



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
<b>Rosary</b> after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday.	
<b>Divine Mercy</b> after 10 am Mass, Friday.	
<b>Morning Prayer</b> 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
<b>Rosary</b> 9am on Monday.	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Tuesday - St Cosmos and St Damian	
Wednesday - St Vincent de Paul	
Thursday - St Wenceslaus	
Friday - SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	
Saturday - St Jerome	

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1923.

**Welcome to** Oscar Vieira McGlynn who was baptized last weekend and congratulations to his parents and family.

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

**Congratulations to Douglas Robertson** who was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate last Saturday. Douglas spent the past twelve months gaining pastoral experience in our parish, with great help and support from Deacon Kenneth. Deacon Douglas Robertson would like to thank the many parishioners of St Francis Xavier who gave cards, gifts and came to his ordination at St Michael's, Linlithgow last Saturday. Douglas is very grateful for all the prayer, help and support he has received and looks forward to starting his ministry.

**Altar Servers Day** Many thanks to all who supported and assisted at the Altar Servers Day in Edinburgh last weekend! Our servers joined as part of a group of nearly 100 Servers to celebrate their ministry and thank them for their hard work. If your child has made their First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact the Parish Office.

**Redding Pit Disaster**- One hundred years ago this week. Let us continue to remember all those who lost their lives.

**SPREAD** Our next Spred meeting with our friends is Wednesday 27/9 in the hall. A SPRED group is a special place where parishioners who have a learning disability are supported to grow in faith and take part in the life of their parish. A SPRED group is a place of joy where people with and without disabilities share faith and friendship. There are SPRED groups in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Every group needs people to be a friend to someone who has a learning disability. Being part of SPRED is a special ministry in our parishes. Those who offer to help are delighted to find how much they receive in return. Could YOU help to welcome those who need

some extra help to be part of their parish? A warm SPRED welcome awaits you. Contact Jennifer Lightfoot for details 07946 538958

**Save the date!! MacMillan coffee morning** at St Anthony's church hall this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 26<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 the email above.

**School Transport** Councillors in Falkirk will vote on the issue of pupils retaining their entitlement to school transport on Wednesday 27 September. There is still time to contact councillors to state your

opposition to the proposal. Please also pray for a positive outcome.

**Livestream** is not working. We are trying to restore it.

**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 24th September or through Eventbrite. Thank you!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/715891188817?aff=oddttdcreator>

**Dates for Choir practices:** Thursday afternoon at 1pm- 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> December. New members most welcome.

**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. 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.

**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.

**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).

**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).

**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' Week. It takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10:00am - 3:30pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at [bit.ly/aviewfromwithin](http://bit.ly/aviewfromwithin)

**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.

**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 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:** Michael Francis, Elizabeth Howe, Daniel Ward, Ann Turnbull, Kathleen Duffy, Michael Moore, Francis McGuire, Roderick Coull, Adelina Jannetta, Peter Kane, Nicol Campbell, Gerry Carbury, Nan McDonald, Jean Cummings, John Cockburn, Ethel Carr, John Bradbury, Caroline Gorman, Cathy Cullen, John McGeever, Patrick McNelis, Rosemary Quinn, Peter Healy, Sarah (Sadie) Johnaston, Tadeusz Cieslar, Patrick Connell, Peter Renella, Helen Malecka, James Flanagan, Robert Brown. 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.



