



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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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 Novena
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	
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	10:30-11:45am and 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 Wednesdays- St Aloysius Gonzaga, Saturday- The Nativity of St John the Baptist	

**40 Hour Adoration** The clergy would like to extend their thanks to the many people who came and watched with the Lord last weekend. It was truly a very uplifting experience to witness the great faith of so many people of all ages, who came to adore at all hours, and especially during the night. A very special word of thanks to the Legion of Mary who looked after the Vigil – Friday evening until Saturday morning praying the rosary on the hour. Well done and thank you! Finally, thank you to the many people who requested 40-hour votive candles to be lit during our period of adoration, for their own special intentions- another sign of deep faith in our parish.

**Corpus Christi Procession** which took place last Sunday went extremely well. This was only possible with the help of the great army of volunteers from our parish. Thanks to all those who came along on the afternoon and joined the procession. A word of grateful thanks to the wonderful spread in the hall by the Union of Catholic Mothers- very much appreciated. Many visitors last Sunday commented on how much they felt welcome to our parish and town and left spiritually renewed. Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

**Fabric Committee** will meet on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and Finance Committee meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm- both meetings in St Francis Xavier's Chapel House.

**RCIA** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults concluded this week. What a fabulous year we've had together discovering Christ's love for us through His Church. Huge thanks to the RCIA Team who so selflessly devoted themselves to revealing this faith to others. And massive congratulations to those we welcomed into the Church this Easter. May God Bless you all!! Details of the RCIA course beginning later this year to follow very soon!

**Father's Day** Congratulations and best wishes to all our fathers, grandfathers and the many other men in the parish who exercise fatherly roles, not forgetting our fathers who have departed this world.

**Parish Facebook (Falkirk Catholics)** please visit to see photos of Youth Day, First Holy Communion, Confirmations and Corpus Christi celebrations.

**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 labours. Grant us to know Thee better, to love Thee more, to serve Thee without faltering.

**Blessing of the Graves** In the past many parishes, including this parish met at the local cemeteries on or near the 2 November (All Soul's Day) to remember and pray for their dead. In more recent years it is felt that it may

**This Sunday is the "Day for Life"** when we think and pray for the dignity of life from natural conception until natural end. Find attached to this week's newsletter, details of issues that are of concern to the church in upholding the dignity of life, there will be a second collection. If you Gift Aid, please use your envelope. There is also a letter from Bishop John Keenan on this very important issue available in the church porches.

be more practical to meet in the summer and have a service. This year the blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 25 June at 3pm. There will be two services- one outside Camelon Crematorium building and the other at the large cross as you enter Grandsable Cemetery. The service will consist of readings, psalm, hymns, prayers of intercession and the reading out of names of the deceased who have died over the past twelve months. Holy Water bottles will be provided for everyone, not just those who have had a bereavement in the past twelve months, to sprinkle on their own graves. Please try and come along.

**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: £1822.

**School Uniform Exchange** will be taking in donations of good quality school clothing on the weekend of Saturday 1st and Sunday the 2nd July 11am-2pm at St Francis Xavier's hall. Items will be available for collection the following weekend- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 11am-2pm. If anyone would like to help with our School Uniform Giveaway, please add your name and time slot to our Doodle Poll. Sincere thanks  
<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b6BLoXOb/vote>

**Infant Baptism**- Baptism Preparation course for infant Baptism will take place last Monday of every month at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to [baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Neil McNelis** having completed my Just Giving and Fundraising for Mary's Meal Appeal. I am pleased to say the final amount raised was £1637.50, including Gift Aid. Thanks to all who donated and God Bless.

**Job Vacancy** The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Director of Property (full-time). For full job details and how to apply visit [bit.ly/propertydirector2023](http://bit.ly/propertydirector2023). Closing date for applications is Thursday 29 June. Interviews scheduled for Thursday 6 July.

**Bible Alive** is a magazine produced by Alive Publications that offers a reflection for everyday of the month based on the readings at Holy Mass. They have generously donated 300 copies of their July edition free of charge to any parishioner who would like one. If you are thinking of subscribing to this monthly magazine, you can do so directly with Alive Publications or sign up on the sheets in the church porches.

**Laudato Si** See Facebook for this week's message.

**Study Theology in Edinburgh** Thinking of supporting your professional, academic and faith development? The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is offered by St Mary's University in Scotland, in partnership with the Archdiocese, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, from September 2023. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the skills to apply that theology to the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and this programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. To find out more watch the webinar: [bit.ly/theology2023](http://bit.ly/theology2023). To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

**Compassion to Hope** This event celebrates the lives of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland, with 'music, poetry, silence and celebration'. It takes place on Tuesday 20 June at 4:30pm in the hall of Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ.

**Vocations Mass** The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at 7pm on Friday 23 June at St Margaret's, Hope View, Loch Road, South Queensferry, EH30 9LS.

**Anniversaries:** Isa O'Donnell, Brian Rock, Donald Rock, Jessie McHardy, Edward Short, James Farrelly, Condy McNelis, Frederick Heggie, John Campbell, S. Butterfly, Joanna Gow, Tony Vlahos, Anne Thomson, Vincenzo Michele Ianetta, Mary Grubb, R. Shields, Bill Waugh, Owen Malley, Aeneas Paterson, Jean McKay, Jessie Carty, Agnes Welsh, Charles Mullen, Peter Wood, Monica Henderson, Paul Francis Scott, Molly Ayscough, Brenda Tolmie, Terence Cochrane, Remo Lorenzetti, John Coyle, Kitty Jones, Morag Grey, Isobel Hill, Andrew Tennant Jnr, Andrew Tennant Snr, Margaret McDonald, Peter McDonald, Peter McDonald Jnr, James McDonald, Martha McDonald, Nan McDonald, Margaret Hill, Michael McGinley, Mary Gallagher, Catherine McArdle. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

**Paul H. O'Connor Funeral Care**- 13b High Street, Bonnybridge, FK4 1BX, have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of June.



