



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 12th May 2024, 7th 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
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	
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Rosary	
Monday	at 9am
Feast Days	
Mon:	Our Lady of Fatima
Tue:	St Matthias
Sat:	St John I, Pope

Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, this Monday, 13th of May. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary, on the hour, from 10.45am until 6pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Holy Rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary. Parishioners can sign on the sheet at the back of the church to indicate preferred times to help cover the Exposition. Please come along and join us on this wonderful feast day!

First Holy Communion Please remember in your prayers all the children of our parish who will receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time this Saturday, 18th May. We wish them all a fantastic celebration!

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting for the sacrament of infant baptism will take place on Monday, 27th 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

Ian Young acknowledgement

Cathleen Young and family would like to thank all our church family for their love and support; Mass cards, cards, flowers and memory tree, following the sudden death of Ian Young. Thank you to; Fr Matthew and Deacon Kenneth for the lovely funeral, the Bereavement Group as well as the ladies who provided the funeral tea. The retiral collection for Bowel Cancer raised £225.90. A Holy Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered for all.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Mondays and Wednesdays as normal. However, there will be no exposition on Saturdays until further notice.

Dates for the Diary – events until June.

First Holy Communion	18 May
Alpha Training Day	8 June
Parish 40 Hours	31 May – 2 June
Parish Day out	15 June
Blessing of the graves	9 June

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 **this Sunday**, 12th May, from 3pm until 5pm, in St Andrew's Primary School. For further information, please email: ptaandpcstandrewsfalkirk@outlook.com.

Union of Catholic Mothers meet this Wednesday, 15th May, at 1pm in St Francis Church to pray the Rosary, followed by a meeting in the hall at 1:30pm. At 2pm all are welcome to join us for a talk by a representative of SPE Energy!

Parish Outing to Largs, Saturday 15th June. We invite you to join us for a day trip to Largs. The bus will leave St Francis at around 9:30am and return, via the coastal route, to St Francis at around 8pm. There will be a pick-up and drop-off stop at St Anthony's as well. The cost will be £20 per person - includes high tea. To book your place, add your details to the sign-up sheet in both church porches. Please put your payment in an envelope, marked Largs trip, with your name and post through the church house letterbox. Everyone welcome!

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was £2041.27.

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

Welcome to Thomas Libera Tivoli who was baptised last weekend in St Francis Xavier's Church. Congratulations to his family!

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

Laudato Si Week 19th to 26th May 2024 St Anthony's Church will be showing Pope Francis' wonderful film in the church hall at St Anthony's, on Friday 24th May at 7pm. There will be tea, coffee, cake and snacks from 6.30pm, film lasts 70 mins. Suitable for ages 11+, all welcome!

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.

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

Annual General Meeting of St Francis Xavier's & St Mary's Credit Union Ltd will be held this 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.

Treasuring the Gift – Sacred Scripture Reflection Day The translation of the Bible that we hear at Mass is changing this Advent. The Archdiocese has organised a day of prayer, study and discussion to learn more about this and to reflect on the gift of the word of God for the Church. *Treasuring the Gift* takes place on Saturday 8 June 10:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/treasuringthegift

Gift Aid If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid, please collect the documents from the church porches.

Events in the Archdiocese For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

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

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).

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.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on Sunday 23 June 2024. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

Anniversaries: Mary Neish, Annie Fotheringham, Christine McLeish, Patricia Silcock, Mgr. W. Drobina, Devasia Thomson, Charles Enyi, William Farrell, Nan Nixon, John Peter Scalan, Nora Parker, Agnes Cullen, Edward Travers, George Beattie, Elizabeth Fullard, Brian Redding, John Semple, Annie Williamson, Fr. J. Tweedie, Peter Tilley, Anthony Evangelisti, Hugh Grogan, Mai Hickey, Frances Clafferty, Cathy McBride, Susan Coyle, Peter Docherty, Franciszek Waclawski, John Lavens, Lilly McFarlane, Pearl Swords and Rosemary Bernadette Docherty.

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

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has very kindly sponsored the newsletter.



'May the angels lead them into paradise!'

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Mary Russell		Tuesday 14 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Eileen Young	Thursday 16 th May at 6pm	Friday 17 th May at 10am	St Francis Xavier's