



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 17th March 2024 5th Sunday of Lent - B

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's	
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Monday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Stations of Cross
Friday	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am Mass 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sunday	9:00-9:45am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9:00-9:50am
Saturday	10:30-11:15am
Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday.	
Divine Mercy after 10am Mass, Friday.	
Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday	
Confessions	
Thursday	7:30-8pm
Saturday	10:30-11:15am and 4:15-4:45pm
Mass Times at St Anthony's	
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Thursday	9:30am Mass
Friday	9:30am Mass 7:00pm Stations of Cross
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Rosary Monday 9am	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday and Thursday	8:30-9:20am
Confessions	
Friday	7:30-8pm & Saturday 10-10:30am
Saints of the Week and Feast Days	
Monday	– St Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday	– Solemnity of St Joseph
Saturday	– St Turibius of Mongrovejo

Union of Catholic Mothers' St Patrick's night social: Wednesday 20th March at 7pm.

Lent 2024 Today we enter the fifth week of Lent. Please continue your great efforts of attending the additional Masses, Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. And if you have "slipped up", don't be down hearted, just start again.

Sacrament of Penance There will be many opportunities during Holy Week to come to Confessions to prepare your souls for Easter. Confessions are available as follows: **Confessions**

This Sunday	During All Masses
Next Saturday	23/03/2024
10:30-11:30am	Fr McInnes
11:30-12:30am	Fr Benedict
12:30-1:30pm	Fr Matthew
1:30-2:30pm	Cannon Boylan
2:30-3:30pm	Fr Daniel
3:30-4:15pm	Fr Emmanuel
4:15-4:45pm	Fr Martin

In both church porches, there are adult and child guides to an examination of conscience and the Sacrament of Confession, for anyone who would find them helpful.

The Parish Clergy are visiting the housebound in preparation for Easter. Communion Ministers, please inform those you visit that the priests will happily celebrate the Sacrament of Confessions during their visit in preparation for Easter.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: available in the church porches. Please return by Easter Sunday.

Liturgy of the Passion (Good Friday at 3pm): Our children's liturgy leaders, in both churches, will offer Stations of the Cross as an alternative to the liturgy of the passion. Children who would like to take part in stations of the cross should meet in St Francis Sacristy or St Anthony's Hall at 3:55pm. The children will return to the church in time to venerate the cross.

Holy Week Please try your best to attend as many of the Holy Week Liturgies as you can, but try to make the Easter Triduum a priority.

The Easter Vigil will be held in St Francis Xavier's at 7pm on Saturday 30th March.

Easter Decorations: Last year we decorated both churches with white lilies. Many people have asked if we can repeat this. If you would like to donate white lilies in memory of a loved one who has gone before us, so that the flowers will be fully bloomed for Easter Sunday, please place them in the buckets (in both church porches) **between Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday.** Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Chrim Mass will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm. At this Mass we not only celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist, the Institution of the Priesthood and the blessing of the oils that will be used in all the parishes in the Archdiocese during the next twelve months, the clergy also renew the priestly promises. It is our intention to organise a coach to this Mass, so that we can join the Archbishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful throughout archdiocese praying for the needs of the clergy and archdiocese. Please consider coming along. There is a list in the porch in each church for you to sign up. The coach will leave St Francis Xavier's at 5:30pm and St Anthony's at 5:45pm. We should return to Falkirk around 9:15/9:30pm. Why not come along and give thanks to God for the gifts of the Eucharist and priesthood. To book a seat on the coach, add your name to the sheet in the church porches.

Congratulations to our children who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance/Confession. A big thank you to the parents, catechists and teachers who prepared the children.

12pm Choir The Parish Schola sing traditional Gregorian chants and other sacred music. If you wish to join, please come to our rehearsals in the hall every Sunday at 10.30am. All are welcome!

10am Choir practice: Thursday 14th March 1pm and Thursday 21st March 2pm. All are welcome!

Warm Places Lunch will be available every Thursday from 12 to 2pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. Homemade soup, toasties, biscuits and hot drinks will be served, along with great company!

Thank you for your generosity, the offertory cash collection last Sunday was £2173.65 and the special collection for Papal and Episcopal charities was £1527.90

RCIA takes place on Tuesday in St Francis Xavier's sacristy from 7pm.

Please visit our Piety Stalls for a great selection of Easter cards and gifts.

Holy Week	St Francis Xavier's	St Anthony's
Palm Sunday		
Vigil Mass	5:00pm	
Exposition	9-9:45am	
Holy Mass	10am, 12noon, 1pm (Polish), 7pm	11am
Confessions	9-10:45am 11:15-1pm, 4-6pm & 6-8pm	10-10:45am
Monday		
Exposition & Confessions	9-9:50am	8:30-9:20am
Holy Mass	10am	9:30am
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	7pm	
Tuesday		
Exposition & Confessions	9-9:50am	8:30-9:20am
Holy Mass	10am	9:30am
Chrism Mass	7pm St Mary's	Cathedral, Edinburgh
Wednesday		
Exposition & Confessions	9-9:50am	
Holy Mass	10am & 7pm	
Holy Thursday		
Morning Prayer	10am	9:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7pm	6pm
Confessions	8-8:30pm	7-7:30pm
Night Prayer	10:45pm	8:45pm
Good Friday		
Morning Prayer	10am	9:30am
Walk of Witness	12noon	
Passion, Veneration and Holy Communion	3pm	3pm
Confessions	4:15-5pm, 7:45-8:15pm	4:15-5pm, 6:45-7:15pm
Stations of the Cross and Veneration		6pm
Tenebrae Service	7pm	
Holy Saturday		
Morning Prayer	10am	9:30am
Confessions	9:15-9:45am	9:45-10:15am
Easter Sunday		
Easter Vigil	7pm	
Holy Mass	10am, 12noon	11am
No Easter Sunday 7pm Mass		

Parish Trip to York Thank you to the 40 people who have signed up and sent deposits for this trip. If you have still to send your deposit, please do so as soon as possible. If you would still like to join us on this trip, please email/telephone the parish office by Easter Sunday. It is our intention to offer the remaining 10 places to other parishes in the deanery. There will be an information meeting after Easter.

Vacancy The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. Job description and application details are in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org. Closing date for applications is Friday 22 March 2024

Called to be Saints - Youth Day A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question, *What does it take to be a saint in the modern world?* Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, television presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints OR *speak to Fr Martin.*

Hall/Social Committee meet this Thursday in St Francis Xavier's house at 7:45pm. If you would like to help or contribute to the social life of the parish, please come along.

Funerals

'May the angels lead them into paradise!'

Name	William Pate
Funeral Reception	N/A
Funeral Mass	20 March at 10am
Church	St Francis Xavier's
Name	Mairi MacLellan
Funeral Reception	20 March at 6pm
Funeral Mass	21 March at 9:30am
Church	St Anthony's
Name	Lisa Marie Toland
Funeral Reception	
Funeral Mass	2 nd April at 10am
Church	St Francis Xavier's
Name	Maureen Adams
Funeral Reception	
Funeral	27 March at 3:15pm
Church	Falkirk Crematorium

Anniversaries: William Hunter Jnr, Marion Fitzpatrick, Eric Burno, Campbell Rich, Lee Cochrane, Maria Gunn, Margaret McPeake, Elizabeth Miller, Primo Pellegrini, George Devlin, Daniel Kane, Irene Maud Toye, Patrick Lynach, Tom Harvey, Rosie & John Burgoyne, Patrick Gorman, Frank Allison, Ruth Armstrong McDonald Cameyon, Helen McCabe, Gerry McGleave, Helen Kennedy, Joseph Compapiamo, John Nagle, John Francis Noble, Rachel Burn, John O'Connor, Agnes (Nan) McQuade, John Mohan, Margaret Ann Travers, D. Hughes, D. Hughes Jnr., Jean Hughes, Peter Hughes, D. Hughes, Fred Walsh, Tommy Winter Jnr, Renata Wantuch, Norah Prylewski, Roman Szczesniak, Cormac McNelis, Philip Kelly, Walter Marshall, Lianda Notterangelo, Thomas Hendrie, James Hainey, Maureen Anna Young and John Bradley Cullen

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

We welcome members of our local **Catenian Association** to 12 noon Mass. The Circle meet in Dunblane on the third Monday of the month - new members welcome
- membership@thecatenians.com.

The Walking Group will walk from St. Paul's Church to Schoenstatt Shrine on 19th March, meeting at St Paul's for 9:30am Mass. For more information contact Neil on 07718625511.

Laudato Si weekly message is available on the parish Facebook page.

Paul H. O'Connor Funeral Care 13b High Street, Bonnybridge, FK4 1BX, has very kindly sponsored the newsletter.