



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

Sunday 23rd June 2024, **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Fr Daniel P. Doherty, Fr Matthew Ngiye & Deacon Kenneth Mununga

St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	The Nativity of St John the Baptist	Special Intention
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass		Louise Podmore, RIP
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Danny McKerral, RIP
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St Cyril of Alexandria	Catherine Callaghan, RIP
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass	St Irenaeus	Rose Mochan, RIP
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil			Mass of thanksgiving
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (polish) & 7pm		Ss Peter and Paul	Special Intention
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Sunday	11am			

Confession is available in St Francis Xavier's church on Thursday evening from 7:20pm until 7:40pm, on Saturday morning from 10:30am until 11:15am and on Saturday evening from 4:15pm until 4:45pm.

Morning Prayer takes place in St Francis Xavier's church (St Margaret's side chapel) at 9:30am Monday to Saturday. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was £1929.11.

Infant Baptism. If you would like to register your child for this beautiful sacrament, please email Deacon Kenneth for further information: baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Welcome to Alexander Yankova who was baptised last weekend in St Francis Xavier's Church. Congratulations to his family!

Parish Trip to York. A meeting will be held in St Francis Xavier's hall **this Wednesday 26th June** at 7pm to discuss the programme for all intending to travel on the trip. Everyone who has booked a place on the break is most welcome to attend.

From Monsignor Chambers Administrator, St Francis Xavier's Parish

My dear friends, by now you may have either read or heard that I will be the Administrator of St Francis Xavier's Parish, that Fr Matthew is moving on and that we will have two new priests on the parish staff. Along with our own Deacon Kenneth, who has been such a help and guide to me, we will soon have a solid clergy team of four and be back up to full strength.

This will not take effect until the first weekend of September, but I intend to move in permanently on Tuesday September 3rd, after discussion with my own replacement in Bathgate and his replacement in St Andrews - it's a bit like moving house and you are in a chain!

I would like to think that, in time, this news will bring a degree of stability to our parish family after what has been a very disturbing few months for everyone.

In the meantime, I will do my best to be around the parish during the week to celebrate a week day Mass. However, I will not be in attendance at the weekend until September, as I still have commitments in St Mary's Bathgate.

Thank you for your patient, understanding and kindness to me

personally. With God's grace and help we will get back to the way it was before, united in our common service to the Lord.

I very much look forward to working with you all! Fr Allan.

Fr Neil Crombie's Golden Jubilee

A massive thank you to all who attended the 50th Jubilee celebration of Fr Neil Crombie. A special mention for the generosity of Joe and Helen Kennedy, Catherine and Aileen McFeat, Kate Robinson, the Social Committee and helpers for all their hard work providing excellent hospitality in the hall. Thanks also to the altar servers and Kathleen Pinas and the choir for their contribution to the beautiful liturgy. Finally, many thanks to all who attended to ensure a very joyful experience for Fr Neil, his guests and family. The retiral collection for Fr Neil was £1247.67. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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

School Uniform Exchange

We are delighted to accept donations of clean, pre-worn school uniforms suitable for another child to wear, for our uniform exchange. Drop off St Francis Church hall **next Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June** between 12 and 3pm. Uniforms will be ready for collection Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 12-3pm. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the uniforms for collection. If you can help, please leave your contact details on the form in the church porch. Thank you.

Enhanced Security Measures

In the next few weeks, work will commence to enhance security on the sanctuary at St Francis Xavier’s church, which will be alarmed.

Main Church Entrance

Due to recent events and to comply with security and insurance requirements, the main doors of the church will be closed after each Mass (Monday to Saturday) with immediate effect. However, the side door will always remain open as before.

Peter’s Pence

The annual collection for Peter’s Pence is on Sunday 30 June. Donations to Peter’s Pence support Pope Francis’ Mission and charitable works, which have financed 192 projects in 72 countries. Thank you for your generosity.

Dominican Conference

The Second Conference in Edinburgh of the Dominican Family, with the theme of Mercy, takes place Friday 28/Saturday 29 June at the Assembly Hall and New College, Edinburgh. This is a public event and there is no charge. If you wish to have a meal on Friday or Saturday, please book using the following link (donation welcome): bit.ly/godsmercyandyours

Columba Trust

The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals to support projects which promote the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **31 July 2024**.

Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at: <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

African & Caribbean Community

The next Mass with the African & Caribbean community in the Archdiocese is at St Cuthbert’s Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT at 2pm on Sunday 7 July.

Schola Cantorum

An evening of summer music takes place at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on Wednesday 26 June. The event features Vivaldi Gloria in D with Chamber Orchestra, followed by drinks reception. Tickets £10.

Visit <https://bit.ly/CathedralSummerMusic2024>

MA Theology SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25. For more information about the course visit: [Applied Catholic Theology \(Edinburgh\) | St Mary's University, Twickenham, London \(stmarys.ac.uk\)](https://stmarys.ac.uk)

Anniversaries: Paul Francis Scott (baby), Molly Ayscough, Brenda Tolmie, Terence Cochrane, Remo Lorenzetti, John Coyle, Kitty Jones, Morag Grey, Isobel Hill, Andrew Tennant Jnr, Andrew Tennant Snr, Margaret McDonald, Peter McDonald, Peter McDonald Jnr, James McDonald, Martha McDonald, Nan McDonald, Margaret Hill, Michael McGinley, Mary Gallagher, Donald Rock, Christina McGinley, Thomas Purdie, Mary Marshall, Margaret Peters, Mary Watson, Kathie Sneddon, Margaret McPherson, Winifred Scott, Brenda Tolmie, Margaret Meade, George Bennie, Teresa Nally, James Bell, Michael O’Neill, Elda Evangelisti, Mary Josephine Silcock, Fanny McGeever, Hugh Kane, John Collins, Betty Monteith, May Silcock, Maggie McNelis, Edward Patrick McCue, Brendan Gallagher and John Sloan.

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

Events in the Archdiocese

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

‘May the Angels Lead them into Paradise...’

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Daniel McKerral, Charles Cassidy and Charles Lynch and remember in your prayers their families.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Daniel McKerral	Tue 25 th at 6pm	Wed 26 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier’s
Charles Cassidy	Thur 27 th at 6pm	Fri 28 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier’s
Charles Lynch		Mon 1 st at 3:15pm	Falkirk Crematorium