



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 12th November 2023 32nd 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
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 10am Mass, Friday.

Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday

Confessions

Thursday	7:20-7:45pm
Saturday	10:30-11:15am and 5:45-6:15pm

Mass Times at St Anthony's

Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Thursday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass

Rosary Monday 9am

Saints of the Week and Feast Days

Monday-St Machar
Wednesday – St Albert the Great
Thursday- St Margaret of Scotland
Friday- St Elizabeth of Hungary
Saturday -St Peter & St Paul Dedication

Thank you for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1811. SPUC collection £588.

Welcome to Eoin Ritchie Doherty and Jonah Theo Mochan who were both baptized last weekend and congratulations to their families.

Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards are now available in both piety shops.

SCIAF Real Gifts- see noticeboards for further details.

World Day for the Poor A special Collection for the World Day for the Poor takes place on Sunday 19 November. The money will go to the Fife Furniture Project, which is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home. Please

note that the annual collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service will take place the following Sunday (26 November).

Union of Catholic Mothers

Wednesday 15th November 1:30 pm We are having a demonstration of how to create beautiful Christmas floral arrangements. Tea and coffee will be served. Please join us.

Treat Yourself to a breakfast roll next Sunday 19th after the 10am Mass in St Francis Xavier's hall. All proceeds are for the parish Youth for Lourdes Fund- July 2024.

Legacies Over the past twelve months the parish has been very blessed to receive three generous legacies. The families have requested they remain anonymous. Fr Daniel on your behalf, has written to the families to express our grateful appreciation of their generosity and reassure them that the proceeds will be used for the pastoral needs of the parish.

Hospital Admissions If you or a relative are being admitted to hospital and you would like a visit from one of the clergy, could you please contact the parish office or speak to one of the priests who will be very happy to visit you. This includes admission to Forth Valley Hospital, Falkirk, Stirling and Bo'ness Community Hospital as well as Strathcarron Hospice.

Parish Pastoral Council Several weeks ago we indicated the clergy were discerning and reflecting on the formation of a Parish Pastoral Council. At last, this process has been completed and the first meeting will take place on Monday 27 November from 7-8:15pm in the chapel house. After this meeting has taken place, we will be able to share with you the members of the council and their remit. Please keep this initiative in your prayer intentions.

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay association. Its objective is the glory of God. This is developed by prayer and active co-operation in the Church's work of bringing everyone closer to God. The 10 currently active members of the Legion visit St Francis Xavier parishioners in their homes, hospitals, care homes and we also visit schools where we pray the rosary, with the pupils, and talk on the history of the rosary, the Legion and the 1830 St Catherine Laboure "Miraculous Medal" However, the active members would be ineffective without the prayers of our wonderful auxiliary members of the Legion, who provide the back-up prayers from the Church and their homes and we need more auxiliary members to join us and to be our solid prayerful foundation in our apostolate. If you would be interested in being an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, or would like more information, please contact the clergy on 623567 or J Smith on 07523892010.

St Andrew's Social will take place in St Francis Xavier's hall on Saturday 25th November at 7:30pm. We plan to have fish suppers, live music, singers and dancers! Please put your name on the sheets in church porches if you would like to attend. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next.

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!

Help Yourself to a range of medals, statues, holy pictures, prayer books wrapping paper etc from the table in St Francis Xavier's church porch.

Save the Date! Christmas Parish Toy Giveaway. We kindly ask for preloved toys and gifts which would be suitable to give a child on Christmas morning. Drop-Off Sat 25th and Sun 26th November, Pick-Up Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd December. More details to follow. Thanking you in advance for your great generosity as always.

Dates for the Sunday 10am Mass choir practices: Thursday afternoon at 1pm-30th November 7th, 21st December. New members most welcome.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024 Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Archdiocesan Youth Day! A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre,

100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Speak to the parish priest to register.

Lonely Not Alone- Christmas Dinner is being provided for those who may find themselves alone, possibly after a bereavement or an illness, in Masonic Hall, 200 Grahams Rd on Christmas Day. This is very kindly being offered free by one of our local funeral directors Merrilees Family Funeral Directors, Thistle Street, 01324636446. Please contact them directly if you would like to attend on the day.

Interreligious Dialogue webinar The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is hosting an Interreligious Dialogue event online on Friday 24 November, 7-9pm. The theme is the role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue. It precedes the annual colloquium at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge on 23-24 February 2024. Details at <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/> Scottish Interfaith Week runs from 12-19 November. Resources and more at <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org>

Advent Rosary The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each Monday in Advent (4, 11, 18 December) at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

Petition for Peace Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Find it at caid.org.uk/CallForPeace

Prayer for the dead Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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: Helen Harvey, Marion Fitzpatrick, Patrick Coyle McGlade, Peter MacDonald, B. Kewell, Ena Rossi, David Allan, Susan O'Connor, Sandra Sharp, James and Lily McGuire, Una McLuckie, Nicholas McFeat, William Hunter, William Byrne, Rose Byrne, Peter McBride, Joe Healey, Clare Catherine Welsh, Rose Byrne, Diana McCartney, Anna McFeat, William Jordan, Mary McKenna, Joseph Dooner Jnr., Catherine Harkins, Teresa O'Hara, Margaret Woods, The Crosbie Family, Rose Ann Gallagher, Christina Kidd, Mary Rutherford, Elizabeth McGlynn, Natalie McCue, Colette Carter, Winfred Gladys Alley, Helen Kosoris. 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 November.



FUNERALS

Name	Reception	Service	Church
Paul Gilligan R.I.P.	Monday 20 th November 6:00pm	Tuesday 21 st November 10am	St Francis Xavier's
James Wardhaugh R.I.P.		Tuesday 21 st November 3:15pm	Camelon Crematorium
Florence Casci R.I.P.	Tuesday 21 st November 6:00pm	Wednesday 22 nd November 10am	St Francis Xavier's

