



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

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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**Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's**

Monday	10:00am 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
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.  
**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
Tuesday	09:30am Mass
Friday	09:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
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**Rosary** 9am on Monday.

**Saints of the Week and Feast Days**

Tuesday - St Januarius  
Wednesday - St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions  
Thursday - St Matthew  
Saturday - St Pius of Pietrelcina

**Parish Pastoral Council** The Parish Clergy are in the process of forming a Parish Pastoral Council. Please keep the clergy in your prayers as they discern this process.

**Sacraments of Initiation** At this time of the year we start to plan and prepare for the celebrations of the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation which will take place during spring 2024. Letters of invitation to parents' meetings have been sent out via our schools and by email. If you are a parent of children who do not attend one of our Catholic schools, can you please email the parish office for further details. Registrations forms are available in church porches. The dates for the Parents meetings are:  
**Reconciliation** (First Confessions) Monday 25 September at 6:15pm,  
**First Holy Communion** Wednesday 27 September at 6:15pm,  
**Confirmation** Monday 25 September at 7:30pm.

**ALPHA/RCIA** Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Join us this Tuesday the 19th 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)

**Save the date!! MacMillan coffee morning** at St Anthony's church hall next Sunday 24th September, after 11am mass. Donations of home baking welcome. This is always well supported, and we look forward to welcoming you and raising funds for MacMillan Cancer.

**Calling all quizzers!!** We are hosting a quiz night to fundraise for our St Francis youth group (FXYG). This will be held at St Francis chapel hall on September 30th starting at 7pm and its BYOB. Tickets are £5 each or £20 family maximum and tickets will be available to buy at each Mass this weekend 17th September or through Eventbrite. Thank you!  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/715891188817?aff=oddtcreator>

**Padre Pio prayer group** The St Francis Xavier's original pray group began over 40 years ago. It was restarted and has been meeting every first Friday for over 17 years. It is now registered and officially affiliated with the San Giovanni Prayer Groups all over the world. We began with only 3 or 4 members but the numbers have steadily risen and we are now flourishing with sometimes up to 30 faithful parishioners attending. The service lasts around 35 minutes and consists of the Holy Rosary, a beautiful Litany of Padre Pio and the Sacred Heart Novena which Padre Pio said every day for the intentions of his spiritual children. Many, many blessings have been received and countless prayers have been answered. The Padre Pio Novena to the Sacred Heart started on Saturday 15 September for 9 days until his Feast Day on 23rd September and we hope as many as possible could honour our patron with the recitation of the novena for the many intentions our pray group are praying for. If you would like an intention to be included, please email the parish office or 07543612357. Just the first name will do. Padre Pio will know who you are!! Copies of the Sacred Heart Novena are available in the church porches.

**Bible Study Group** has restarted in the meeting room at St Francis Xavier's Hall, Tuesday from 7:30-8:30pm. Everyone very welcome.

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £2026.

**In your prayers,** please continue to remember all our sick and housebound, not forgetting carers and family members who look after them.

**This weekend** the second collection will be for Fr Michael's presentation, in thanks for his year working in our parish.

**Infant Baptism** All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to [baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Central Station Tour** The tour will take place on Thursday 5th October at 11.00. There are places available on this tour. The cost is £15 per person. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch. Those attending make their own way to Glasgow Central Station for 10.45. If you are interested please put money in an envelope with your name and contact number into the Chapel House. Further information from Neil at 07718625511 or 01324637937.

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

**Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage** The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair is today (Sunday 17 September) at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12:30-1:50pm Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 2:00pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns & Benediction; 3:00pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3:30pm break for refreshments and sale of candles & holy items; 4:30pm Holy Mass.

**SCIAF event** Mark Booker from SCIAF hosts a two-part workshop on 21 and 28 September, 7-9pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. It is titled 'Catholic Social Teaching in Action: The SCIAF Approach'. It will highlight the charity's work and how Catholic Social Teaching can be put into action in the light of the Gospel. Register at [ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk).

**Safeguarding Event** The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18 November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at [bit.ly/3Z93und](http://bit.ly/3Z93und).

**A View from Within** Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland's prisons share their stories at

this free event to mark Prisoners' celebration of our planet earth in St Francis Xavier's Church with contributions from pupils in our primary Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at [bit.ly/aviewfromwithin](http://bit.ly/aviewfromwithin)

**Teams of Our Lady** Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. An open information evening takes place on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

**Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark** St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23 October. Tickets/details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark) OR pick up a flyer from the church porches.

**The loss of a loved one** through separation, divorce, or death, is one of life's most traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience would like to help. A weekend away for a lifetime of change to be held at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, 29<sup>th</sup> September-1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. For further details phone: Louise on 07926571004 or email [louise398@gmail.com](mailto:louise398@gmail.com)

**Free2Pray** The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled 'Free2Pray' to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at [bit.ly/free2pray](http://bit.ly/free2pray)

**The Season of Creation** is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 12 noon we are holding our own

have tea, coffee, juice and cake in our hall afterwards. Donations of home baking (no nut products please) will be greatly appreciated and can be handed in to the hall on the day. All are welcome!

### **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:** Hugh Grubb, Bridget McKenna, Andrew Kier, Joe Allison, Aileen Young, Anne Bradbury, Bernadette McNeily, Kay McKendrick, Patrick McElroy, Rosina McIntyre, John Stirling, Rose McGinley, Mary, Theresa Ferguson, Catherine Coyle, John Kennedy, Janet (Jenny) Crooks, Geoffrey Carlin, Grace Dodds, Kazimierz Sobolewski. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

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



