



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
 St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
 Sunday 13th April 2025, **Palm Sunday**



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Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis Xavier's Church

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Saturday Vigil, 5pm; Joan Marie Thesing, RIP

Sunday, 10am; Ian Young (Anniversary)

12 noon; Robert Cheape, RIP

3pm (Polish)

7pm; Grant Thomson, RIP

Monday, 7am; Mary Savoy (Anniversary)

10am; Margaret Kennedy (Anniversary)

7pm; *Ecumenical Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday, 10am Requiem Mass, Veronica Nagle, RIP

Wednesday, 7am; Mary McKenna (Anniversary)

10am; Special Intention

7pm; *Way of the Cross*

Thursday, 7pm; *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, Janet Scott, RIP

Friday, 3pm; *Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with Communion Service*

Saturday, 8pm; *Easter Vigil*, All members of the RCIA (SI)

St Anthony's Church

11am; Paul Twamley, RIP

9am; Exposition, **9:30am;** Eddie Bradie, RIP

9:30am; Chris McFeat, RIP

7pm; *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, Bridget Anderson (Anniversary)

3pm; *Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with Communion Service*

8pm; *Easter Vigil*, Vena Kelly, RIP

Confession is available in St Francis church on **Wednesday at 10:30am**, 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 **£2461.34**.

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 this week from Monday to Wednesday at 9am.

Morning Prayer will take place in the Polish chapel at St Francis at 9:30am Mon – Wed and in St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's church at 10am Thur – Sat.

From Fr Allan

Well, does it really seem like five weeks since we began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday when we presented ourselves to receive the blessed ashes and committed ourselves to our own Lenten observances.

Here we are now on the threshold of the most important week in the church's year, Holy Week. This week begins with the messianic entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the days of the Triduum are equally dramatic as we move towards Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday night.

This year, as indicated elsewhere, the Triduum will take place in both Saint Anthony's and Saint Francis

Xavier's church so, please God, both parishes will benefit from being present and taking part in these Sacred Liturgies which are at the heart of our faith and its expression.

Each day of the Triduum carries its own message;

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper the Institution of the Holy Eucharist by Jesus for us, the completion of the Passover, the old covenant leading to the new covenant symbolised by the washing of the feet. Concluding with the watching at the altar of repose remembering Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane then quietly leaving our church until.....

Good Friday the Passion of the Lord;

The seven last words of Our Blessed Lord as he abandons himself to the Father for our

salvation. After the passion we have the opportunity to come forward quietly and reverently, by touch, to venerate the Cross before concluding the service by receiving Holy Communion again leaving the church in silence. Holy Saturday morning at the tomb of Christ beginning with morning prayer at 10.00am.

Easter Vigil;

Such a contrast as we begin in complete darkness, bless and light the Easter Fire, light our Paschal Candle process into our church, all candles being light, and that glorious vision of our church bathed in the Light of Easter joy and hope as we proceed with our Solemn Liturgy. Hopefully we can truly celebrate as an Easter people. Fr Allan

RCIA Please join us at the Easter Vigil to pray for our new members and welcome them into the parish family.

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

Rose McBride, R.I.P. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rose and remember her family in your prayers. Rose was a member of our parish for over 40 years before moving back to Co. Donegal.

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.

UCM There will be no meeting on Wednesday 16 April from 7-9 pm. This has been cancelled as requested by some of our

members. The speaker has kindly offered to reschedule for a later date. Any UCM members who indicated that they wish to attend the 'Easter Afternoon' at Grahamston United Church on Wednesday 16 April should meet there at 2pm.

Chrism Mass this Tuesday 15th April. The coach leaves St Francis at 5:30pm via St Anthony's.

Children's Liturgy leaders in St Anthony's and St Francis Xavier's church invite all children who are attending the 3pm Good Friday service to children's Stations of the Cross as an alternative to the Passion Liturgy. These will be held in the church hall in St Anthony's and the sacristy in St Francis Xavier's church.

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.

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

Volunteers Required to serve tea, coffee and toast in St Francis Xavier's hall after 10am Mass on Fridays. If you can help, please speak to Norah.

Altar Servers, please speak with Fr Peter to let him know which Masses you will be serving at over Easter. We would like to thank you all for your continued commitment.

Anniversaries: Gino Bertolini, Marjory Travers, James Frame, John McKean, George Harris, Greta Malley, Giacinto Notarangelo, Mary Savoy, Flora Weir, Peter Kennedy, George Jenkins, Mr Varghese, Thomas (Carrie) Lynach, Michael Martin, John Mitchell, Eileen Burns, Mary Keenan, Cathy McBride, Edward Harvey, Francis McAllister, Edvard Harvey, Emanuela Araredida Catarino, David Nevin Kileen, Mary Furby, Robert Garvie, Madge O'Donnell, Charles Gallagher, Alexander Bell, John Joseph Korda, Catherine Mary Boyle, Mary Martin, Bridget Anderson, Mary fitzpatrick, Duncan McDonald, Willie Elliot, Patrick Lynagh, Catherine Boyle, William McGenily, Agnes McNiven, Krystyna Ronowicz and Mary Russell.

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

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

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Veronica and remember her family in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Veronica Nagle		Tue 15 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's

