



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 13th October 2024, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil			Anne Wilson (Anniversary)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – People of the Parish 12 noon – Linda McFarlane, RIP 7pm – Derek Martin Bain (Anniversary)
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Catherine McCormick (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Teresa of Avila	Flora Corrigan, RIP
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		John Welsh, RIP
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	St Ignatius of Antioch	Evelyn, RIP
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	St Luke	Catherine Kelly, RIP
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		Dore O'Donnell, RIP
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			Trevor Senior, RIP
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		Tamsin Else (Anniversary)
Wednesday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Teddy O'Sullivan, RIP
Friday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Cormack Hanlon, RIP

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 on **Monday, 28th October, 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 **£2120.02.**

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

Fr Joshua

What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?

Again and again, in the New Testament, people ask the question: "what must I do" or "what must we do to inherit eternal life?"

Before the ministry of Jesus commenced, the question was put to John the Baptist (Lk 3: 10). Tax collectors, soldiers and the rest of the populace heard John's preaching and ask him, "what then should we do?" To each group John gave an answer appropriate to their situation: share with those who do not have, don't collect more than what is prescribed, don't try to get rich on the people around you.

After Jesus began his preaching, a rich young man came to him - in today's Gospel - and asked, " what must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus tells him to keep the Ten Commandments, he lists some of them and adds...love your neighbour as yourself. He goes on to invite the man to change his way of life, sell his possession, give the money to the poor and to 'come and follow me'.(Mk 10:17-21)

On another occasion, a legal Scholar asks the same question (Lk 10:25 - 28). This time Jesus answers with a question, " what does the law say?" The man answered with citation from the Hebrew Scriptures to the effect that " we must love God with our whole heart and love our neighbour as

ourselves. Jesus affirms the man's response: "Do this and you will live" .

After St. Peter's address on Pentecost, the People asked Peter and the other Apostles, "What are we to do, brothers, to be save?" Peter answered: "Repent and be baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ" and you will be save (Acts 2:14-38). Still when Paul and Silas were set free from imprisonment by an earthquake, the terrified jailer asked " Sir what must I do to be saved?" Paul replied, "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 16: 25-31).

If we summarise all the answers given to this question, the list will be: love God with your whole heart, love yourself appropriately, love your neighbour as yourself, keep the Ten Commandments, repent, believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him, be baptised and lead a good life and you will inherit eternal life.

Warm Places restarts next Thursday, 24th October, in St Francis Xavier's hall.

RCIA continues this Tuesday, 15th October, in St Francis Xavier's sacristy at 7pm, all are most welcome!

Bible Study The Group continues to meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in the spiritual library in the church hall. We are currently looking at St Paul's letter to the Romans, new members are most welcome. Our friend, George Herriot, has stepped down as leader of the Bible Study Group after many years of inspiring leadership. The group has always appreciated George sharing his knowledge and encouraging us to deepen our understanding of the Bible, we thank George sincerely for his service and friendship.

Church Opening Time at St Francis St Francis Xavier's Church will be open from 8am until 5pm unless there is an evening Mass or Devotion.

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

Altar Servers We would like to invite more young people of the parish to become altar servers. For more information, speak to Fr Peter after Mass or email the office: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

The next UCM meeting is on Wednesday 16th October from 7-9 pm in the church hall. All current and new members are very welcome.

Norah's Prize Bingo is on Wednesday 23rd 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. office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Fire Marshals Wanted We are looking for **more volunteers** to fulfil this role. If you can assist on a regular basis, please contact the parish office.

Lay Chaplain for St Mungo's High If you are interested in this voluntary role, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church or speak with Fr Peter.

SPRED friends meet this Wednesday, 16th October, at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's hall.

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

Legion of Mary

The parish clergy wish to acknowledge the hard work and evangelical zeal of the the Legion of Mary this past week. We are grateful for this and we pray their efforts will bear much fruit in the fullness of time, please God and His Blessed Mother.

Parish Bereavement Group

Grateful thanks to our parish bereavement group who are always available to support families suffering a bereavement. We are impressed by the sensitive way in which they go about this important ministry. Many thanks to you all.

The Fabric Meeting at the end of the month has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Romero Lecture 2024

Celebrating the witness and legacy of St Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 in El Salvador, Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic community in the UK will deliver this year's lecture on 'Romero and Ukraine: Resilience in the Face of Injustice'. Friday 18 October at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. All welcome. In partnership with SCIAF, Justice and Peace Scotland, Pax Christi, and the Romero Trust.

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St

Margaret! The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Anniversaries: Mary O'Hara, John Martin, Helen Bell, Andrew Crosbie, Paul Reid, Derek Martin Bain, Joseph Skrukwa, Maureen Marshall, Mary Evenden, Barney McBride, Catherine McCormack, Bella Collins, James Joseph McPaul, William Griffen, Nana Murtagh, David Bell, Alexander Strathie, Charlie O'Donnell, Margaret Cowan, Maureen Murphy, Henry Hansen, Roberta McGurk, Hugh Morrow, William McElroy, Patrick Hanlon (Snr), Tamsin Else, Hugh O'Connor, Agnes Grant, William Paterson, Elizabeth Beattie, Charles Harley, Mary Morrow, John Manson Renton, Norah Curtis, Bill McKenna, George Gorman, Margaret Andrew, Michael Lynagh, Sarah Paterson, Paddy Smith, William McGuckin and Marian Bennett.

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 Baby Missy, Flora, John, Linda, Mary Robert and William and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Flora Corrigan		Tue 15 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
John Welsh		Wed 16 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Burt		Thu 17 th at 11:30am	Falkirk Crematorium
William Gorman		Mon 21 st at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Robert McCormick	Mon 21 st at 6pm	Tue 22 nd at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Baby Missy Doherty		Tue 22 nd at 1pm	St Anthony's
Linda McFarlane	Tue 22 nd at 6pm	Wed 23 rd at 10am	St Francis Xavier's