



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 29th December 2024, **The Holy family**



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Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis Xavier's Church

St Anthony's Church

Saturday Vigil, 5pm; *Patrick & Annie Connell*
(Anniversary)

Sunday, 10am; *People of the Parish*

12 noon; *Charlie O'Neill, RIP*

3pm (Polish)

7pm; *Thomas & Catherine Mailer*

(Anniversary)

Monday, 10am; *Louisa Lunn (Anniversary)*

Tuesday, 10am; *Anna Zimmerman (Anniversary)*

Wednesday, 10am; *Scott Peter Martin*

(Anniversary)

Thursday, 10am; *John McElroy, RIP*

Friday, 10am; *Robert Cheape, RIP*

Saturday, 10am; *Maurice Cairns, RIP*

11am; *Sr Rose Twamley (SI)*

9:30am; *Louisa Lunn (Anniversary)*

9:30am; *Mary Walker (SI)*

9:30am; *Carmelite Srs, Tallow, Ireland (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 is **Monday, 27th January, at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. To register your child, please email Deacon Kenneth for further information: baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@stane.org.uk

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2295.58.**

From Fr Allan Paul Carrack, when he was with Mike and the Mechanics, released a song titled looking back over my shoulder.

I believe this is quite appropriate for us as we prepare to leave the year 2024 and begin to look forward to the New Year of 2025. The word nostalgia is a word that we can use frequently around this time; by definition nostalgia is a sentimentality for the past, very often for us looking back to a period or place with happy associations, which is a good thing. The word itself is Greek which means homecoming, but also from the Greek algos can mean pain.

Therefore, it is a kind of bitter sweet time for many. The looking back to last year may indeed evoke for us that sentiment of a desire for things to go back to where they were when the reality of course is we

can't to that.

So, as the song says, we look back over our shoulder in gratitude for all that has been and we look forward to the new year to embrace all that is possible to be. In all things then we open ourselves to God's grace to direct us as the new year begins and as we continue the challenge to build God's Kingdom here in our community. I wish you and all your families connected to our parish and beyond every blessing for 2025.

Our grateful thanks the priests and deacon of the parish would like to thank you all for your kindness to us this Christmas time with your many cards and gifts. We just hope and pray our livers survive your kindness!

Devotions in both churches will resume again from Monday 6th January which includes the rosary after Mass and Thursday devotions resuming on 9th. Padre Pio will begin again on 7th February.

Altar Servers, thank you for continuing to serve every Sunday. Can you please speak with Fr Peter (or one of the other clergy members) after Mass this weekend to let him know which Mass you will be serving at over the Christmas period. Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins. Many thanks for all you do.

Hogmanay Ceilidh Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Hogmanay Ceilidh. If you have still to give your food choice, make payment or collect your ticket, please speak to John McPherson in the hall after 10am Mass this Sunday or by calling 07526 392 876.

SPRED friends will meet again on the 15th January from 7pm – 9pm in St Francis hall.

New Missal – copies are now available in the church stall at St Francis Xavier's for £17.

An introduction to Prayer by Bishop Robert Barron is available to purchase in both church stalls, this Advent, for only £3.

The Stall at St Francis is selling copies of the new missal along with lovely Christmas cards and boxes. Please drop in after Mass if you would like to buy any.

January Edition of Bible Alive is available in both church porches.

Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year

Archbishop Cusley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday **this Sunday** 29 December. Follow 'Holy Year Scotland 2025' on Facebook and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details about this special year.

Anniversaries: William Clubb, Augustus Debbs, Vincent Kotrys, Bill Smith, Amanda Notarangelo, Cal Flavin Youghal, Jean McGinlay, Michael Downie, David McArdle, Jimmy Toland, Scott Brendan Gallagher, Maria Russo, Jane Drysdale, Louisa Lunn, Margaret McGuire, John hendrew, Robert Raymond, Ina Judge, Jean Wood, Sony, Sr. Marie Celine Gallagher, John Brennan, Mary Brennan Keogh, Eddie Bradley, Orion Page, Patricia French, Marion Waugh, Catherine Maguire, Mary Shields, Margaret Buchannon, William Buchannon, John Ship, Bobby Cheape, Frank (Sonny) Henderson, Donald MacFarlane, Betty Henderson, Roseann Cowell, Bernard Joseph Shields, Jemina McCourt, Helen Buchannon, William Barr, Brian Devoy, James McPherson, Jean McKendrick, Ramsay Young, Christine (Kirsty) Miller, Thomas Mohan, Mary Catherine Burt, Hugh O'Connor Snr, Elizabeth McAteer, William Somerville, Giulia Harrington, Pasquale Rosi, Leonardo Rosi, Francesca Rosi, Giacinto Rosi, Mary Donoghue, Peter Donoghue, John Lovenio, H. Bruno, J. Bruno, T. Bruno, M. Howden, Candido Evangelio, Jean Bracelin, Mary Hart, Mary Cartledge, Verediana Goncalves, Mary McKenna, Kate Malley, Elizabeth Ann strathie



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

