



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Sunday 13th July 2025, **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
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Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis Xavier's Church

St Anthony's Church

Saturday Vigil, 5pm; Barbara McGuire
(Anniversary)

Sunday, 10am; John Gillies (Anniversary)
12 noon; Mary Crawford (Anniversary)
3pm (Polish)
7pm; James Scott (Anniversary)

Monday, 10am; Anna Kanyama Mununga
(Anniversary)

Tuesday, 10am; Peter McCluskey (Anniversary)

Wednesday, 10am; Mary Wylie & Family
(Anniversary)

Thursday, 10am; Marie Divers (Anniversary)
7pm;

Novena

Friday, 10am; Ellen McGeever (Birthday)

Saturday, 10am; Sheila Black (SI)

11am; John Toye, RIP

9am; Exposition, **9:30am;** May McNally, RIP

9am; Exposition, **9:30am;** Special Intention

9am; Exposition, **9:30am;** Anthony Mmonyi (SI)

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

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's offertory cash collection was **£2563.46**.

Infant Baptism. The next preparation meeting is **Monday, 28th July, at 7pm** in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. For further information, please email Deacon Kenneth: baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@stane.org.uk

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St Francis Xavier's Church from 9am Mon-Sat and in St Anthony's Church at 9am Mon, Wed & Fri.

Morning Prayer will be held in St Francis Xavier's porch from

9:30am Mon-Sat.

My Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Liturgy of the word today raised a most fundamental question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" We might be rich and comfortable where we are, to the extent that we forget the fact that there is another life after this life. Sometimes we behave like the Israelites whom the Lord complained about in Hosea 10:1. The Lord said, "Israel is a luxuriant vine whose fruit matches its growth. The more abundant his fruit, the more altars he built; the more productive his land, the more sacred pillars he set up". However comfortable we might feel, each of us may continually ask this fundamental question: "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

For Moses in our first reading, the solution is found in the Decalogue, He said; " If only you would heed the voice of the Lord your God and keep his commandments and statutes". We may ask; What are the statutes of the Lord? Of course, the Lawyer provided this answer in our Gospel: He said; "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself". However, the Lawyer asked a further question, "...Who is my neighbour?"

Jesus gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan to answer the question; "Who is my neighbour?" The man robbed in the parable could be any, every, or all human beings who are in need. In other words, Jesus defines a neighbour as anyone who is in need and

anyone who satisfied that need is a true neighbour that God wants. In short anybody in need of help regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, nationality or distance is our neighbour. At the end of the day the Lawyer realised he was not as qualified as he thought for the kingdom of God. The story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that the neighbours God wants us to love are those who may be close or far, who are truly in need. It could also be our enemies, like the Israelites and the Samaritans. They could be strangers whom we have never seen who would never be able to repay us for our good deeds. It also teaches us that the only difficulty we will encounter in gaining eternal life is showing kindness to our enemies or those who are different from us. May Almighty God gives us the grace to love our neighbour. Happy Sunday my Lovely Friends in Christ. Fr Joshua

School Uniform Exchange Initiative of Laudato Si. Thank you to everyone involved in the uniform recycling. Your donations and support with organising everything are greatly appreciated.

Perth Trip: Saturday 26th July Last call for anyone who has not handed in their payment. Please hand your payment into the office by this Tuesday, 15th July, so that we can confirm numbers with the hotel. Many thanks.

George and Helena Brough would like to thank all who helped them celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. Mass will be offered for all your needs and intentions.

Calling all singers If you would like to be involved in the 12 noon or 7pm choirs, please speak to Father Peter or contact the office.

Fr Allan will be joining the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11 – 18th July. He will remember everyone in his prayers at the Grotto. Bon Voyage, Fr Allan!

Laudato Si This week the Vatican announced that a new Mass was to be added to the Roman Missal, “for the care of creation”. Pope Leo celebrated this Mass for the first time at the Laudato Si Village, Castel Gandolfo, on the 9th July. When this Mass is celebrated **within creation itself**, it becomes a powerful act of communion. It allows us to **pray with creation, not just for it**—to be immersed in the living world and, as *Laudato Si’* teaches, “*To see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of His infinite beauty and goodness*” (LS 12).

St Francis Xavier’s Scout Group (41st Falkirk) Centenary Celebration! To commemorate this occasion, Archbishop Cushley will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving in St Francis Xavier’s Church on Friday 12th September at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. Parishioners and anyone with a past or present connection to the group are very welcome to attend. If you intend to join us in the hall, please let us know by Friday 5th September. Email: 41stfx100@gmail.com so that we can cater for everyone.

Laudato Si Reading Group We are looking to see if there is any interest in setting up a Laudato Si reading group. This can be face to face or online. For more information, please contact Kathy Onori at kathyonori@me.com.

Altar Servers. We are looking for new Altar Servers in the parish, particularly for the Vigil and 7pm Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please speak to Father Peter or email the parish office with your details.

Emily and Willie would like to sincerely thank everyone for their Mass cards, prayers, kindness, and support during Willie’s recent illness. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated and helped us during this difficult time. We would especially like to thank Monsignor Allan, Father Peter, Father Joshua, and Deacon Kenneth for everything they did for us. Your pastoral and spiritual support was a great comfort to us. Thank you all. Emily and Willie Sharp

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is this Wednesday (16th). Rosary in St Francis Xavier’s Church from 10:50am and on the hour from 12 noon until 4pm. All are welcome to join in.

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Anniversaries: Wanda Wotoch, May Harvey, Dorothy Marshall, Herbert Cullen, Theodor Kosoris, Barbara McGuire, John Gillies, Mary Crawford, Tim McBride, Hugh Lindsay, Hugh O’Connor, George Walsh, James Somerville, Peter McCluskey, Betty Monteith, Modestino Cifelli, Edward Harkins, Mary McKenna, Joan Murray, Anthony Hanlon Smith, Charles Sheils, Mary Wylie, Thomas Gorman, George Devlin, Annie Harress, James Conlon, Flora Dennis, Anne Hainey, Patrick Travers, Kathleen Byrne,

Margaret McFadden, Jeanie Scobbie,
Mary Lynn, Mary Hamilton and
Thomas Michael Kennedy.

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