



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



Sunday 17th November 2024, **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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St Francis Xavier's	Mass Times	Devotions	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	5pm Vigil			D&P Barlow (SI)
Sunday	10am, 12 noon, 1:30pm (Polish) & 7pm			10am – Rosemary Young, RIP 12pm – John McElroy, RIP 7pm – Catherine Harkins
Monday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Mary Burt
Tuesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		James & Dolly McGuire (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass		Nicandro Caramando (Anniversary)
Thursday	Requiem Mass 10am	Exposition 9-9:45am Rosary after Mass Novena at 7pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Maurice Cairns, RIP
Friday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am	St Cecilia	Michael McNally, RIP
Saturday	10am	Exposition 9-9:45am		Barbara Byrne, RIP
St Anthony's				
Sunday	11am			People of the Parish
Monday	9:30am	Rosary at 9am		Linda McFarlane, RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Exposition at 9am		Martin McMonagle, RIP
Friday	No Mass			

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 **£2121.80.**

Parish Pastoral Council meet **this Tuesday, 19th November, at 7pm** in St Francis church house.

From Fr Peter The Psalms are the oldest form of poetry in the world, and they can stand up well, in terms of language and artistic expression, against other forms of poetry. They also have a relevance which extends into our lives today. All clergy, religious, and lay people read the Psalms in their daily prayers. It's quite often the case that when I'm reading a Psalm it resonates with the situation I am in at that time. It might be before I say Mass or visit a sick person in hospital. Some will argue that the Psalms are full of doom. There is no doubt that they go into graphic detail of some horrendous episodes in the life of the Jewish people. However, they also express unbridled joy and offer hope for the future. There is no halfway house with the Psalms, they are either very happy or very sad. During Covid, when our churches were closed, some clergy used Psalms which describe the destruction of the temple, such as Psalm 74, to provide consolation to the faithful, that despite not being able to receive communion, we

could make a spiritual communion with Jesus. Many of the Psalms encourage us to persevere in times of difficulty, and trust in God that he will prevail and lead us to a more hopeful future.

I would argue that the psalms are essential through good and bad times in our lives. Flicking through them in times of need or happiness, we are likely to find that one of them speaks to our situation, offering consolation in difficulty and a great expression of joy in happier and hopeful times. Try this out for yourself and allow the Psalms to comfort you in sadness and celebrate with you in good times.

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. 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**, 21st 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 If anyone 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.

Choir practices: Thursday 21st November, 1pm; Thursday 12th December, 2pm and Thursday 19th December, 1pm. All are welcome.

RCIA continues this Tuesday, 19th November, in St Francis Xavier's sacristy at 7pm. All are welcome!

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

The Parish Penitential Service will be held in St Francis Xavier's church on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm.

Christmas Raffle in Aid of Mary's Meals is being held in the foyer of St Anthony's Church this Sunday, 17th, & next Sunday, 24th November. The draw will take place on Sunday 8th December in St Anthony's church hall. Tickets cost £1 per strip.

My grateful thanks to the UCM, and other lady helpers, who provided such wonderful hospitality to all who came to the annual Mass for deceased who travelled to Lourdes over the years. Fr Allan

The next UCM meeting is on Wednesday 20 November from 1:30- 3:30pm in the Church Hall. New members are welcome.

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.

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

Family Christmas Concert by Falkirk Caledonian Choir, Sunday 15th December at 3pm, St Andrews West Church, Upper Newmarket St, Falkirk. Tickets £5 (under 5s free) at www.ticketsource.co.uk/falkirk-caledonia-choir

An Annual Peace Vigil is being held at Christ Church, 55 Kerse Lane, Falkirk **next Saturday**, 23rd November, from 10am-6pm. There will be readings and music at various times in the day. All are welcome to drop in at any point to light a candle and say a prayer.

Mass Intentions Whilst we endeavour to offer Mass for your loved one on their anniversary date, written on the Mass intention, this is not always possible. However, if we cannot offer Mass on the anniversary date given, we will try to do so as close to the date as possible. Thank you for your understanding. Fr Allan

Events in the Archdiocese For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit: <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Anniversaries: 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, Marian Bennett, 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 and Ann Van Hulssen.

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

'May the Angels Lead him into Paradise...'

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maurice and remember his family in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Maurice Cairns	Wed 20 th at 6pm	Thu 21 st at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

