



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 16th March 2025, **2nd Sunday of Lent**



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Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis Xavier's Church

St Anthony's Church

Saturday Vigil, 5pm; Douglas Robertson, RIP
Sunday, 10am; People of the Parish
12 noon; Bridget McNelis (Anniversary)
3pm (Polish)
7pm; Kathleen Winters (Anniversary)
Monday, 7am; Helen McDade (Anniversary)
10am; Patrick Thomas McGeever, RIP

Tuesday, 10am; Paul & Elaine Dunnigan (25th Wedding Anniversary)
Wednesday, 7am; Marina Gonella (Birthday)
10am; Margaret Williams (Birthday)
7pm; *Way of the Cross*

Thursday, 10am; Staff & Pupils of St Joseph's Primary, Bonnybridge (100 years Anniversary)

Friday, 7am; Special Intention
10am; John McKenna (Anniversary)
3pm; *Way of the Cross*
Saturday, 10am; Cormac McNelis (Anniversary)

11am; James Kennedy Jnr (SI)

9am; Exposition, **9:30am;** Jim McRorie (Anniversary)

7pm; Way of the Cross

9:30am; Ruth Cameron (Anniversary)

9:30am; Requiem Mass, Edward Brady, RIP

9:30am; Irene Toye (Anniversary)

Confession is available in St Francis church on **Wednesday at 10:30am**, Saturday morning (10:30am - 11:15am) and on Saturday evening (4:15pm - 4:45pm). There will also be confession in **St Anthony's** church on **Monday after Mass**.

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2395.84**.

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting is **Monday, 31st March, at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. For further information, please email Deacon Kenneth:
baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St Francis Xavier's church Monday to Saturday from 9am.

Second Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Peter. In the Gospel today, I feel sorry for my namesake Peter, but he is being taught an important lesson. There is nothing wrong with wanting to create three tents for Moses, Elijah and Jesus, but they are mere monuments. God makes a very powerful intervention when Peter ponders this idea. The important thing is to listen to Jesus and not to be distracted by what is going on around Him. During this time of lent, this is what we are called to do in our lives, especially as He makes his journey to Calvary over the next few weeks. This is not just about hearing with our ears it is about taking to heart what he says, so that we can try to live this out in our lives. Last week, we learned how the Incarnate Word of God, Jesus, is the sword we need to fight the battle against temptation. We can only truly do this when we listen to Jesus with

our ears, hearts, and minds. If we can achieve this then we make the Word of God, Jesus Christ, alive and active in our lives. It is active listening that allows Jesus to reveal to us more about ourselves and about Him. The transfiguration is a chance to bring ourselves into that transformative relationship with Christ, the Word of God, which allows our will to evolve into God's will and which allows us to grow into God's image and likeness. Lent is an opportunity to strengthen our spiritual lives and come to a better understanding of ourselves and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Thank You

Ellen McGeever and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers on the recent loss of Tommy. Also, thank you for all the Mass cards, cards, flowers and visits and especially for attending his funeral Mass. The collection raised £1550.00 which has been donated to Carmel, Dysart and Marie Curie. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

SPRED The next SPRED meeting with friends is on 2nd April from 7pm - 9pm in St Francis Xavier's church hall.

Walk of Faith. The Walking Group have organised a Walk of Faith from St. Paul's Church, Milton of Campsie to Schoenstatt Shrine on Tuesday 8th April 2025. Meet at St. Paul's for Mass at 9.30, tea in the hall after Mass, then walk. Packed lunch necessary. Contact Neil on 07718625511 for info.

New Faith Group Fr Peter will be starting a Faith Group for senior high school pupils (S4-S6). The plan is for the group to meet every week in St Francis Xavier's church hall. There will be organised talks on faith topics of interest and a chance to plan and take part in various social activities. If you are in S4, S5 or S6 you are invited to come along and join the fun. To register email: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk or speak to Fr Peter after Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers meeting

Fr. Peter would like to meet with all the Eucharistic ministers in the Church hall on Monday 24th March at 7.00pm. If each Minister could please come along with their lists so that these can be cross referenced with the parish sick list, to ensure that all those who have requested home visits have a minister assigned to them. We would like to thank you all sincerely for the important work you continue to do and for your cooperation with updating the sick list.

UCM Meeting Wednesday 19 March in St Francis Church Hall. UCM members please meet at 1:30pm. Members of the Parish are warmly welcomed to join us for a musical afternoon, provided by Chris and John, from 2pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 4th – 6th April 2025 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Louise on 07926571004 or e-mail: louisep398@gmail.com. Completed applications must be returned by 21st March 2025.

Palm Sunday Youth Day

Let your children know about our day of games and inspiring talks at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB on Saturday 12 April from 11am-3pm. Includes sessions for primary school pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm

Parish return holiday to York

To register your interest, please add your name to the list in both church porches.

Proposed Day Trip to North Berwick.

Please add your name to the list in both church porches if you are interested. More details will be confirmed when we have an idea of the number of people interested in attending.

Church Stall. Easter cards are now available in the stall at St Francis Xavier's.

Anniversaries: Joseph McGinlay, Thomas Moan Jnr, Bridget McNelis, Patrick Hanlon, William Hunter Jnr, Marion Fitzpatrick, Eric Burno, Campbell Rich, Lee Cochrane, Maria Gunn, Margaret McPeake, Elizabeth Miller, Primo Pellegrini, George Devlin, Daniel Kane, Irene Maud Toye, Patrick Lynach, Tom Harvey, Rosie & John Burgoyne, Patrick Gorman, Frank Allison, Ruth Armstrong McDonald Cameyon, Helen McCabe, Gerry McGleave, Helen Kennedy, Joseph Compapiano, John Nagle, John Francis Noble, Rachel Burn, John O'Connor, Agnes (Nan) McQuade, John Mohan, Margaret Ann Travers, D. Hughes, D. Hughes Jnr., Jean Hughes, Peter Hughes, D. Hughes, Fred Walsh, Tommy Winter Jnr, Renata Wantuch, Norah Prylewski, Roman Szczesniak, Cormac McNelis, Philip Kelly, Krystyna Ronowicz and James Horne Kennedy.

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 souls of Edward and James and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Edward Brady James McGarrigle		Thu 20 th at 9:30am Fri 21 st at 10:45am	St Anthony's Falkirk Crematorium

