PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 19th August	9.30am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	11.00am	St Anthony's	Mass
	12.00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	1.30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Polish Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Monday 20th August	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Memorial of St Bernard	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 21st August	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Memorial of St Pius X	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 22nd August	9.30am	St M o/t A	Mass
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Blessed Virgin Mary			
Thursday 23rd August	9:30 am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions, Adoration and Novena
Friday 24th August	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Feast of St Bartholomew			
Saturday 25th August	9.30 am	St Anthony's	Mass & Confessions
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	5.45pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	6.30pm	St Francis Xavier's	Vigil Mass

Morning Prayer: 9:30 am Monday to Saturday at St FX, Rosary after 10:00 am Mass Monday to Saturday (except Tuesday and Friday) at St FX, Divine Mercy Chaplet after 10:00am mass Tuesdays. Exposition on Fridays after 10 am Mass.

The Parish of

St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

The church of St Mary of the Angels, Camelon

20th Sunday of the year, 19th August 2018, Year B

We find our Liturgy on p120 of the blue Mass book

'My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink'

Today's gospel passage draws attention to the continuing resistance Jesus met in his teaching about the Bread of Life. Without understanding of the Giver it is a huge challenge to understand the gift he offers. Jesus' mission was all about giving life. He drew life from the Father and wanted to share this gift, so that each person can be fully alive. So this gospel makes us consider deeply how the Eucharist helps us live that Mystery. The word 'mystery' comes from a Greek and means to be silent. Mystery is something we mull over, ponder, are amazed at. The Mystery of the Eucharist, the Living Bread, stretches us each time we receive it, lets us look ahead to new horizons, new possibilities, in our relationship with God and with others. We give thanks today for this amazing Gift, which helps us live gospel lives through keeping us close to the One who loves us, as we 'taste and see that the Lord is good' with every approach to the transformation available to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

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Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Dennis Brennan, Michael Schofield,Margaret Cochrane, John Shiels, Annie Holleran Woods, Elizabeth and Felix Moore, James Mochan, Kevin Farrell, Dr Richard Burns, Isabella MacKIntosh, Ivan Pawyk, Sarah Sweeney, Luke Little, Mario Marchi, Concetta Caramando, Charles Campbell, Brenda Watherspoon, Bernard Harkins, Nancy Robb, Anne Herriott, George Herriott, Marion Cram, Ruth McRorie, Jeanie Oliver, John Boyle, Jen Welsh, Elizabeth Vlahos, Margaret Politowski, Alexander Strathie, Mary Teresa Sweeney, Eddie Morren, Elizabeth Matyszkowioz, Christine Anderson, Margaret Gentleman, Darren Maclean, Francis Little, Tessie Clarkin. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

St Mary of the Angels Update—After the Archbishop's proposals to merge and close St Mary of the Angels Church two Parish meetings took place. In the meetings Parishioners voted to oppose the decree issued by the Archbishop to merge the parishes. In a further meeting a Parishioners' Representative Group was formed. This group met on Tuesday 14th August and have initiated the appeal process to Rome after the parish received a letter from the Archbishop rejecting the petition to him to stop the merger. We will provide further updates once any new information is available.
The Archbishop intends to come to St Mary's on 14th September at 7:00pm to celebrate a mass of Thanksgiving .

Fr Jacob—The Joy of the Gospel

Fr Jacob will be offering formation on the Holy Father's exhortation (big word meaning encouragement!) 'The Joy of the Gospel' on Saturday mornings after ten o'clock Mass in St FX hall. Please take the chance to discover or rediscover practical ways we can live out and share our faith joyfully, witnessing gospel values to a world that needs them.

New Parishioners. If you are new to our community, welcome! Please introduce yourself to the clergy, and join us for coffee after Sunday Mass. We'd ask you to fill out a parish registration form too, either online at www.falkirkcatholics.org or using a registration form which can be found in the porch.
Baptisms: If you wish to have your child baptised, please make an appointment with one of the priests.
Marriages : Arrangements for weddings should be made with Fr. Jamie. Please note that at least six months' notice is required, to allow for marriage preparation.
For any **Safeguarding** issues, please contact the Parish Priest/see safeguarding contacts in porches.

Live streaming of Mass: http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-francis-xavier/

	St Anthony's	St Francis Xavier	St Mary of the Angels
Offertory/Collection	**£429.52**	**£2085.35**	**£220.45**

NEWS & EVENTS

Date of **Fun Day**—this has been changed to **Sunday 16th September.**

The **RCIA** group, which accompanies those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, resumes this year in a new location. The group will meet every Wednesday in the sacristy of St Francis Xavier's Church at 7.30pm, starting Sept 5th. Come and see.

Sr Kathleen will lead a **Holy Hour** on Thursday 23rd August at 7pm in St FX (replacing the novena) on the theme **'Gathered as Family'.** All are welcome as the parishes merge to this healing and hopeful reflection and time of adoration.

God's invitation to relationship—there are still a very few places left on this upcoming prayer course happening alternate Mondays from the 3rd September (3rd, 17th Sept,; 1st, 15th Oct). Call 623567 or send an email to office@falkirkcatholics.org

St Anthony's Church Prayer Group will meet Monday 27th August at 7pm All are welcome

There will be a day for **Children's Liturgy Leaders** at the Gillis Centre on 15th September from 11am to 3pm. Please book your place via: childrensliturgyday@gmail.com

The annual pilgrimage to pray for and promote the beatification of the **Venerable Margaret Sinclair** will take place on Sunday 9th September at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, EH1 1NA, starting at 2pm and finishing at 6pm. The day includes a film on her life.

The Tuesday Bible Study continues at 7.30pm in St FX church house.

Last call for **payment for the Bishop Barron talk on September 6th**. (£10 full price, £6 concession) in an envelope through the church house door at St FX. Write your name and anyone needs need a ground floor seat. Tickets will be allocated once all the monies have been received. A coach has been booked which will leave St FX at 5.45pm.

The **Life in the Spirit** prayer group will be resuming on Tuesday September 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the St FX church. All welcome!

Archdiocesan day for Altar Servers. There will be a training day for all Altar servers across the diocese on Saturday 1st September at Gillis Centre. All servers who wish to go must complete a registration and parental consent form. Please collect and return to Fr Jamie asap.