



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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, **The Presentation of the Lord**

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### Mass Times and Intentions

#### St Francis Xavier's Church

**Saturday Vigil, 5pm;** *James Johnstone (Anniversary)*

**Sunday, 10am;** *Peter McCluskey (Anniversary)*

**12 noon;** *Kathleen Smith (Anniversary)*

**3pm (Polish);** *Fr Leszek's brother, RIP*

**7pm;** *Anna Burt (Anniversary)*

**Monday, 10am;** *Frances Carr (Anniversary)*

**Tuesday, 10am;** *Sick Person*

**Wednesday, 10am;** *Jack & Anne O'Donnell (Anniversary)*

**12:30pm;** *Grant Thomson, RIP*

**Thursday, 10am;** *Gerard Spinks (Anniversary)*

**7pm;** *Novena*

**Friday, 10am Requiem Mass;** *Isabella Lynagh, RIP*

**6pm;** *Padre Pio*

**Saturday, 10am;** *May Short (Anniversary)*

#### St Anthony's Church

**11am;** *Eileen Rock (Anniversary)*

**9:30am;** *Catherine O'Sullivan, RIP*

**9:30am Requiem Mass;** *Ann McKiernan, RIP*

**9:30am;** *Tom Durning, RIP*

**Confession** is available in St Francis church on Saturday morning (10:30am - 11:15am) and on Saturday evening (4:15pm - 4:45pm).

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2212.74.**

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting is **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. For further information, please email Deacon Kenneth: [baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk](mailto:baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk)

**Morning Prayer** takes place in St Francis Xavier's Church (Polish Chapel) at 9:30am Monday to Saturday. All are welcome.

#### **From Fr Allan**

This weekend sees us going back in time as it were to when Jesus was a baby and he is being Presented in the Temple according to Jewish custom. This weekend we hear from St. Luke who is the bridge between the Old and new Testament.

Simeon represents a heritage of hope, reminding them to look to the new realities beginning through their child, though at a cost to Mary. With devotion, they brought him for rituals, with trust they handed him over into Simeon's arms.

New light and salvation are dawning; Simeon calls us to welcome and reveal that light. Appropriate then for us here in the parish as we begin along with parents and teachers to start our preparations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation to be reminded of our own responsibilities as parent

teacher and priest as we assume our different but important roles for the children we teach and care for.

Please keep all in your prayers at this important and special time in our parish.

#### **Building Fund**

My grateful thanks to you all for donating so much in this first month of this Special Collection for our newly established Building Fund. The total for this month was **£2,014.81**, we also received an anonymous donation of **£10,000.**

As I have indicated this money will be ring fenced to address solely issues to our parish buildings. Again, my grateful thanks Fr Allan

### Children's Sacraments

Following a successful meeting with our two headteachers, Mr Murray and Mr Short, we announce the dates of the celebrations.

Sacrament	Date	School	Church Venue
1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February after 10am Mass	St Andrews Primary School	St Francis Xavier's Church
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February after 10am Mass	St Francis Xavier's Primary School	St Francis Xavier's Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May at: 10am	St Andrews Primary	St Anthony's Church
	12 noon	St Andrews Primary	St Francis Xavier's Church
	2pm	St Francis Xavier's Primary	St Francis Xavier's Church
Confirmation	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May Times tbc	St Andrews and St Francis Xavier's Primary	St Francis Xavier's Church

#### RCIA

Do please continue to keep in your prayers our RCIA candidates. This is a very important time for them. On the first Sunday of Lent we will travel to St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh for the Mass where they will be formally enrolled. Since last September, they have been preparing diligently for this moment on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. They are in the process of securing a sponsor for the Easter Vigil Mass here in the parish, where they will be received into full Communion with the church.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.** There will be two meetings **this Monday** 3<sup>rd</sup> February in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall for parents of children preparing for these two sacraments. Each meeting will be concise and we ask that all parents/guardians attend. The times will be:  
**7pm – 7:45pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation**  
**7:45pm – 8:30pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.** Please only attend the meeting for the sacrament your child will be celebrating.  
**Parent with Children at non-**

**Catholic schools** who wish to register their child for the sacramental programme should attend the meeting as well.

**Our SPRED group** meet fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. *Would you like to join us?* We are welcoming new friends to our SPRED group. If you have special needs, we look forward to seeing you. Please contact Jennifer on 07946 538958 to arrange meeting up with our current SPRED friends.

#### Thomas Durning

The family wish to express their thanks to everyone for the wonderful support and prayers at his funeral service on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. Your generous donations on behalf of Mary's Meals totalled £610. This money will do considerable good.

**Anniversaries:** Rita Eddie Coyle, Bernard Kerrigan, William o'Hagan, Jack O'Donnell, Eileen Rock, Thomas Garner, Theresa Flesher, Hugh Whoriskey, Dora Butler, Gerald Murphy, Hugh O'Connor, Molly McFadden, Kathleen Smith, Hugh Hart Jr, Anne Marie Ashcroft, Heather Dolan, Isobel Miller, David Cattanach, Neil McCarron, Margaret McGuire, Mary McCabe, William McGhee, Anthony James Duffy, Stanley Rowlings, Charles Byrne, Jack O'Donnell, Rosalyn McBride, Gerard Spink, Thomas Kennedy, James Gerald Spink, William Hart, Jamie Fraser, Billy Divining, Gloria Caramando, Mary McPherson, Barbara McLennon, Mary Fotheringham, Rose Silcock, Agnes Campbell, Joseph McQuade, Andrew Smith, Theresa Murison, John Hylands, Thomas Dodds, Margaret McCafferty, James Gallagher, William Mochan, Bella Welsh, James Scott and Mary Toye.

*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 soul of Grant, Ann, Isabella, Jean, Giovanna and Christopher and remember their families in your prayers

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Grant Thomson		Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> at 12:30am	St Francis Xavier's
Ann McKiernan	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30am	St Anthony's
Isabella Lynagh		Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Jean Doherty	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Giovanna Kelly (Vena)	Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30am	St Anthony's
Christopher Devlin	Tbc	Tbc	St Anthony's