



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

Sunday 1st October 2023 26th Sunday of the Year

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass 6:00pm October Devotions
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Requiem 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 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	
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Rosary.	
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Monday	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday	St Francis of Assisi
Saturday	Our Lady of the Rosary

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 7th of October There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary, on the hour, from 1pm to 6 pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Holy Rosary will be led/facilitated by the Legion of Mary.

Parishioners can sign on the sheet at the back of the church to indicate preferred times to help cover the Exposition. Join us on this wonderful feast day

October Devotions will take place every Monday at 6pm in St Francis Xavier's during the month of October. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for everyone to offer up an extra thirty minutes once a week during October to spend time in the presence of Jesus on the altar. We also during this time pray the rosary asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for our many own personal, family and parish needs. Please consider giving your time and join us for 30 minutes one or possibly every Monday evening during October. Thank you!

Safeguarding induction training is being offered on Monday 9th October at 2pm and also on Thursday 12th at 6.30 pm. Both in the St Fx church hall, lasting 90 minutes. This training is for all volunteers who have yet to attend any training sessions and for those who haven't attended since 2018. To sign up please message Joanne on 07905 368442.

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

SPREAD 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

MARYS MEALS Wednesday 4th October 2.00 pm in St Francis Xavier's church hall, Mary's Meals-a member of their team is giving a talk and film show on their wonderful work in so many countries, this is open to everyone, afterwards tea and coffee will be served.

UCM Union of Catholic Mothers- Wednesday 4th October, 1.00pm-Rosary in church,-1.30pm meeting in hall-2.00pm.

MACMILLAN update We have raised over £640 for MACMILLAN, thank you for your generosity on Sunday 24th September. The final total will be more than this due to gift aid. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone who helped on Saturday setting up the hall, and to those that helped on Sunday. Without you, this does not happen! The power of cake & coffee to raise money is phenomenal, as is the community spirit within our parish. Thank you, *Elizabeth Kirk*.

Livestream is not working. If you can help to restore it please contact parish office.

Bingo Norah Logan is hosting a Prize Bingo on the 11th October and looking for unwanted gifts or donations. Ticket £1.

ALPHA/RCIA Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Join us this Tuesday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Sacristy for a light bite, friendship, and faith discovery. We're excited to be launching

Thank you for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1985.

Season of Creation Service Thank you to all those who attended this service last week, including those who took part and special thanks to those who organized the service and hospitality in the hall.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 6th October at 6pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

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.

Dates for Choir practices: Thursday afternoon at 1pm- 5th, 19th October, 9th, 30th November 7th, 21st 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!! Padre Pio Novena takes place this Friday at 6pm.

Infant Baptism All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Central Station Tour The tour will take place THIS 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.

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

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.

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

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 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

Vocations Mass The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

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: James Holleran, Theresa Kerr, Margaret Wallace, Margaret McKee, Maureen Murphy, Gordon Court, Saul John Elliot (baby), Martin McAllister, Mary Murphy, Sr. Benigna Harte, Joseph Kennedy, Ann Walker, Christopher Canny, Frank Clark, Catherine McLellan, Clive Thomas Allen Donaldson, Sr. Bernadette of Jesus (Carmel Clapperton), Frances McGuckin, Michael Grady, Annie Winters, Helen Corrigan, Ella McClintock, Anne Alison Isobel McAllwood, Francis Peter, Ann Sharp, Margaret Welsh, Margaret Carberry, Mary Swords, Anne Hart, Mary Ballingham, James Pow, Richard (Dick) Fyvie, Eliza Dick, Rudolph Marrett, Frank O'Donnell, Peter McGuckin. 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
Paul Thomson R.I.P.	Tuesday 3 rd October at 6pm	Wednesday 4 th October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Thomas Ainslie R.I.P.	Monday 9 th October at 6pm	Tuesday 10 th October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Anne Rosemary Wilson R.I.P.	Wednesday 11 th October at 6pm	Thursday 12 th October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

