



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 4thst June 2023 The Most Holy Trinity



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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 6:00pm Holy Hour
Saturday	7:00am Mass 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-	St Boniface, Friday- St Columba. Saturday- Our Lady

Parish Day Out to St Andrew's Saturday 17th June. For those who wish, Holy Mass will be at 9am in St Francis Xavier's Church. The coach departs from St Francis Xavier's at 9:30am and St Anthony's at 9:45am. We should arrive at St Andrew's by 11am. On arrival Fr Galbraith will have the relics of St Andrew and St Margaret available for veneration. Free time to explore this historic and beautiful town until 3.15pm, when we will take the coast road to Kirkcaldy for High Tea at 4:15pm. We plan to depart Kirkcaldy by 6:30pm and return to Falkirk by 7:30pm.

Corpus Christi Procession The Eucharistic Procession, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, will be held here in Falkirk next Sunday 11 June starting at the bandstand on the High Street at 2:30pm. The Corpus Christi Procession, a venerable Church tradition, is a Profession of Faith: both affirming and defining our faith "in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist," and the procession is a public statement of that belief. When the Eucharist is carried through the streets in solemn procession, the Christian people give public witness of their faith and devotion toward the sacrament of the Eucharist. Furthermore, during the procession we profess our faith in the God who, in becoming incarnate, made himself our travelling companion. Jesus should be proclaimed everywhere, particularly in our streets and amongst our houses as an expression of our grateful love, and as a fount of inexhaustible blessings. When we carry out and participate in the Corpus Christi procession, we immerse Christ, so to speak, "in the daily routine of our lives, so that he may walk where we walk and live where we live." "The procession with the Blessed Sacrament reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives." The procession is, finally, an invitation to Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live. "We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence." Amen. 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. After the Benediction at 3pm there will be hospitality in the hall.

The 40 Hours Adoration will take place in St. Francis Xavier's church this 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.

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.

New halls/Social Committee A big thank you to the great numbers who attended the meeting in St Francis Xavier's hall. 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 offer a supporting role, please email the parish office. New halls/social committee will meet for the first time this **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.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation took place last weekend, Saturday in St Francis Xavier's at 11am and 2pm. Congratulations to the children, parents, sponsors and their teachers and catechists. A word of thanks to the great work our schools and parish catechists in preparing the children over the past few months and on the day itself. The children have prepared and left some of their work detailing what saint they chose and why- you will find these over at the statue of Our Lady. Also, sincere thanks to the volunteers who prepared and served at the Confirmation Party in the hall following both services.

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

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.

A word of thanks to all those who came along to the May devotions and special thanks to the members of the Legion of Mary who led the rosary and reflection every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also a word of thanks to all those who came to the hall to watch 'The Letter' and to those who organized the evening.

A concert of Sacred Vocal Music will be held in the Church on Friday the 16th June at 7:30pm. The concert will feature a 1 hour programme of various of solo and group performances. Entry is free of charge but donations will be accepted towards to the young people to Lourdes.

41st (St Francis is Xavier's) Scout Group Next Saturday 10th June is the Annual Visitors/Funday at the Barwood. An open invitation is extended to those past members of the group to visit during the day and relieve their time spent at the Barwood. We will be camping on the traditional 41st site.

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 [Hauerietis 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.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: 2150.

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](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/run-alpha-training-day-tickets-551134095917) here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/run-alpha-training-day-tickets-551134095917>

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: The Rankin Family, Helen Mary Barry, Henry McAllister, Kevin Hanlon, Laura Corigins, Wilhelmina Lindsay, Tom Kenna, Elizabeth Barr Moore, Eleanor McLaughlin, Owen Gormley, Margaret Jack, Helen Carron, Elizabeth Cumming, Patsy Murray, Lindsay Gentleman, Martin Dominic Kelly, William Gentlema, Eddie Gallagher, Frank Kotrys, J. Harvey, Betty Campbell, William Ferrie, Peter Harris, Peggy Gray, Margaret Smith, Mary (Moore) Skrukwa, Thomas Travers. 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
Evelyn Walsh R.I.P.		Tuesday 13 th June at 12noon	St Mary's, Bo'ness

