



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 28th April 2024, 5th Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times 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 6:00pm St. Padre Pio
Saturday	10:00am Mass 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mon & Wed 9:00-9:45am	
Rosary Mon-Thu after 10am Mass	
Confessions Thursday: 7:20-7:40pm Sat: 10:30-11:15am, 4:15-4:45pm	
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Feast Days	
Mon:	St Catherine of Siena
Tue:	St Pius V
Wed:	St Joseph the Worker
Thu:	St Athanasius
Fri:	Ss. Philip & James
Sat:	Our Lady

Welcome to Harper and Benjamin Rhodes who were baptised last weekend in St Francis Xavier's Church. Congratulations to them and their family!

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting for the sacrament of infant baptism will take place this Monday, 29th April, at 7pm, in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. If you would like to register your child for this beautiful sacrament, please come along to the meeting – no need to register in advance.

Rite of Presentation of the Our Father, for children preparing for First Holy Communion in May, takes place this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers as they journey towards their special day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays and Wednesdays will continue as normal. However, in light of recent circumstances, there will be no exposition on Saturdays until further notice.

Andrew King: Marian and family would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners for their kind support on the recent death of Andrew (Drew). Thanks too for all the Mass and sympathy cards. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Union of Catholic Mothers meet this Wednesday, 1st May, at 1pm, in St Francis Xavier's Church for the Rosary, followed by a meeting in the hall at 1:30pm. At 2pm, all are welcome to join us in the hall for a talk on fire prevention, by an officer from the Fire Brigade.

Dates for the Diary – events until June.

First Holy Communion	18 May
Crowning of Our Lady	19 May
First Holy Communion Parties	19 May
Alpha Training Day	8 June
Parish 40 Hours	31 May – 2 June
Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession in Falkirk	2 June
Parish Day out	15 June
Blessing of the graves	9 June

Update on Warm Places. This initiative has been ongoing since early January and it has been very well supported by people from the area including our own parishioners. A huge thank you to the two teams of ten each who offer the hospitality every Thursday from 12-2pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. It was due to stop this Thursday, but the volunteers would like to continue until at least the end of May. Please pass the word that warm places will continue every Thursday until the end of May.

Annual General Meeting of St Francis Xavier's & St Mary's Credit Union Ltd

will be held on Sunday 12th May at 2pm in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall. This is an important moment in the history of our credit union and it would be appreciated if as many members as possible were able to attend.

Many thanks to everyone who collected their Gift Aid envelopes and to those who have signed up for Gift Aid. Envelopes are still in both porches, for anyone who has not yet collected them. If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid (by envelope or standing order) please collect the documents from the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was £2062.58.

Special Collection. This weekend, there will be a special collection to support our students in Rome who are preparing to be future priests for our Archdiocese.

RCIA continues this Tuesday at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's sacristy.

Pastoral Council meet this Monday, 29th April, at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Church house.

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill. Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Save the date An Archdiocesan Lourdes Day takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 18 August. The day will include Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Details to follow soon.

Youth Day for p4-p7

Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged p4-p7 why not sign them up for *A Day with Mary* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

Salamanca

St Mary's Parish in Stirling invites people from across the Archdiocese to join them on pilgrimage to Salamanca, Spain, from 12-19 October 2024. Includes trips to Avilla and Segovia, staying at the Royal Scots College (twin rooms only). Contact: admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk or 01786 473749.

Missing Mass Intentions. The house was broken into through the week and a number of Mass intentions were stolen. If, in the last week, you handed in a Mass intention, please contact the parish office with the details. We apologise for this unfortunate incident. Fr Allan.

MA Theology SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Register www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

Mass for Married & Engaged couples

The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling [0131 334 1693](tel:01313341693).

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th - 14th July: By air from Edinburgh. Prices start at £919. Bookings can now be made directly online or contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or <http://www.tangneytours.com/Edinburgh>

The Parish Phone line

is not working properly. We are actively trying to resolve this. If you cannot get in touch by phone please email the office. Thank you for your patience.

Paul H. O'Connor Funeral Care

13b High Street, Bonnybridge, FK4 1BX, has very kindly sponsored the newsletter.

Synod The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on [0131 441 1939](tel:01314411939) or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Anniversaries: Fr. Willie Henery, Robert Donaldson, Frank Richardson, James Buchanan, Gerard Summers, Bridget McAllister, Theresa Kane, C. Black, Theresa Callaghan, Agnes Gorman, John Short, Peter Brady, Maureen Allan, George Wilson, Anna Sarzynski, Bridget Harvey, Duncan Cram, Bernard McElroy, Agnes Donnelly, Joseph Nally, Bridget Boyle, Joseph Crow, Martin C. Spain, Myra J. Spain, Peter Sneddon, Ann (Shera) McMorrow, Anne Montague Hazel, Hugh Fawcett, Hugh Fawcett Jnr, Jean Fawcett, Fr. Herbert Herrity, William Welsh, James Byrne, Annie Maguire, James Smith, James Buchanan, Bridget Brown, Michael Martin, Bridget O'Donnell, Jim Campbell, Peter Clark, Anne Marchi and May O'Brien.

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

'May the angels lead them into paradise!'

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Andrew Morrison		Friday 3 rd May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Russell		Tuesday 14 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
James Irwin	Monday 6 th May at 6pm	Tuesday 7 th May at 9:30am	St Anthony's