



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025, **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**Mass Times and Intentions**

St Francis Xavier's Church

St Anthony's Church

**Saturday Vigil, 5pm;** Owen & Margaret Williams  
(Golden Anniversary)

**Sunday, 10am;** Maria Caramando, RIP

**12 noon;** David Williams, RIP

**3pm (Polish)**

**7pm;** Margaret Rose McGuigan (SI)

**Monday, 10am;** Rita & Warren Honan  
(Anniversary)

**Tuesday, 10am;** John Kennedy (Anniversary)

**Wednesday, 10am;** Catherine Mailer (Anniversary)

**Thursday, 10am;** Charles McFadden  
(Anniversary)

**7pm;** May Devotion

**Friday, 10am;** Canon JC Ward (Anniversary)

**Saturday, 10am; No 10am Mass** due to First Holy  
Communion Masses.

**11am;** Ann McGuirk, RIP

**9am;** Exposition, **9:30am,** James McKenna, RIP

**9:30am;** Grant Thomson, RIP

**9:30am;** Ann McKiernon, 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 **£2333.58**.

**Infant Baptism.** The next preparation meeting is **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 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.

**No 10am Mass** in St Francis Xavier's Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May due to First Holy Communion Masses.

**Beloved friends in Christ**, the Lord Jesus' words in today's Gospel reading are very familiar, we have heard them a hundred times, "Love one another as I have loved you, that all people will know that you are my disciples". We can reflect on these well-known words of Christ from the Last Supper.

What is it in "NAME" that people must know who we are? And why do we fight to protect and preserve our name and reputation? Names and titles can trigger certain reactions. Some names become stereotypes. When we hear that someone is Irish, Scottish, French, British, African, American, Asian or when we hear of work-related titles like doctor, accountant, actor, actress, priest, bishop or pope certain feelings and expectations are evoked about what that individual will be like. In proverbs 22:1 we read, "a good name is more desirable than great riches, to be esteemed is better than silver or gold".

What do people today think when they hear the name *Christian*? What should Christian mean to people? When someone says to us, 'here is Fred, Linda, Tom or Betty, and by the way, he or she is a Christian' - what do people expect of us? The name Christian will indicate someone whom we can rely on to tell the truth, who treats all people with respect and love, whose words we can trust, who is concerned with fairness and justice in our world and who lives by God's law. A Christian means a disciple of Christ, who follows the teaching of Christ and models his or her life after Jesus Christ.

It was because of these characteristics that in acts 11:26, at Antioch, the disciples were first called CHRISTIAN because of how they loved one another and how they exhibited the sacrificial love of Christ. Quoting St. Augustine, our new Pope Leo XIV said, 'For you I am the Bishop of Rome but first I am a Christian like

you'. May we truly live out our Christian calling by loving others as Christ loved us.  
Happy Sunday  
FR JOSHUA KAURAS

**Laudato Si bulletin** for Sunday 18th May. We are all fruits of Pope Francis' prophetic call for justice and peace with creation. As we prepare to celebrate Laudato Si' Week (24th-31st May) for the first time with Pope Francis joining us from heaven, let us go forth as *pilgrims of hope* and offer our work, events, and activities in prayer for the future of our Church and for our *common home*.

**Laudato Si** group relaunch event, **7pm, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in St Francis Xavier's church hall**. An evening of prayer, music, videos, quiz, and home baking as we come together to learn how to care for *our common home*. Come along and find out what we mean by *our common home*.

**Laudato Si webinar** Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese is the guest speaker at a webinar to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Bishop John is the environment spokesperson for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It takes place at 7:00pm on Friday 30 May. Register at [bit.ly/laudatowebinar](http://bit.ly/laudatowebinar)

### Prayers for Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV presides over the Mass of Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry in St Peter's Square at 9:00am (UK) this Sunday morning. We all join in prayer that the Lord will give him the grace to be a true shepherd to us and an authentic witness to Christ in the world.

**SPRED** The next SPRED meeting with friends is on 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7pm - 9pm in St Francis Xavier's church hall.

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage - Sunday 8 June** All are welcome at the annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline on Sunday 8 June. Join Archbishop Leo, clergy and people from across Scotland for the procession through the town centre with the relic of St Margaret at 2:00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm in St Margaret's Church. Full schedule in the news-events at [archedinburgh.org](http://archedinburgh.org)

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

**May Devotions** will continue this Thursday, 22<sup>nd</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!

**Jubilee Year Picnic for families** Join families from across the Archdiocese for a Jubilee Year picnic on Saturday 28 June, 11:00am – 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. There will be spiritual talks on the theme of Hope and talks and games for children. Includes Rosary at The Grotto and concludes with Holy Mass in St Margaret's Chapel. At 4:00pm there is the chance to walk to the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral (optional). Childcare provided.

### First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who will receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first-time next Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. We wish the children and their families a wonderful celebration and every blessing as they continue their journey of faith.

**Some Good News for us;** I attended the Archdiocesan Trustees' Meeting on Thursday. I am pleased to inform you that our application to renew our heating system in St Francis Xavier's Church was approved at the meeting. I meet with the parish project committee this week to progress things, and will keep you all updated as things advance. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has donated to our building fund to allow this project to begin. It will be necessary to continue the monthly building fund collection in the short to medium term. I thank you for your continued support.

**Anniversaries:** Franciszek Wacławski, John Lavens, Lilly McFarlane, Pearl Swords, Gloria Cannon, Joseph Robinson, Hugh Lindsey Jnr, John Docherty, Anne Welsh, Maria O'Holloran, James Campbell, John Kennedy, William Blair, William Lawrence, Fr Norman Paul Cooper, John Crosbie, Sister Maureen, Michael Bell, Thomas Keane, Mary Smith, John Corrigan, Jack Downie, Terrance McAteer, Mary Conroy, Annie Molloy, Margaret Paterson, Patrick Cumming, Margaret McCrorie, Audrey McGuinness, Michael J. Coughlan, Fred Murray, Joyce McMenemy, John Dewar and Tommy-Jo Cameron Kerrigan.

*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 Maria and Maureen and remember their families in your prayers.

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Maria Caramando	Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	St Francis Xavier's
Maureen Scott	tbc	tbc	St Francis Xavier's

