



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 15th October 2023 28th 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 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

Sunday	11:00am Mass
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary

Saints of the Week and Feast Days

Monday – St Hedwig

Tuesday- St Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday- St Luke

Thursday- St John de Brebeuf and St Isaac Jogues and Companions

Thank you for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £2087.

Enrolment Ceremonies for children in preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation was due to take place next weekend but has been moved to the following weekend 28/29 October. Parents and children are welcome at any Sunday Masses including the Vigil.

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.

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!

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when Pope Francis invites Catholics all over the world to contribute to a special collection for Missio (The Pontifical Mission Societies), his official charity for overseas mission. This year, the theme is "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." Please support Missio Scotland in helping missionaries whose hearts have been filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit and who have travelled far from their homes to work within and alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, such as Sri Lanka. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission, to share God's love with all people. Please give generously. There are copies of the Missio letter in the church porches.

Treat Yourself to a breakfast roll next Sunday 22nd after the 10am Mass in St Francis Xavier's hall. All proceeds are for the parish Youth for Lourdes Fund- July 2024.

Parish Prize Bingo that took place on Wednesday evening in St Francis Xavier's hall, was very well supported and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all those who organised the evening and handed in donations for the bingo. A total of £680 was raised which will

assist in the repairs/replacement of the toaster and dishwasher. Norah would like to Thank You for all gifts and donations.

Welcome to Caelan Thomas Smith who was baptized last weekend and congratulations to his parents and family.

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 staff and pupils a very well deserved two week mid term 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

Union of Catholic Mothers Wednesday 18th October Rosary in CHURCH at 1.00pm Followed by business meeting in hall.

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 24th 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 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- 19th October, 9th, 30th November 7th, 21st December. New members most welcome.

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

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

Stop the Assisted Dying Bill Legalising assisted suicide is dangerous because it attacks human dignity. Implicit in assisted suicide is that an individual, in certain circumstances, can lose their value and worth. Make your voice heard by contacting your MSP on your own or as part of a group with family, friends, or in your local parish. All the information you need can be found here: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide/>.

Glasgow Torchlight Procession Please join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in Glasgow on Thu 26th October for the annual torchlight procession. This commemorates 56 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives here in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. The Rosary begins in George Square at 6.30pm; the procession to St Andrew's Cathedral begins at 7pm; Holy Mass begins at 7.30pm. The celebrant will be Fr Jonathan Whitworth.

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 Hagens 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

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.

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.

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: Brian W. Marshall, Nana Murtagh, David Bell, Alexander Strathie, Charlie O'Donnell, Margaret Cowan, Maureen Murphy, Henry Hansen, Roberta McGurk, Hugh Morrow, William McElroy, Patrick Hanlon (Snr), Tamsin Else, Hugh O'Connor, Agnes Grant, William Paterson, Elizabeth Beattie, Charles Harley, Mary Morrow, John Manson Renton, Norah Curtis, Bill McKenna, George Gorman, Margaret Andrew, Michael Lynagh, Sarah Paterson, Paddy Smith, William McGuckin, Marian Bennett, Bill McFadden, George Byres Murray, Pauline McGoff, John Mullen, Kay Kennedy, Margaret Short, Elizabeth McSheffrey, Anne Mitchell, Edward Bain, Maureen Gallagher, Baby Sharon Harrower, Rita Stewart. 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 October.



