



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

Sunday 19th November 2023 33rd Sunday of the Year

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's

Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Requiem 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
Friday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass

Rosary Monday 9am

Saints of the Week and Feast Days

Tuesday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	St Cecilia
Thursday	St Clement
Friday	St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions
Saturday	St Catherine of Alexandria

Thank you for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £ 2099.

Welcome to Jack Leonard Turner who was baptized last weekend and congratulations to his family.

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 reassurance that the proceeds will be used for the pastoral needs of the parish.

Collection for the World Day for the Poor takes place this 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).

Finance Committee meet tomorrow Monday 20th at 7pm and Fabric Committee meet on same evening at 8pm both in St Francis Xavier's chapel house.

The Saint Michael the Archangel Statue Tour Since May of 2022, churches, convents, monasteries, and houses of prayer throughout Scotland have opened their doors to welcome a visit of the Michael Pilgrim Statue [replica of the statue at Mount Gargano, Italy] where thousands of Catholics, adults, and children alike, have come to visit the statue to experience its beauty and to seek the intercessory help of Saint Michael the Archangel. The statue arrives in St Francis Xavier's, church this Wednesday. On Thursday we will begin the novena every morning (except Sunday) at 9:45am we will pray the Novena for 9 days. We will also pray it on Thursdays at 7pm instead of the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. As always, the church will be open every day from 8:30 to 8pm for visits. Please try and come along to Mass a little earlier and pray the novena together or pop in for a private visit.

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

Bible Alive The December edition is available in both church porches.

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

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.

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.

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 and goes on 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.

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 Nov 10am-4pm, Sun 26th Nov 11am-3pm. Pick-Up Sat 2nd Dec 9am-3pm, Sun 3rd Dec 11am-3pm. Thanking you in advance for your great generosity as always.

Christmas Party On Sunday 10th Dec. from 1:30 to 3:00pm there will be a Christmas Party in St. Francis Xavier church hall.

Children who regularly attend the children's **Sex & relationships education** The Scottish Government has removed all reference to them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine liturgy in either St Francis or St. Anthony's Catholic schools in a draft document that upon them may they rest in peace. Amen. slips for the party will be available after Mass will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health May their souls and all the souls of the this Sunday 19th November and must be and Parenthood education in classrooms. It faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

St Andrew's Primary School PTA Christmas Fayre Saturday 9th Dec 12pm-3pm. Please come along to support our school and local small businesses. Santas Grotto, food trucks, fairground rides, home baking and lots more. This will be a great family day out for everyone. The PTA are looking to raise funds to support the new school library and provide more events for the kids throughout the rest of the school year.

Christmas Jumper Appeal We are asking for your preloved Christmas jumpers, as we will be participating in Christmas Jumper day on 6th December, if you can we are collecting jumpers at school up to the end of November. We appreciate all your support. St Andrews PTA

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.

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.

Prisoners' Week A prayer for Prisoners' Week (19-25 November). Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in His strength and in His Spirit. Now and every day. Amen.

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>

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

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Forsyth, John McMahon, John MacDonald, Hugh Lawrence, Grace Wotherspoon, Norma Canny, Hugh Forsyth, Joseph Grogan, Stanley Lyon, Eliza Brown, Catherine Harvey, Rachel (Dolly) Woods, John Hardie, Jeremiah Callan, James Callaghan, John Meighan, Rose Marie Watson, Michael Kelly, Rodney Moore, Dominic Toye, H. Wilson, J. Roy, Mary Kane, Maureen Relf, Sr. Mary David, John O'Connor, Jim McElroy, Margaret Jackson, James Lunn, Jacqueline A. Robinson, Charlie McGhee, Eugene Cox, Isabella Burt, Clare Welsh, Joseph Carberry, Annie McGhee, Janet McFadden, Thomas Cowell. 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

