



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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024, **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Betty Payne (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass	The Transfiguration of the Lord	David Silcock (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Margaret McFarlane (Anniversary)
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St Dominic	Ellen Sweeney (Anniversary)
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	Andrew McCormack (Anniversary)
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		St Laurence	Marie Divers, RIP
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			Charlie & Jean Syme (Special Intention)
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Sunday	11am			

**Confession** is available in St Francis Xavier's church on Saturday morning from 10:30am until 11:15am and on Saturday evening from 4:15pm until 4:45pm. **Please note there will be no confession on Thursday evenings until the new clergy team start in September.**

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

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting for infant baptism will be on **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 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 for further information:

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

**Welcome to** Elliott Frew who was baptised in St Francis Xavier's Church last weekend. Congratulations to his family!

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1980.57.**

**From Monsignor Chambers Administrator;** My dear friends of our parish, I am sure like everyone else, it was with great incomprehension that I watched the tragic events unfolding in Southport last week.

A familiar happening all over the UK during the summer is holiday clubs, where children of various ages are engaged in all sorts of innocent pleasures. In most cases, children are happy and excited to be taking part whilst parents and guardians rest in the hope that their children are safe and doing something they are looking forward to under the care of dedicated teachers and helpers. And then...I need not go into that tragic event - it's too soon, too raw, and too heartbreaking for the families of those three young innocent girls who were murdered.

The awfulness of Dunblane, that spring day in March 1996, came too readily to mind with all its awfulness and tragedy. To be frank, unspeakable evil was present that morning last week as it undoubtedly was that spring morning in Dunblane - we need to acknowledge that, painful though it may be. What we also need to acknowledge is that light

and goodness were present that day as well.

Jesus, in the Gospel of Saint John, reminds us that we are not abandoned, He is still with us and His Light continues to guide us - how, you may ask? He is present in the people who ran to help - the men from the garage, the window cleaner and, of course, the police and ambulance services. Their presence is the light of Christ that shines with gentle hope, even in such dreadful times. May God, our loving and gentle Father, have already received those three young girls into his loving presence and may he comfort those who grieve and were wounded in this attack. Amen.

**Altar Servers** Thank you to the young people of the parish who give their time to serve at the altar every week. Their effort is greatly appreciated! We would like to invite more young people of the parish to become altar servers. If your child has received their First Communion and would like to serve at the altar, they would be very welcome! To join the parish altar servers, speak to the clergy after Mass or email the

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**Altar Servers' Day at Gillis** There will be a day for altar servers on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 11am until 3pm at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The day is for all new and existing altar servers and will include fun games, activities, talks and Mass with the Archbishop. The young people will travel to Edinburgh as a parish group with adult leaders. The event is free and transport will be provided. If your child is interested in attending, please email the parish office for further information and a registration form.

**Parish Trip to York.** The next meeting for those going on the holiday to York will be **this Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall.

#### **Fire Marshals Wanted**

Following a recent fire safety inspection, several points were raised regarding both parishes. In order to comply with one of these recommendations, it will be necessary to have two Fire Marshals present at each Mass. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We are looking for more volunteers to fulfil this role. If you can assist on a regular basis, please contact the parish office.

**Newsletter** Please email your newsletter inserts to the office by 9am on a Thursday. Many thanks.

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

**SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024** The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here [www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah) and more details about this free day will follow.

#### **Enhanced Security Measures**

The security alarm system in the sanctuary has now been installed and will be switched on after each Mass. Going forward, we may need to adjust the way we work in and around the sanctuary area when the church is not in use.

#### **Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin**

Archbishop Cushley invites you to the Archdiocesan Summer Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto on **Sunday 18 August**. There will be a Rosary Procession at 2:00pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

#### **New boilers for St Anthony's Church and hall.**

I have approved and signed off on the above, hopefully the work will be completed by the end of September so they will be working by the time winter is with us. Fr Allan

**A Scripture Reflection Day** titled 'Celebrating the Gift' will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 October 2024. The event will help explain more about the new lectionary that is being introduced in Advent and is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Details to follow.

**Barbara Dickson** will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the evening of **Thursday 3 October 2024**. Details to follow soon.

**Anniversaries:** Maisie Gallagher, Moira Anderson, Thomas Murphy, Thomas Taylor, David MacFarlane, John Hylands, Philip Roncone, Fred Walsh, George Marchi, Alexander Risk, Rosalene McCormack, Danny Gallagher, Catherine Swords, John White, Jan Juszczak, John Smith, Margaret McFarlane, Damien Ward, Alexander Strathie, Agnes McGlynn, Michael McGoff Snr, Gerald Coughlan, James Forsyth, Nan O'Fee, Sarah McCabe, Ellen Sweeney, Jimmy Cowan, Thomas Kane, Jean McGhee, Mary Harvey, Elysabeth Dolan, Daren Fitzpatrick, Martin Weir, William Burns Dougan, John Francis Collins, Elizabeth Murray and Derek McAuley

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

### **'May the Angels Lead her into Paradise'**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary and remember her family in your prayers.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>
Mary Hamilton	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

