



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

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Requiem Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Requiem 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**

Sunday	11:00am Mass
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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Rosary**

**Saints of the Week and Feast Days**

Monday	St Denis and Companion
Wednesday	St John
Thursday	St Kenneth
Saturday	St Callistus

We raised over £800! Thanks also to the incredible volunteers who were involved in pulling it all together.

**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. During this time of praying the rosary we also ask the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for our many 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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm as well as Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm. Both will take place in St Francis Xavier's church hall, and last 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.

**Archdiocesan Diploma Reflection Day.** A word of thanks to the parishioners who gathered at Gillis for this very prayerful and informative day.

**Welcome to** Bonnie Louise Downie and Arthur Alexander Plenderleith who were baptized last weekend and congratulations to their parents and family.

**Congratulations to** Lauren Allison and Denis Campbell who were married last weekend. We wish them a very blessed and long married life together.

**Hogmanay Supper and entertainment** Last year's celebration was a great success and we have received many requests to repeat. To

gauge interest and numbers, could you please put your name on the sheets in church porches if you would like to come. The evening starts at 7pm until the early hours! BYOB!

**School Midterm Break** We wish our staff and pupils a very well deserved two week midterm break. Let's hope you enjoy good weather!

**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

**Livestream** We are working on getting our livestream back up and running after technical faults. If you can help to restore it, please contact the parish office.

**Bingo** Norah Logan is hosting a Prize Bingo on the 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm. Tickets only £1.

**ALPHA/RCIA** Our ALPHA/RCIA is well underway with a great group of people seeking to explore their faith. And it's not too late to get involved. Join us on Tuesdays for a light bite, friendship, and faith discovery. The course will resume after the October holidays on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. For more information or to sign up please contact the Parish office.

**ALPHA/RCIA Helpers wanted.** A big part of our new ALPHA/RCIA course is about making our enquiries feel

**Thank you** for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £2009.

**Food Donations** that we gratefully receive every week go to the Parish Pantry. In the course of a week we help at least four to five families.

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

**A Word of Thanks** to all those who came out to support the Parish Quiz Night in aid of the Parish Youth Groups.

welcomed and at home in our Parish. If you would like to volunteer your time and find out how you can help make our Parish feel even more like a home, please email the parish office with the subject 'ALPHA/RCIA helper'.

**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.

**School buses.** At a recent Falkirk Council meeting councillors voted to retain the present provision of school transport (bus). This is great news and will have been influenced by the number of objections made to this proposal. Thanks to all who contacted their councillor about this issue and made a submission to the consultation.

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

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

**Synod Prayer.** Archbishop Cushley encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October: *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Vocations retreat** Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join

other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH9 1SN.

Email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**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.

**All Souls' Day** Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. It takes place on All Souls' Day, Thursday 2 November at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG. All welcome.

**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)

**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).

**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-](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-)

[GospelofMark](#) OR pick up a flyer from the church porches.

### 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:** Felix Moore, Benito Nicandro Caramando, Patrick Meighan, Patricia Gallagher, Albert Redding, Charles Callaghan, Charlie Flynn, Michael Harvey, Agnes Bishop, Pamela Stephen, Rosina Kaane, Patricia March, John McBride, June McGuire, Charles Boyle, Margaret Russell, George Fyvie, Catherine Haggerty, Robert McGuinness, Barbara Turner, Patrick Doherty, James Allison, Helen Koszary, James Grogan, Catherine McArdle, John Auchinclosa, Alexander (Sander) Sim, Georgina Mullan, Helen (Ella) Dick, Edmund Cybulski, Catherine Rooney, William Judge, Monica Harvey, Mary Wotherspoon, Mary O'Hara, John Martin, Helen Bell, Andrew Crosbie, Paul Reid, Derek Martin Bain, Joseph Skrukwa, Maureen Marshall, Mary Evenden, Barney McBride, Catherine McCormack, Bella Collins, James Joseph McPaul, William Griffen. 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
Thomas Ainslie R.I.P.	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October at 6pm	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Anne Rosemary Wilson	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October at	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's



