



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

Sunday 20th October 2024, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil			Bill McKenna (anniversary)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – People of the Parish 12 noon – Flora Corrigan, RIP 7pm – John Welsh, RIP
Monday	10am Requiem Mass	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		William Gorman, RIP
Tuesday	10am Requiem Mass	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Robert McCormack, RIP
Wednesday	10am Requiem Mass	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Linda McFarlane, RIP
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Anne Allison (anniversary)
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		Eileen Shirley (anniversary)
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		Frank & Sandy Carr (anniversary)
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			Cormac Hanlon, RIP
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		Irene Flanagan, RIP
Tuesday	1pm Requiem Mass			Baby Missy Doherty, RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Idris James Evans (anniversary)
Friday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Holy Souls

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 **£2059.85**

Fr Peter on The Examen. It would be very easy to feel that amid our busy lives which are full of

temptations, distractions and suffering, that God is not with us. In times of difficulty, He can seem very remote. However, there is an important antidote to this feeling, and it can be found in a Jesuit spiritual exercise called the examen which is an examination of conscience. The second of the five stages of this exercise asks us to show gratitude and to note the gifts that God's love has given me this day and give thanks for them. This is designed to help us to realise that God is present in our lives every day, and it calls on us to recognise, acknowledge and thank God for these moments. Doing an examination takes a lot of time and practise, however, it is worthwhile during moments when we feel that God is distant, to take some quiet time out of our hectic lives to pray for the grace to understand where God has touched your life over the day. It's probably best to do this at the end of the day, however it can also be helpful when you are more aware of a distance between God and you.

This helps us to remember that God is alive in us and is present and active in everything that we do, say and think.

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

Warm Places restarts **this Thursday, 24th October**, in St Francis Xavier's hall at 12 noon.

Norah's Prize Bingo is **this Wednesday, 23rd October**, in St Francis Church hall.

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

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

Bible Study Group meet every Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Francis hall, spiritual library. We are looking at St Paul's letter to the Romans. New members are most welcome.

Thank you Fr Joshua, Sr Kathleen, Sr Assumpta and parishioners of St Anthony's for the good wishes at Mass on Sunday for my 90th birthday. It was a lovely surprise and much appreciated. From Theresa Harvey.

Choir practices: Thursday 31st October at **2pm** (change of time) and Thursday 7th November at **1pm**. 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

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 on Wednesday, 30th 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

Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme (RSVP) Whatever your interest, there are volunteering opportunities available for those aged 50+ across Forth Valley. For more information, please call: 01259 928 088 or see the parish Facebook page.

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.

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: Bill McFadden, George Byres Murray, Pauline McGoff, John Mullen, Kay Kennedy, Margaret Short, Elizabeth McSheffrey, Anne Mitchell, Edward Bain, Maureen Gallagher, Baby Sharon Harrower, Rita Stewart, John McGoff, John Garner, Phyllis Bell, Isabella Mitchell, James Aitken, Denis Pius Gallagher, Sarah Little, Frank Carr, Patrick Geoghegan, John Young, Ann Van Hulssen, Laurence O'Neill, Rose Clarke, Theresa McQuade, May Lynda, Isabella Doherty, Michael McCrorie, Nicandro Caramando, Bridget Martin, John Hughes Forsyth, The Hoffman Family, Harriett (Rita) Hampshire Quinn, Bridget Martin, Mary Byrne, Andrew Harley, Christina Marshall, Mary Duncan and James Lunn.

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, Linda, Robert and William and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
William Gorman		Mon 21 st at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Robert McCormack	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

