



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, **Divine Mercy Sunday**  
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### **Mass Times and Intentions**

#### St Francis Xavier's Church

#### St Anthony's Church

**Saturday Vigil, 5pm;** Peter Cummings

(Anniversary)

**Sunday, 10am;** Ian Henry (Anniversary)

**12 noon;** Fr William Henery (Anniversary)

**3pm (Polish)**

**7pm;** Janet Scott, RIP

**Monday, 10am;** Rosemary Bernadette Docherty  
(Anniversary)

**Tuesday, 10am;** Deacon Kenneth & Marie (SI)

**Wednesday, 10am;** Padre Pio Group (SI)

**Thursday, 10am;** Alec Easton, RIP

**7pm;** May Devotion

**Friday, 10am Mass;** Elizabeth Conlan, RIP

**6pm;** Padre Pio

**Saturday, 10am;** Danny Gallagher, RIP

**11am;** Thomas Durning, RIP

**9am;** Exposition, **9:30am Requiem Mass;** The  
Late Holy Father, Pope Francis, RIP

**9:30am;** Vena Kelly, RIP

**9:30am;** Cormack Hanlon, RIP

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

**Thank you for your generosity.** Last week's offertory cash collection was **£3610.30**

**Building Fund** collection will be taken-up this weekend. Thank you for your ongoing contributions.

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting is this **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 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)

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

**Morning Prayer** takes place in the small chapel, in the porch, at St Francis Xavier's church from 9:30am Monday to Saturday.

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,** today we celebrate the second Sunday of Easter, this Sunday is known as the DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. The readings of this Sunday reflect God's mercy through the forgiveness of sins. The very opening prayer addresses the father as "God of everlasting Mercy". In the responsorial Psalm, we repeat several times "give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love is everlasting." In another translation it reads, "His mercy endures forever". God revealed his mercy first and foremost by sending his Son to save us through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

In our Gospel reading today we heard that when Jesus resurrected and appeared to his disciples, the first gift he gave them was the gift of peace through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus said to them, "peace be with you" and he breathed onto them and said,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained". By this gesture Jesus Christ instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bestow his mercy upon us his beloved children. The confessional therefore becomes the throne of God's mercy, Grace and Healing.

Furthermore, the attitude of Jesus to his Apostle Thomas in our Gospel is a further proof of God's mercy and love. When Thomas doubted the fact of the risen Lord and his appearance to the other disciples. God gave him a second chance so that he may no longer be unbelieving but a believer. Today, we still have many people who are still doubting the existence of God, those who don't believe that God loves them. However, the liturgies of Holy Week which we have just celebrated, especially Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, do remind us not only of the Love of

God the Father but of his mercy revealed to us in Christ.

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday  
FR JOSHUA KAURAS.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions**

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be devotions in St Francis Xavier's Church at 1:30pm this Sunday to commemorate this day.

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

**RCIA** Congratulations to our 15 catechumens and candidates who were received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil! We wish you every blessing as you continue your journey of faith.

**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.

**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.

**Laudato Si bulletin for Sunday 27th April** Pope Francis understood and taught us in Laudato Si that care for creation is not an optional concern but a fundamental element of Christian vocation, a shared responsibility to the poor, and a duty to future generations. His memory will be well served if we can all play our part going forwards.

**Hot Rolls** available in St Francis Xavier's hall after 10am Mass next weekend. Proceeds will be donated to St Mungo's Lourdes fundraising.

**Warm Places** has finished for the summer and will **resume** again in **October**. Thank you to the dedicated teams of helpers who have kept this initiative running.

### **Easter Raffle St Anthony's**

Thank you to all who gave so generously to our Easter Raffle. We raised £130 for Mary's Meals. Winner of Easter Basket was P. Crosbie. Winner of Tin of Sweets was D. Mead. A special thank you to Tina who gave the basket so beautifully presented with lots of Easter goodies!

**Afternoon Social** with music, dancing, tea and buns will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm in St Francis Xavier's church hall. £6 per person entry, payable at the door. If you wish to attend, please let Moira Kennedy know. There will be a list in both St Francis and St Anthony's church.

**May Devotions** will begin this Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's church and run every Thursday until and including 29<sup>th</sup> May. The devotions will include: Exposition, Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and Benediction. Please join us if you can!

**Joyful Celebrations** On behalf of the clergy, may I offer a sincere thank you to the parishioners who came in such great numbers for the celebrations of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. For myself, as the parish priest, celebrating these Liturgies for the first time in this parish, it truly was a wonderfully prayerful experience. In addition to welcome 15 new members into the church was both moving and humbling. I wish to thank all who were involved in any way in preparing and helping with these celebrations. May the joy of Easter remain with you all! God Bless. Fr Allan.

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Thomson, Kevin F. Jordan, Ian Hendry, Mary Marvciass, Sarah Attacta Sudiskas, Isa Forsyth, Sarah Hughes, David March, Fr. Willie Henery, Robert Donaldson, Frank Richardson, James Buchanan, Gerard Summers, Bridget McAllister, Theresa Kane, C. Black, Theresa Callaghan, Agnes Gorman, John Short, Peter Brady, Maureen Allan, George Wilson, Anna Sarzynski, Bridget Harvey, Duncan Cram, Bernard McElroy, Agnes Donnelly, Joseph Nally, Bridget Boyle, Joseph Crow, Martin C. Spain, Myra J. Spain, Peter Sneddon, Ann (Shera) McMorro, Anne Montague Hazel and Angela Main.

*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 Allison, Elizabeth and Leo and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Funeral Service	Church
Elizabeth Conlan		Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May at 11:30am	Camelon Cemetery
Leo Pellegrini	tbc	tbc	St Francis Xavier's
Allison McCue	tbc	tbc	St Francis Xavier's

