



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Padre Pio
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm 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. Divine Mercy after 10 am Mass, Friday, Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday	
Confessions	
Thursday	7:20-7:50pm
Saturday	10:30-11:45am and 5:45-6:15pm
Mass Times at St Anthony's	
Monday	09:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
Rosary 9am on Monday.	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Monday- St. Augustine	
Tue- The Passion of St John the Baptist	
Thursday - St Aidan	
Friday - St Giles	
Saturday- our Lady	

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** service takes place in the church on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

**Parish Fun Day** will take place today Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1-4pm at St Francis Xavier's. There will be: bouncy castle, face painting, children's entertainer, games, activities, hot filled rolls, home baking and much more. Free to all Parishioners.

**Next Sunday** there will be no hospitality in St. Francis Xavier's hall due to the Mariapolis Conference. Why not come along and attend the conference instead.

**Next Weekend** Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept the Scottish Mariapolis will take place in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall. Mariapolis, meaning, City of Mary, is an annual gathering organised by the Focolare Movement, whose inspiration comes from Jesus' Prayer, "That All May Be One" (John 17:21) Time to stop, get to know one another, time for spiritual reflection and relaxation. See poster in porch for more details. Bring a friend!

**Schola of St Kentigern** which will be a Choir based in the parish and responsible for the music at the 12 Noon Solemn Mass on Sundays. The Schola will provide music at liturgical services throughout the parish, with a particular focus on Gregorian Chant and Sacred Polyphony. We are looking for a range of voices to join the Schola. You do not need prior experience in sacred music to join, but please note that an informal audition may be necessary for us to better understand your voice range. A meeting will take place following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 10 September 2023 in the Parish Hall. Should you wish to register your interest, please contact Jamie and Emma McGowan at [scholakentigerni@outlook.com](mailto:scholakentigerni@outlook.com)

**Welcome to** Olivia Acute who was baptized recently and congratulations to her parents and family.

**ALPHA/RCIA** Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Join us on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Sacristy for a light bite, friendship, and faith discovery. We're excited to be launching a new RCIA course that we think will help you connect with God, know His love for you, and help you live the faith through His Church. For more information or to sign up please contact the Parish office on [office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk).

**The Childrens Liturgy Team** at the 10am Mass needs your help to support this wonderful ministry. If you would like to become more involved in the life of your parish this is a truly rewarding way to do so. Please speak to any of the liturgy team or one of the clergy for more information. Thank you.

**The Children's Liturgy has** restarted at the 10 and 11am Masses. It is open to primary aged children. Look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

**The existing Senior Youth Group** starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September for all children in S1-3. Sign up using the QR code on the posters in the porch.

**The Funeral Teas** As a parish we have a group of dedicated parishioners who provide a light buffet and hot drinks in St Francis Xavier's Hall after a funeral. If you would like more details, please contact Catherine O Neil 07789112194 or Kate Robinson 07807669120.

**Infant Baptism-** Baptism Preparation course for infant Baptism will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 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)

**The New Parish Diary-** copies are available in the church porches. It is hoped the diary will help us as a parish to do our best to have a forward-thinking plan that accommodates the different groups and activities that take place during the academic year.

**Coach to Carfin is fully booked for next** Sunday 3 September. The Coach departs

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1882. African Missions £1307.

**Clergy Update** Fr Michael will leave us this weekend to become the administrator of St. Matthew's, Rosewell. We thank Fr Michael for his time with us over the past year, especially his work in St Francis Xavier's School and Forth Valley Hospital. Fr Matthew Ngiye will join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Also, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, Deacon Peter Shankland, student at the Beda College in Rome, will join us for a parish placement for the month of September.

St Anthony's at 12:45 and St Francis Xavier's at 1pm. Return to Falkirk by 6pm approximately. **Please note the earlier departure times.**

**Glasgow Central Station** Tour the Social Group are considering having a visit to Glasgow Central Station tour provided there is enough interest. Possible dates would be towards the end of September. The cost of the tour is £15 per person. Each group is limited to 18. We may combine this with lunch in Glasgow. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details on the list in the foyer. For more information contact Neil by text on 07718625511.

**Bible Alive September edition** – has arrived. Only costs £1 – place money in St Francis Xavier's CTS box or St Anthony's piety shop.

**St Francis Xavier Credit Union** will hold its AGM in the Church Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. This is a very important moment for the credit union, and we need as many members as possible to attend.

**The Archdiocesan Events Diary** for 2023-2024 is available in both porches. The diary gives details of events and dates for the different meetings/training days/pilgrimages, etc. The diary is also available on our Facebook page.

**Divine Will** Friends, here are the details for our Divine Will event in our parish on Sept the 9th. The Divine Will is the fulfillment of the Lord's prayer. The day will be an introduction to it with talks from Mother Gabrielle Marie of The Benedictine Daughters of The Divine Will, Catholic author and speaker Daniel O'Connor and travelling from Ireland to be with us, Greg Dunne who works with scriptural scholar Francis Hogan - who has a unique testimony to share with insightful knowledge of the Divine Will. The event will be from 11.15am - 4.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and teas and coffee will be provided. Admission is free and for more information or booking, email [dwd@beingcatholicmedia.org](mailto:dwd@beingcatholicmedia.org) or call Carol on 079 19024 993. A flyer will also be in the porch with full schedule of the day & we look forward to seeing you!

**National Pilgrimage** for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17 September from 12.30 – 6pm at St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Further details are on the notice boards.

**Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way** the Billing Ovulation Method of Natural Planning is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with **no side effects**. This method is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving and is a natural alternative to IVF. For details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland HO – 0141 221 0858 or email [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk)

**The Season of Creation** is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation. It begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, The World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we are holding our own celebration of our planet earth in St Francis Xavier's Church at midday, to which you are all invited. To prepare ourselves for this season, we have obtained from the Vatican, Our Common Home booklets. These are a guide to caring for our living planet, easy to read and full of facts and good ideas. They are available for you at the back of the church, free of charge. Please read it and pass it on.

**Laudato Si Appeal:** We are looking for any musical instruments gathering dust! Asylum seekers here in Falkirk will dust them down and bring them back to life! Small instruments can be placed in the boxes provided in the porches of both churches. Larger instruments can be picked up by Karen Blackwood of Hope Community Church on 07539 104230

**Two books missing from Church Hall** Vatican Council by Austin Flannery O.P, Vatican II in plain English, volume 2 by Bill Huebsch. Please return to the Parish Office.

**In your prayers,** please continue to remember all our sick and housebound, not forgetting carers and family

members who look after them.

**The Angelus Prayer**

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
**R.** And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...  
**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**R.** Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary...  
**V.** And the Word was made flesh,  
**R.** And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...  
**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
**Let us pray.** Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as the incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversaries:** Denis O'Donnell, Andrew Coyle, Ann Frame, Dennis Westfield, Jack McGuire, Neil Mochan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Catherine Ward, John Gentleman, Helen O'Fee, John McFeat, Canon Thomas Hanlon, Nora Kelleher, David Scofield, Theresa Gallagher, Joseph Lemetti, Rev. Fr. Walter P. Crampton, Edward Walsh, Mandy McKeever, Alexander Lynn, William McGlynn, James Scott, Walter Murison, John McGarr, Helen Mitchell, James Scott, Seán O'Farrell, Mary Mochan, Irene Silcock, Tom Struthers, Catherine (Wine) Johnman, Bill Manderson, Cathleen Johnmaan, Ellen Leslie. 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 August.



**FUNERALS**

Name	Reception	Service	Church
Annabella Muirhead R.I.P.	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 6pm	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 10am	St Francis Xavier's
James McNally R.I.P.	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	St Francis Xavier's

