



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

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024, **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil			People of the Parish
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – Dore O'Donnell, RIP 12 noon – John McElroy, RIP 7pm – John McMullan, RIP
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Jerome	Dore O'Donnell, RIP
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Special Intention
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	The Holy Guardian Angels	Dore O'Donnell, RIP
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Holy Souls
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Padre Pio at 6pm	St Francis of Assisi	Dore O'Donnell, RIP
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		Holy Souls
<b>St Anthony's</b>				
Sunday	11am			Sr Kathleen Curran (SI)
Monday	No Mass today	Rosary at 9am		
Wednesday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Michael John James Evans (SI)
Friday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Iris Bridges (SI)

**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.

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

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting for infant baptism will be this **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2205.92.**

**Choir practices:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1pm in the choir loft. All are welcome.

**From Fr Allan** My dear friends of our parish, there is most definitely a chill in the air as we journey toward Halloween, then Bonfire night and then...well I am not going to mention it, but you know what I mean! Sometimes, our lives are so rushed that we are hardly able to draw breath before we move on to something else demanding our time and attention. There is no real harm in this, as long as we strike a balance...and there, I believe, is the challenge for all of us. Throughout the public ministry of Jesus, three years in all, where he was besieged by crowds of people wherever he went, he took the time to minister to those around him, but he also withdrew from them at times and encouraged his disciples to do the same. Why did he do this? Simply, to commune with the Father - to rest awhile in His presence, so that he could be better rested and prepared to begin this ministry in which we all share through our Baptism. We can learn from that, as another busy week approaches for all of us. I hope your weekend is both restful and enjoyable. Fr Allan

**Parish Football Team** Fr Joshua is starting an adults' parish football team. If you are free on a Thursday evening and would like to join, please contact Fr Joshua via the parish email:  
[office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September,** after 11am Mass in St Anthony's Church Hall. All are welcome to join us for cakes and coffee/tea. As a parish we have supported this charity very generously, and we look forward to raising more money for this worthy cause that affects so many of us directly, and indirectly. All donations of baking are welcome on the morning of 29<sup>th</sup> September. You can donate cash or via QR code using your phone. Thank you for your support.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** meet this Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's house. I look forward to meeting with them.



**Parish Trip to York** We wish all our parishioners who are traveling to York, this Monday, a safe journey and fabulous trip! The coach will pick-up from St Anthony's at 8:30am and depart from St Francis Xavier's at 8:45am. Fr Peter will celebrate Mass in St Francis at 8am for those who wish to join him. Bon Voyage!

**RCIA** continues this Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, in St Francis sacristy at 7pm, all are most welcome! Please note this course will be for one year only, beginning in September and ending with the Easter Vigil. If you would like to sign-up, please email the parish office to register your attendance if you have not already done so:  
[office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**SPRED** friends meet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

**Altar Servers** We would like to invite more young people of the parish to become altar servers. If your child is primary 4 or above and would like to serve at the altar, they would be very welcome! To join the parish altar servers, speak to Fr Peter after Mass or email the office:  
[office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Youth Day** The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. To register, please contact Fr Peter at the office:  
[office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Norah's Prize Bingo** is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please hand in any donations or unwanted gifts to Norah at the church hall. Thank you.

**Hogmanay** Does anyone in the parish play the accordion, fiddle or bagpipes? We are looking for someone to play in the Church Hall on Hogmanay. If you can help, please contact the parish office and give your details.  
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**UCM** Our next meeting is this coming Wednesday, 2 October, at 7pm in St Francis hall. New members are very welcome.

**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](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

**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. Please see poster in both church porches or call Louise on: 07926571004.

**Lay Chaplain for St Mungo's High** For more information scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church or speak with Fr Peter.

**Fire Marshals Wanted** We are looking for **more volunteers** to fulfil this role. If you can assist on a regular basis, please **email the parish office**, if you have not already done so, to enable us to contact you with future training dates.  
 May thanks.  
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**Anniversaries:** John McGeever, Patrick McNelis, Rosemary Quinn, Peter Healy, Tadeusz Cieslar, Patrick Connell, Peter Renella, Helen Malecka, James Flanagan, Robert Brown, James Holleran, Theresa Kerr, Margaret Wallace, Margaret McKee, Maureen Murphy, Gordon Court, Saul John Elliot (baby), Martin McAllister, Mary Murphy, Patrick Meighan, Sr. Benigna Harte, Joseph Kennedy, Ann Walker, Christopher Canny, Frank Clark, Catherine McLellan, Clive Thomas Allen Donaldson, Sr. Bernadette of Jesus (Carmel Clapperton), Frances McGuckin, Michael Grady, Annie Winters, Helen Corrigan, Ella McClintock, Anne Alison, Isobel McAllwood, Peter Francis, Ann Sharp, Margaret Welsh and Margaret Carberry.

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

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

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of John, Remo and William and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Requiem Mass	Church
John McElroy	8 <sup>th</sup> October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Remo Serapigila	10 <sup>th</sup> October at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
William Gorman	tbc	St Francis Xavier's