



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 4th May 2025, **3rd Sunday of Easter**

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Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis Xavier's Church

St Anthony's Church

Saturday Vigil, 5pm; Joseph Nally (Anniversary)

Sunday, 10am; Jim Reid, RIP

12 noon; Rosaleen Lynch, RIP

3pm (Polish)

7pm; Patrick Lynch, RIP

Monday, 10am; Peter Cummings, RIP

Tuesday, 10am; David Wilson (SI)

Wednesday, 10am; Rose McBride, RIP

Thursday, 10am; Mick McGlinchey, RIP

7pm; May Devotion

Friday, 10am Mass; Frances Conlon, RIP

Saturday, 10am; Danny Gallagher, RIP

11am; Iain Berry, RIP

9am; Exposition, **9:30am,** Giovanna Kelly, RIP

9:30am; No Mass

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 **£2319.15** and last week's building fund collection was **£1916.38**.

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting is this **Monday, 26th May, 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 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.

There is a great significance to the conversation between Jesus and St Peter in the Epilogue of John's Gospel. We recall the words of Jesus to Peter before He went to the Cross. Before the cock crows you will have denied me three times. Peter in one account weeps bitterly he realises he has betrayed Him. That is why in the Gospel today Jesus asks him three times if he loves him and there is a clue that he will appoint him as the first Pope when he adds feed my Lambs. This alludes to Peter's calling to be the first shepherd of the Church. Jesus wants Peter to be reconciled to him and he commands him to follow Him at the end. This command continues when Jesus has ascended to His Father God Peter is asked to continue to follow Jesus, even to death as Jesus did, by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we continue to

pray for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis, please also pray for our Cardinals who will enter a conclave later this week to elect us a new Pope. That the Holy Spirit will inspire their discussions and their vote. In our own lives as well we commit ourselves in love to Jesus as Peter does and allow ourselves to accept His invitation to follow him.

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

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 4th May

It is 10 years since Pope Francis wrote his encyclical Laudato Si asking us all to Care for our Common Home, "a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all" (LS14). Such a conversation could lead to a more just world where everyone can flourish and we can all live in harmony with each other and creation.

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

Hot Rolls available in **St Anthony's** hall after 11am Mass this Sunday. Proceeds will be donated to St Mungo's Lourdes fundraising.

Afternoon Social with music, dancing, tea and buns will be held on Wednesday 7th 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 continue this Thursday, 8th May, at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's church and run every Thursday until and including 29th May. The devotions will include: Exposition, Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and Benediction. Please join us if you can!

The next UCM meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 7 pm in the church hall. Members of the Parish are warmly welcomed to join us at 7:45 pm when John Smith will give a presentation consisting of a "Brief History of The Legion of Mary between 1921 and 1930" and also "The History of the Rosary".

Scottish Parliament assisted suicide vote The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks

Children's Liturgy Workshop (New date) Join the Catechetics Commission for the second Children's Liturgy (CL) Catechist Workshop. The morning will begin with Mass and include a presentation on music & art and a time of discussion. It takes place on Saturday 17 May 2025 9:30am – 12:00pm at The Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2. Contact srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk with any questions.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth O'Donnell, Edward Doherty, Julia O'Neill, Margaret Cumming, Mary (Doherty) Lynagh, Aldina Bellinetti, Archibald McDonald, Verediana Concelves, Elizabeth Mochan, Anne Marie Kelly, James Crow, Jessie Gorman, Michael McIntyre, Edward Marshall, James McGuire, Isabella Beck, David Joseph Fischer, Catherine McCann, Margaret Corrigan, Thomas Francis Murphy, Brenda Gallagher, John Little, Donald McIntyre, Thomas Francis Murray, William Burn, Annie Envy, Mary Anne Nugent Campbell, Mary Mohan, Maud McHugh, Giacondo Marchi, Margaret Aitken, Eamon McLaughlin, Stefan Politoski, Mary Bell, Margarite Fallon, Henry Savage, Margaret Alexander, Mary McCourt Gallagher, Kathleen Toland Winters, Mary Cruickshanks, Emily Carr, Nancy McLaren, Maureen O'Donnell, Michael Burt, Mary Skrzyszowski, Martin Reynolds, Deirdre Mailer, John Crawford, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Devoy, Muriel Watson, Rosaleen Casey and AnnMarie Lemetti

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 Leo, James, Alison, Danny, Ann & Maria and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Leo Pellegrini		Mon 12 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
James McKenna		Wed 14 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Alison & Danny McCue		Thur 15 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Ann McGuirk	Thur 15 th at 6pm	Fri 16 th at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Maria Caramando		tbc	St Francis Xavier's