



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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024, **21<sup>st</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		Helen Scott (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Rosary after Mass	St Monica	Concetta Caramando (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Augustine	Ellen & Tommy McGeever (Special Intention)
Thursday	10am	Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St John the Baptist	Fr Jacob Kabamba (Birthday)
Friday	10am	Divine Mercy after Mass		Stephen, RIP
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil		Our Lady	Emmanuel Blaou (Special Intention)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			Cathleen Young (Special Intention)
St Anthony's				
Monday		Rosary at 9am		
Thursday	9:30am			
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 this **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)

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2061.79.**

**From Monsignor Chambers Administrator.** My dear friends of our parish, the bell rings, the community stand and begin to sing the first hymn of the Mass, and so our Liturgy has begun to give honour, praise and glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These actions, signs and symbols take place in all churches from the largest Basilicas to the smallest church imaginable.

Here God lives among His people, through this eternal sacrifice offered once on Calvary and represented every time the holy sacrifice of the Mass is offered. Grace from this Eucharist is ever present to us and for us at all times - when we joyfully celebrate, when we face times of challenge and at times of grief and sadness. Here in this sacrifice and celebration, God and human nature combine and this is most evident as we come forward prayerfully to receive Holy Communion, that abiding and eternal presence of

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Divine Grace building on human nature to guide and direct us each day we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Eucharist truly is *food for our journey* through life, which is why I pray the prayer after Holy Communion; O Sacrament most Holy O Sacrament Divine all praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine. 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 office:

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

### 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.

**Tommy & Ellen McGeever** would like to thank everyone for the kind messages, cards and Mass Cards received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Catherine Wood**, former parishioner, wife of the late Walter Wood, passed away peacefully in London earlier this month at the age of eighty-five. Catherine had lovely memories of attending Mass at St Francis Xavier together with her husband and children Julia, Wendy and the late Walter (Jnr). Catherine will be dearly missed by her daughters Julia and Wendy, son-in-law Jason, grandsons Guy and Hunter, her extended family and wide circle of friends.

### 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.

**Beginning Experiences** are holding a weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The event will take place at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For more information, please see poster in both church porches or call Louise on: 07926571004.

### Caritas Cup – sponsorship opportunities

The Caritas Cup football and netball tournaments involve secondary schools across St Andrews & Edinburgh, Paisley and Motherwell. Organiser SCIAF is looking for sponsors. Please contact Adam ([caritascup@outlook.com](mailto:caritascup@outlook.com)) for further information around sponsorship. All funds raised will benefit SCIAF's work in Gaza and the Holy Land.

**Celebrating the Gift** A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at [bit.ly/scriptureevent](http://bit.ly/scriptureevent)

**National Pilgrimage.** The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place on Sunday 1 September, with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event will launch preparations for the Holy Year 2025

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

**Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (SAAS funding available for Scottish students!)** Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year's programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

### Justice & Peace Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on Monday 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

**Anniversaries:** Eddie Morven, Elizabeth Matyozkowioz, Christine Anderson, Margaret Gentleman, Darren MacLean, Francis Little, Michael Schofield, Tessie Clarkin, Alice Elliott, Tommy Winters Snr, Margaret Peters, Helen (Lena) Dobbie, Alexander Downie, Francis Little, James Harley, James Sneddon, Denis O'Donnell, Andrew Coyle, Ann Frame, Dennis Westfield, John McFeat, Jack McGuire, Neil Mochan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Catherine Ward, John Gentleman, Helen O'Fee, Canon Thomas Hanlon, Nora Kelleher, David Scofield, Theresa Gallagher, Joseph Lemetti, Rev. Fr. Walter P. Crampton, Edward Walsh, Mandy McKeever, Alexander Lynn and William McGlynn.

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

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Veronica Harvey	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm	Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30am	St Anthony's

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

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