



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

Sunday 27th October 2024, 30th 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 – Robert McCormack, RIP 12pm – Linda McFarlane, RIP 7pm – Ann McFadden (Anniversary)
Monday	10am Requiem Mass	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	Ss Simon & Jude	Mandie Malcolm, RIP
Tuesday	10am Requiem Mass	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Flora Corrigan, RIP
Wednesday	10am Requiem Mass	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Margaret McGoldrick, RIP
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Charles Gerard Malley (Anniversary)
Friday	10am, 12 noon & 7pm	Exposition 9-9:45am No Padre Pio	All Saints	Linda McFarlane, RIP
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	All Souls	Cecilia Fulke (SI)
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			Cormack Hanlon, RIP
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		John McElroy, RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		HR O'Neill, RIP
Thursday	7pm Vigil		All Saints Vigil	Jimmy O'Donnell (Anniversary)
Friday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Kerry O'Neill (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, 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 **£1927.84**.

RCIA continues this Tuesday, 29th October, in St Francis Xavier's sacristy at 7pm. All are welcome!

From Fr Allan In the public ministry of Jesus, which only lasted for three years, it is noteworthy how often he is with sick people: comforting them, healing them, and being around them and their families. The Gospel of Saint Luke is the Gospel that evidences this most - hardly surprising as it was thought Luke was a doctor.

In my own life, I have had more than my share of doctors and hospitals, which, sadly, has left for me an unhappy legacy, which still to this day can affect me. I well remember, the early June of 1990, going to visit my dad who, unexpectedly for us, was admitted to the old Eastern General Hospital in Edinburgh, sitting in the car park in my car feeling anxious and uneasy about what we would be told...which was not good news.

In the car parks, here in Forth Valley,

Saint John's; Livingston, and the Edinburgh hospitals, as I write this, many people will have similar feelings: anxiety, fear, unease, and some hope sitting in their cars.

Then brave faces will be out and the walk to the wards will begin. For some the news will be good, for others, more waiting as further tests are carried out, and for others the news will not be positive.

This weekend, then, let us remember them all in our prayers, commending all the sick to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette. Amen.

Solemnity of All Saints is a holy day of obligation which we celebrate this Friday, 1st November. Masses are as follows: 7pm Vigil, St Anthony's (Thursday evening) and 10am, 12 noon, and 7pm in St Francis Xavier's.

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 continues **this Thursday, 31st October**, in St Francis Xavier's hall from 12 noon until 2pm. All are welcome.

Thank you from Norah. Norah would like to thank everyone who donated to the prize bingo - we raised £735. The sale of book this year has also raised £345 for the hall funds. Thank you again from Norah.

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

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.

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

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, 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

John Welsh. The retiral collection from the funeral Mass of John Welsh raised £172.83. This will be donated to the cause identified by the family.

All Souls' Day Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, **Saturday 2 November**, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

Zoom series on new Lectionary The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min. talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 4 December**, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent

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.

Anniversaries: V. Rev. Rodger Canon Gallacher, Bernard McGurk, Sandy Carr, John Dick, Sarah Jane Welsh, Hugh McFeat, James Gormley, Fr Anthony Debkowski, Andrew Bannan, John Connor, Gordon Rutherford, Ann Allison, Corrine Blackhall, Anne Allison, James O'Donnell, John O'Brien, William McCabe, Ann McFadden, Alec Lynn, James O'Donnell, John McKee, Margaret Kilbride, Charles G Malley, John Finn, Phil McDermott, Mary McGuire, Stella Karwowski and Kathleen Forsyth.

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

