



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 6th April 2025, **5th Sunday of Lent**



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Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis Xavier's Church

St Anthony's Church

Saturday Vigil, 5pm; Canon Ward (Anniversary)

Sunday, 10am; Charles McFeat (Anniversary)

12 noon; Catherine Mailer (SI)

3pm (Polish)

7pm; People of the Parish

Monday, 7am; Theresa Stoddart (SI)

10am; Kim Anderson (Birthday Intention)

Tuesday, 10am; Francis Joseph Carty (Birthday Intention)

Wednesday, 7am; Celia Murphy, Ireland (Anniversary)

10am; Eileen Coyle, RIP

7pm; *Way of the Cross*

Thursday, 10am; Mary McAuley (SI)

Friday, 7am; Mrs Agnes Smith, RIP

10am; Mary Pye, RIP

3pm; *Way of the Cross*

Saturday, 10am; Joan Marie Thesing, RIP

11am; Tommy Travers (Anniversary)

9am; Exposition, **9:30am;** Robert Anderson (Anniversary)

7pm; *Way of the Cross*

9:30am; Vena Kelly, RIP

9:30am; Ann McKiernan, RIP

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**.

Building Fund collection for March was **£2952.94**. Thank you all for your support and kindness.

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£1981.36**.

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting is on **Monday, 28th April, 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.

From Fr Peter

Lent is a time of reflection and purification. It is time for us to consider the areas of our life which we want to improve so that we can grow in holiness and look upon our neighbour with compassion and forgiveness, as we are called to. The scribes and Pharisees want to be judge, jury and executioner. They are testing Jesus by trying to get him to meet out the justice which they think is appropriate. What Jesus does then is very profound. In silence he writes on the ground giving her accusers space to reflect on their own conduct and then says, '*let he who is without sin cast the first stone*'. All of them disappear. For us today, when we are tempted to pass judgement on others we should stop to consider if we have any right to judge. We don't and in any case we have only one righteous judge and that is Jesus. He shows his forgiveness and

compassion by not condemning the woman. We are called during Lent not to condemn but to have mercy on sinners, in faith and trust that the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit will work in those around us so that they make that important movement to the love and mercy of Jesus. Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives and make this important conversion for ourselves and those around us.

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

RCIA Please keep our RCIA members in your prayers as they continue to prepare to be initiated into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil.

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

Laudato Si bulletin for Sunday 6th April Each month the Laudato Si movement publishes a quote from Laudato Si and a monthly intention. Monthly intention for April. For the use of the new technologies that respect the rhythms of nature. Quote of the month. "All it takes is one good person to restore hope! The biblical tradition clearly shows that this renewal entails recovering and respecting the rhythms inscribed in nature by the hand of the Creator." LS 71

Do we allow the use of our telephones to distract us from our relationships with each other? Could we restrict their use perhaps during mealtimes?

SCIAF wee boxes are available in both church porches, if you would like to take one.

Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both church porches for those who are already registered. If you would like to sign-up for Gift Aid, please complete a declaration form (available in the porch) and return it to the parish office.

Chrism Mass Tuesday 15th April. The coach leaves St Francis at 5:30pm via St Anthony's. To book a seat, add your name to the sign-up sheet in both church porches.

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

Holy week Mass times and services

Palm Sunday – Normal Mass times with blessing and distribution of palms.

Holy Thursday – **10am** Morning Prayer

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper incorporating washing of the feet and watching at the altar of repose until 9:30pm in both churches.

Good Friday – **10am** Morning Prayer

12 noon walk of witness from St Francis Xavier's

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (both churches)

7:30pm Way of the Cross and veneration of the cross (both churches)

Holy Saturday – **10am** morning prayer (both churches)

Easter Vigil – **8pm** both churches

Easter Sunday – there will be **no 7pm Mass** but all other Masses will be as normal.

Building Fund. At a recent meeting of the Council of Priests, the care of parish property was discussed. There was a suggestion that each parish should start a building fund to meet the cost of ongoing repairs and maintenance required to ensure the properties comply with health and safety legislation and insurance stipulations. As you know, our building fund began in January this year and I am extremely grateful for the financial contributions you have all provided. To date, £56,369.97 has been donated. Having raised almost 25% of the cost required to install the new heating system in St Francis Xavier's church, this will enable us to move forward with the project.

Proposed Trip to York Cancelled It is with regret that the proposed parish trip to York, due to the late date, we have not been able to meet the numbers required to make the trip viable. It is our intention to make the necessary arrangements earlier next year.

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

Anniversaries: Catherine Spink, Patrick Kane, Matthew Karwowski, Charles McFeat, Kathy Kewell, John Hastings, Maria McLellan, Thomas McFall, Jane (Jean) MacDonald, Robert Anderson, Tommy Travers, James Henery, Margaret Muir, John Imrie, Hugh McAllister, Hugh Quinn, Jessie Walls, Mary Kennedy, Archie Connachie, James McArdle, Margaret McElroy, William Moodie, Frances Berrie, Thomas Lumsden, Mary Klemn, Thomas Patrick Lynach, Charles McGhee Snr, Ellen McGhee, Frances Harvey, Peter Francis Flaherty, Daniel Kane, Pauline Gemmel, Josephine Sisman, Margaret Kopszywa, Jean Balahura, Wallace Anderson, Ian Young and Janina Kwiatkowska.

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 Janet and Veronica and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Janet Scott	Fri 11 th at 6pm	Sat 12 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Veronica Nagle		Tue 15 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's