



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

Sunday 8th September 2024, 23rd 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		Canon William Anthony (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Kyle McCann, RIP
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Joe Reilly, RIP
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Special Intention
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	St John Chrysostom	Dore O'Donnell, RIP
Saturday	10am & 5pm Vigil	Exposition 9-9:45am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	John Henderson, RIP
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			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 (Polish Chapel) at 9:30am Monday to Saturday. All are welcome. After reflection, I have decided to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before our week day Masses. I am of the opinion that where parishes gather in silent prayer in adoration, Grace from this devotion extends positively into the life of the parish family and bears much fruit. Consequently, morning prayer has now moved to the Polish Chapel. Thank you for your understanding.

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting for infant baptism will be on **Monday, 30th September 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

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2090.41.**

Union of Catholic Mothers are holding a fashion show in the hall on Sunday 22 September from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets cost £6 including afternoon tea and are available from any member.

From Monsignor Chambers Administrator last week, I mentioned David Bowie's song *changes* and the challenge changes can bring. This weekend, what I have spoken of in the past, regarding change, is now for us, but not only for us, a reality. A good number of parishes throughout our Archdiocese are now experiencing significant change in the transfer of parish clergy. I am aware that for parishioners this can be a difficult time when the priest they have become used to and familiar with moves on to pastures new. However, I can assure you from one who is on the move, that

it is both difficult and challenging for clergy too. I take some comfort from the Gospel passage last Thursday where Jesus invites Peter to leave everything that he is familiar with, e.g. fishing, and embark on, not only a different way of life, but one that would turn out to be very challenging. The reassurance I take from that passage is that Christ is the one extending the invitation to 'Come follow me'. Jesus final words in that passage is 'put out into the deep...' and so we do. The new clergy team and the good people of this parish.

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

Fire Marshals Wanted

Following a recent fire safety inspection, 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.

The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ on Sunday 22 September. <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

Seasons of Creation Online Event The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised an online event for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The online event will take place on **Thursday 19 September** with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>.

Beginning Experiences are holding a weekend, 4th – 6th October, for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. Please see poster in both church porches or call Louise on: 07926571004.

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

Old Parish Mass Books. With the new lectionary being introduced at the start of Advent, our current Mass books will be made redundant. Please feel free to take these old Mass books home, if you would like to.

The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

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>

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

Ceilidh Ball The National Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on Saturday 16 November at 7:00pm, includes live band and buffet. Details and Tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh>
Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations Awareness Week begins this Sunday and it is a chance for us to pray for those considering the priesthood or religious life, that they may hear God's call and respond with joyful hearts. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty, seminarians of the Archdiocese, as well as for priests across the Archdiocese who are giving their life in service of the Church. If you want to explore the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with the Archdiocesan Vocations Director Monsignor Patrick Burke on 01334 472 856 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, Director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902, (religiousvocations@staned.org.uk).

More at: <https://archedinburgh.org/vocation/>

A defibrillator has been installed at St Francis Xavier's and St Anthony's churches. In an emergency, the defibrillator can be used by anyone as no training is required. Just press the on button and then follow the instructions diagram and the prompts from the device.

Anniversaries: Joachim McMorro, Isobel Johnston, Madaline A. M. Vitesse, Leonard J. Wilkie, Madaline O'Brien, Rev. Joseph McMahon, Marion Johnstone Campbell, Joy Geoghegan, Mariamma Koshy, Margaret Maguire, Sarah Anne Waclawska, James Cuthill, Flora McHardy, Agnes Cogans, James McCabe (Jnr), Patrik McGeehan, John Nutley, Gerard Ward, Margaret Silcock, Agnes Auan, Charles Donnelly, Andrew Young, Thomas Mackerel, Harry McCue, Margaret Harris, William Hart, Nancy McIntyre, Desmond Lynagh, Felix Coleman, Lily Kotrys and Elvira Pawlyk.

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 Dore and remember her family in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Dore O'Donnell	Thur 12 th Sept at 6pm	Fri 13 th Sept at 10am	St Francis Xavier's