Early summer has the greatest concentration of the highest feasts of the Liturgical Calendar. On Friday 16 June, the third Friday after Pentecost is the [Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#). Although the revelations to St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque in the 17th century promoted this devotion, the origins of the honouring of Jesus and His love for man trace back to Scripture and many other saints and sacred writings throughout the history of the Church. And the devotion is not outdated, but actually for our time. The 20th century saw almost every pope promote the devotion to the Sacred Heart, including the encyclical [Haurietis Aquas \(On the Sacred Heart\)](#) by Pius XII in 1956. The actual feast began only in 1765 as a locally celebrated in Poland and certain congregations, and then in 1856 Pope Pius IX made it a feast for the universal Church. In 1899 Pope Leo XIII raised it to a higher rank, and Pius XI elevated the feast even higher, and revised the liturgical texts, which are the basis of the Mass texts used today.

An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Most sweet Jesus, humbly kneeling at Thy feet, we renew the consecration of our family to Thy Divine Heart. Be Thou our King forever! In Thee we have full and entire confidence. May Thy spirit penetrate our thoughts, our desires, our words and our deeds. Bless our undertakings, share in our joys, in our trials, and in our labors. Grant us to know Thee better, to love Thee more, to serve Thee without faltering.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 2nd June at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

Welcome to Jowita Klara Kuczaj and Kajetan Kamil Kuczaj who were baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents and family.

Our final May Devotions will be tomorrow Monday at 6pm. The prayer intention will be for those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith. Please try and come along, it only lasts about 30 minutes.

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation course for infant Baptism will take place tomorrow, Monday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

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 on 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. **(ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT)**

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's Saturday 17th June. **Only 2 seats** left on the coach, please book this weekend to avoid disappointment. Please contact Parish Office.

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

The Legion of Mary have two new statues of Our Lady of Fatima, these statues will be available for two calendar months at a time for parishioner's to take into their homes and will be a wonderful focal point for prayer. If interested please put name and contact number on sheet at the "Parish Prayer Groups" notice board.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2021. Special Collection for Communications was £955.

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

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's has been asked to host the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession again. The Archbishop was very impressed with how well it was organized last year and has requested it to take place in our parish again on the Sunday 11th June, beginning at the bandstand on the High Street at 2:30pm (try to be there for 2:15pm) and proceed along the High Street, then down Hope Street, with Benediction at 3pm. Can we invite all altar servers and children who just made their First Holy Communion to come with their dresses/outfits to lead the procession. Can we also ask for many helpers to coordinate and stewards to assist the procession. A meeting is planned in St Francis Xavier's hall tomorrow, Monday 29th May at 7pm to plan/discuss the event- please try and come along. In the meantime, if you can help in any way, please complete the sheets in the porches.

40 Hours Adoration will take place in St Francis Xavier's church from Friday 9th June concluding on Sunday 11th June with the Corpus Christi Procession. The timetable will be: Friday 7am Adoration begins; 10am Mass; 10:30am Adoration resumes; 6pm Holy Hour. Adoration resumes until 7am. From 10pm until 7am the Rosary will be prayed on the hour. Holy Mass at 7am and Adoration resumes until 10am Mass, then adoration continues until the 6:30pm Vigil Mass. Adoration will resume on Sunday at 7am and conclude at 10am. If you would like to have a candle(s) burn on the altar during the 40 hours, please complete the sheet in the porches, you may wish to have it offered up for someone who is ill, or recently deceased or in memory of a loved one. There will also be sheets in both porches to sign up and keep watch with the Lord during the 40 Hours.

New halls/Social Committee A big thank you to the great numbers who attended the meeting in St Francis Xavier's hall last Monday. There was a great sharing of ideas of which type of socials we should have in our halls, etc. We also managed to form a new committee to look after the halls and social life of the parish. If you would like to be on the committee or

rather offer a supporting role, please email the parish office. New halls/social committee will meet for the first time on **Monday 5th June at 7pm** in the St Francis Xavier's Hall. Those who have already signed up are encouraged to attend as we plan the diary for 2023-2024, others who would like to find out more, are also very welcome to attend.

Suggestion Boxes will be in both porches this weekend, inviting you to put forward your thoughts on the following:

1. What events would you like hosted in the parish halls?
2. What events would you like outwith the parish, for example day outs/theatre/bowling/pilgrimage.
3. Would you be willing to contribute to the halls/social committee as a member or helper?

Feel free to put your name and contact details or leave anonymous.

Help Can anyone assist Maureen Harkins with the bookings for St Francis Xavier's hall, if so, please contact parish office.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

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

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is hosting a 'Run Alpha' training day for parishes interested in trying Alpha. Alpha is an evangelisation tool used by many Churches and denominations throughout the world, and can be utilised in a Catholic context. Join us June 10th, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Please

plan to bring a lunch. You can sign up through Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/run-alpha-training-day-tickets-551134095917>

Parish Alpha Information Evening will take place in St Francis Xavier's Hall this Thursday at 8pm. If there is anyone who would be interested in Alpha which is going to start in the autumn they are very welcome to come along to this meeting.

Brecannoch Pilgrimage 2023: This year's Brecannoch Pilgrimage takes place 9-12 June 2023. The 43-mile pilgrimage is open to all ages, where pilgrims will travel from Oban on foot, carrying St Columba's relics back to Iona. Bookings close 31 May - please visit www.brecannoch.org for info.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023

St Margaret's 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. 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.

Vocations retreat A Vocations Discernment Retreat takes place at Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, from 9-11 June 2023. It is for Catholics aged 18 to 35, both men and women. Talks will be given by Bishop Hugh Gilbert, Abbot Anselm Atkinson, and others, and will help retreatants reflect on their vocation and service to God. For further information and to book contact rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk

Anniversaries: Patrick Doherty, Ian Beattie, Annabella Carr, Peter Hughes Snr, John Corrigan, James Looker, John Sloan, Irena Bylo, Zdzislaw Lewandowski, Fr. Gerry Prior, Thomas McIlroy, Anne Welsh, Roman Szumski, Jane Rintoul, Peter Visocchi, Jadwiga Krawczyk, Pearl Swords, Violet Stewart, James Noel McAllister, Pauline McGoff, Margaret McPaul, Margaret Ashe, Maria Liza Flores, Tom Sudiskas, John Martindale, Helena McCandlish. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

Funerals

Name	Reception	Service	Church
John Crosbie R.I.P.		Friday 2 nd June at 12noon	St Francis Xavier's

