

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday 16th February	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 17th February	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 18th January	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 19th February	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass
Thursday 20th February	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena & Benediction
	7:30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
Friday 21st February	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass and Adoration
Saturday 22nd February <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	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

The Parish of

St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

Sixth Sunday of the Year, 16th February 2020, A

We find our liturgy on page 136 of the yellow Mass book

"You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors, but I say unto you"

*Spirit,
lead me
where my
trust is
without
borders.*

God's law, we are told today in our First Reading and in our psalm, is given not to restrain us, but ultimately for our happiness. Our psalmist asks that our eyes be opened to the 'wonders of Your Law'. We can forget, living in a civilised world, how lawless this world would be without the Law of God. In our gospel, Jesus says he has 'not come to abolish' the Law, but to 'complete' it. It's easy to fall into a mindset of minimalism; if we just 'follow the rules', working out the least we can offer in order we still comply. The Word is saying here that our lives are to be rooted more deeply, in the 'mysteries', the 'hidden wisdom of God', 'things beyond the mind of man'. We are asked to surrender to the leadings of the Spirit into 'the depths of everything, the depths of God.' In so many ways it is simpler just to follow the rules. It feels safer. Trusting the Holy Spirit in this way can feel unsafe, scary. But Jesus is urging us to go beyond that anxiety, allowing ourselves to be stretched past fear, stretched past any sense of being restricted, following the Holy Spirit to places of deeper reconciliation, deeper relationships with each other, and with God. So we ask the Holy Spirit to govern us here, to give us courage and shape us as we trust His guiding.

PARISH CONTACTS

Very Rev. Jamie Boyle V.E. (Parish Priest)

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

Robert Ure, Doris Ure, Alison Wright, Jessie Carty, Bella Welsh, John Welsh, James Welsh, Catherine Irwin, James Silcock, Baby Mhairi Nutey, Helen Moore Marshall, Margaret Marshall, Nancy McPaul, John O'Donnell, Anthony Hanlon, James Silcock, Thomas McAteer, Andrew Montgomery, Bernard Gallagher, Patrick McGlynn, Margaret Canny, William F Jordan, Antonio Vettraino, Ernest Koszary, Anthony Winters, Mary Pow, Waldyslau Staniowski, Joe McGeever, Pat McGlynn, Baby Paul Gilligan, Rena McRorie, Winifred McGeehan Canny, Mary Catherine Lynn, Neil McKinlay, Margaret Craig, Catherine McLaughlin, Daniel Doherty, Frank Doherty, David Silcock, Kathleen McDermott, . **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

Allan O'Hagan RIP: Reception Tuesday 18th of February at 6pm to St Francis Xavier's
Funeral Mass on Wednesday 19th at 10am

Open Forums

We appreciate that not everyone will be able to attend the Open Forum at St Anthony's or the soon-to-be-arranged Open Forum at St Francis Xavier's. It is important that everyone have an opportunity to give feedback or voice concerns, so we invite anyone who can't make the meetings to submit questions or thoughts in writing to the parish office, or hand them to one of the priests. At the meetings themselves Fr Jamie will make every effort to respond to questions which can be answered with a simple yes, or no. Anything that requires a more detailed response will be considered prayerfully and a response given in due time. We ask everyone to pray particularly to the Holy Spirit for the whole parish, and for our Mission, as we endeavour to clarify issues that have arisen, the why behind the changes we are making, and listen carefully to people's concerns.

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. For any **Safeguarding** issues, please contact the Parish Priest/see safeguarding contacts in porches.

	St Anthony's	St Francis Xavier
Offertory	£408.33	£1665.28

NEWS & EVENTS

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, falls on Wednesday the 26th of February and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Friday 28th February is a **Day of Prayer for all those who have suffered abuse.**

House Visits—if you have not already done so, please collect and fill out the information sheets for housebound parishioners being visited by a Eucharistic Minister. We then have signed permission for visits, from a safeguarding perspective, but the forms also enables visits to happen more easily and frequently as we have up to date contact details.

St Anthony's Open Forum Meeting

There will be an Open Meeting next Sunday after Mass for those who attend St Anthony's, church. This will be an opportunity for people to raise any concerns they have about what is happening in the parish. Please make an effort to come along so that your thoughts and ideas can be heard.

In due course there will also be an open meeting at St Francis Xavier's.

Congratulations to **Sylvia and James Cochrane** who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, 50 years, tomorrow, February 17th,

There will be a gathering for World Day of Prayer Service at St Francis Xavier's **in the church hall** on Friday 6th March at 7.00 pm. The **World Day of Prayer** is an international ecumenical Christian initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in

March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. All welcome, and we will have fellowship and refreshments afterwards. If anyone would like to come along to represent the various nationalities in the parish, you would be most welcome indeed. Please come pray with us on the night, and bring a friend, either from the parish or another faith tradition.

There is also another service being held the same day at 2pm in Trinity Church, for anyone who can't attend that evening.

Please be advised that contributions to the **foodbank box** in the form of money can't be guaranteed to stay safe. We would be very glad to accept them at the church house and redirect. If you want to stay anonymous, just pop them through the church house door marked for the Foodbank.

The next **lunch club** is on Wednesday 19th February at 12 noon. Come along and enjoy good food and good company.

The **O'Donnell family** would like to thank clergy, family and friends for the sincere wishes, sympathy and mass cards given to them after the sad loss of Anne. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

UCM Next meeting on Wed 19th at 7pm when we welcome Sr Kathleen