



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6:00pm Mass
Friday	10:00am Mass
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	
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Rosary	
Monday	at 9am
Feast Days	
Thu:	The Ascension of the Lord
Fri:	St John of Avila
Sat:	Our Lady

**We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension**, a holy day of obligation, this Thursday. There will be an additional Mass on Thursday evening at 6pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, so there will be no devotions that evening. We wish everyone a Happy Feast Day! *'Our Lord Ascended into Heaven to uplift our hope'*. (St Thomas Aquinas)

**Welcome** to Grace Sophia Henderson who was baptised last weekend in St Francis Xavier's Church. Congratulations to her family!

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting for the sacrament of infant baptism will take place on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm, in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. If you would like to register your child for this beautiful sacrament, please email Deacon Kenneth:

[baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**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.

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

will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

**Warm Places** continues this Thursday from 12-2pm in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall and will run every Thursday until the end of May, thanks to our volunteers.

**Celebrating Diversity in St Andrew's Primary School**

The Parent Council and Staff of St Andrew's Primary School invite parents and guardians, of our school pupils, to an afternoon of festivities. This international event will celebrate our diverse school community through music, dance and cuisine - a great opportunity to come together and learn about each other's cultures. The celebration will take place next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, from 3pm until 5pm, in St Andrew's Primary School. For further information, please email: [ptaandpcstandrewsfalkirk@outlook.com](mailto:ptaandpcstandrewsfalkirk@outlook.com).

**The Parish Phone line** is now fully working again. If you need to contact the office, please use the usual number 01324 623567. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was £2114.51 and the special collection, to support our students in Rome, was £1217.57.

**There will be a special Collection**, next Sunday, for the apostolate of communications. This helps to fund the Catholic Media Office.

**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, please collect the documents from the church porches.

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

**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](http://www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide) or email [office@rcpolitics.org](mailto:office@rcpolitics.org) for more information.

**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](mailto:admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk) or 01786 473749.

**Marriage Counselling**

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence [marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk](mailto:marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

**Funding for teachers** Are you a teacher considering studying for the Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach Religious Education? The Archdiocese will pay half the cost of this course for 20 teachers working in our Archdiocese. For an application form please email [kay.leslie@staned.org.uk](mailto:kay.leslie@staned.org.uk)

**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](http://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](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk) or by calling **0131 334 1693**.

**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.

**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** or visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)

**Anniversaries:** Edward Gray, John Wood, Hannah Power Wood, Tom Wood, Georgie Wood, Bernard Joseph Shields, Mary Shields, Bridget Power, Thomas Power, George Wood, Mary Lamont Wood, Mary McGlynn, John Fleming, Rosemary Docherty, Jean Gogan, Bridget McCartney, Edmund Powlowski, Annie Kane, Thomas Monteith, James Lynn, Thomas Ferrier, Agnes Cairns, Betty Struthers, Patrick Grogan, William Lilley, Tom Callaghan, John Sludden, Nancy Timmins, Christine McAteer, Sean Byrne, John Marshall, Ellen Dougan, Carmela Pozzo, Celia Holland, James Lynn, Mary Winters, Catherine Wood, Jay, John Docherty, Jessie Notorangelo, Gerry Pollock, Helen O'Connor, Catherine Mailer, Rev. Cannon J.C. Ward, Catherine McGuire, Hugh McMorro, Scott Fraser, Lily MacFarlane, Paul Augustine and Frank Barry.

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

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

*'May the angels lead them into paradise!'*

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
James Irwin	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May at 6pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am	St Anthony's
Angela Main		Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Russell		Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Eileen Young	tbc	tbc	St Francis Xavier's