



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



Sunday 10th November 2024, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil			Anna McGowan McColl (Anniversary)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – People of the Parish 12pm – Mary Lynn, RIP 7pm – May Jane Byrne, RIP
Monday	Requiem Mass 10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Martin of Tours	Helen Harvey (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass	St Josaphat	Anna Struthers, RIP
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Holy Souls
Thursday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm		Special Intention O'Donnell Family
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		Special Intention
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	St Margaret of Scotland	Julie McGuire, RIP
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			Denise Silcock (sick)
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		Cormac Hanlon, RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Sr Kathleen Curran (SI)
Friday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Eric Kavanagh, 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, 25th November, 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 **£2303.07.**

RCIA continues this Tuesday, 12th November, in St Francis Xavier's sacristy at 7pm. All are welcome!

From Fr Allan The month of November takes me back to my high school days, specifically to English and the poem by Keats, *Ode To Autumn*;
'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom- friend of the maturing sun; conspiring with him how to load and bless with fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run...'
How evocative are those lines for us as the years pass on, recalling crisp autumn days, crunching leaves beneath our shoes and the smell of autumn leaves burning as the smoke drifts by.
The month of November has a very special meaning for us as Catholics; a time to recall those, especially from our families, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.
It can be, and perhaps still is, a bitter sweet time for many, but it is I believe appropriate that we pray for them, this month especially. This weekend is also Remembrance Sunday which, in an increasingly unstable world, reminds us of the

heroic sacrifice of so many in the armed forces who gave their lives so that we may live in peace. So, this weekend, in a special way, let us remember them with gratitude for the sacrifice they made for us.

Parish Pastoral Council meet on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm in the church house.

Annual Bereavement Mass My sincere and grateful thanks to our parish bereavement group who did so much to ensure that last Thursday's Mass was a great comfort in times of sadness. The lighting of the candles and the calling of the names was a very moving experience fitting in very well in this month of November. Thank you also to the families who came along to be with us.

Christmas Parish Toy Giveaway!

We kindly ask for preloved toys and gifts which would be suitable to give a child on Christmas morning. Drop-Off and Pick-Up at St Francis Xavier's Church Hall, Hope St, next to the library. Drop-Off; Sat 23rd Nov, 10am-4pm and Sun 24th Nov, 11am-3pm. Pick-Up; Sat 30th Nov, 9am-3pm and Sun 1st Dec, 11am-3pm. Thanking you in advance for your great generosity as always.

Warm Places continues this **Thursday**, 14th November, in St Francis Xavier's hall from 12 noon until 2pm. All are welcome.

Bible Study Group meet every Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Francis hall, spiritual library. All are most welcome.

Altar Servers' Training Thank you to the children who attended the Altar Servers training yesterday. If anyone else would like to become an altar server, please speak with Fr Peter.

Hogmanay Ceilidh tickets cost £10 and are on sale in St Francis Xavier's hall after 10am Mass on Sundays **until 15th December**. The evening includes a meal. If you would like to come along, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, in both church porches, and indicate your food choice by the 15th December. Please contact John McPherson (07526 392 876) for further information. All are most welcome.

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

Parish Finance From the new calendar and financial year, the parish will manage its financial resources according to a set budget so that the management of parish finances will not only comply with audit requirements, but also with basic financial protocols. As we move to this new model, it is necessary that certain procedures are put in place to make this work effectively. Therefore, with immediate effect, all perceived necessary items of expenditure must be explicitly requested for and individually approved by myself. No commitment to spend parish funds should be made without prior approval. Fr Allan.

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.

St Francis Stall – can you help to man the stall after Sunday Mass? If so please contact the parish house. Grateful thanks to Moira and Ellen for their dedication over the years.

Choir practice: Thursday 21st November 1pm. All are welcome.

Parish Football Team Thank you to those who have already signed up. We are only one player away from being able to start a game. 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

SPRED friends meet next Wednesday, 20th November, at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's hall.

Anniversaries: Mary Callaghan, Janet Hunter, Helen Stirling, Mary Keenan, Neil O'Donnell, Annie Strathie, Catherine Cameron, Donald Cameron Burt, Helen Crossley, James McGuire, James McGlade Snr., John McGuire, Helen Harvey, Marion Fitzpatrick, Patrick Coyle McGlade, Peter MacDonald, B. Kewell, Ena Rossi, David Allan, Susan O'Connor, Sandra Sharp, James and Lily McGuire, Rose Byrne, Una McLuckie, Nicholas McFeat, William Hunter, William Byrne, Rose Byrne, Peter McBride, Joe Healey, Clare Catherine Welsh, Diana McCartney, Anna McFeat, Isabel McRorie, William H. Jordan, Mary McKenna, Joseph Dooner Jnr., Catherine Harkins, Teresa O'Hara, Margaret Woods, Roberta Maxwell and Jeannie Connor.

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 repose of the souls of Anna and Gillian and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Requiem Mass	Church
Anna Struthers	Mon 11 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Gillian McGrandles	Service Sat 16 th at 9:30am	Falkirk Crematorium

