

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday 15th March	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 16th March	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 17th March <i>(St Patrick)</i>	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 18th March	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 19th March <i>(St Joseph)</i>	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Stations of The Cross
	7:30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
Friday 20th March	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass and Adoration
	7:00 pm	St Anthony's	Stations of The Cross
Saturday 21st March	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

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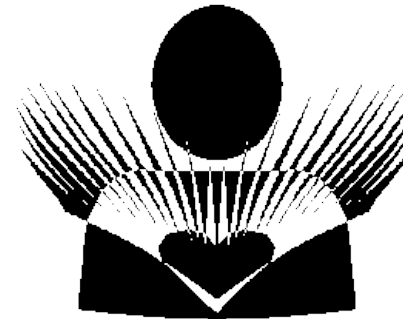
St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

Third Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2020, A

We find our liturgy on page 158 of the yellow Mass book

" A spring of water welling up to eternal life. "



*The Water I Shall Give
Will Become A Spring
Of Living Water
Welling Up To
Eternal Life*

Every time we pray and go to mass we are offered the opportunity to experience and encounter Jesus. Jesus offers us his very self and life through his Body and Blood. Once we accept his invitation, as did, the Samaritan Woman, we will never be hungry or thirsty again. Jesus offers us his greatest gift to satisfy our deepest needs and desires. Can we open our hearts and lives to Jesus so that we too can be changed and transformed into the people he wants us to be? Times of prayer and especially the Eucharist, are our well today – these are times and places where we meet Jesus who longs to talk and listen to us. At the end of mass we are asked to do what the woman at the well did. We are asked to leave the well to go and share what we have seen, heard and experienced. We too are called and challenged to become missionary disciples. She didn't stay at the well and neither can we.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Joseph Campopiano, Mary Sim, Hilda MacIntosh, Catherine Wilson, Bridget McKinlay, Colin Monk, Dannie Halpin, Tony Duffy, George Jenkins. Joseph McGinlay, Thomas Moan Jnr. Bridget McNelis, Patrick Hanlon, William Hunter, Marian Fitzpatrick, Eric Burns, Campbell Rich, Lee Cochrane, Maria Gunn, Margaret McPeake, Elizabeth Miller, Primo Pellegrini, George Devlin, Daniel Kane, Patrick Lynach, Tom Harvey, Rosie & John Burgoyne, Patrick Gorman, Frank Allison, Ruth Armstrong, Helen McCabe, Helen Kennedy, John Nagle, John Mohan, Margaret Ann Travers, D Hughes, Jean Hughes, Peter Hughes, Fred Walsh, Tommy Winter Jr. Cormac McNelis. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray the recently Deceased

James Hainey R.I.P. Funeral on Monday 23rd March at 9:30 am in St Anthony's

Coronavirus- In the light of the continued spread of the virus in Europe, and in our duty of care to others, we will take **temporary precautionary measures** such as: Not shaking hands at the sign of peace, Omitting the reception of the Chalice and omitting reception of the Host on the tongue. In addition to the above we will also suspend the use of Holy Water Fonts, Hymnbook & Mass Books Please follow best practise and wash your hands regularly with soap and water. **If you feel unwell please do not come to church.** Hopefully, the virus will be contained and we will not need to take these measures for too long. Thank you for your understanding.

We welcome Bobby Taylor, one of our seminarians, to our parish community. Bobby will be with us whilst the Scots College in Rome is closed due the Coronavirus. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the Diaconate later this year.

Alternative ways of giving.

Standing Order: You can ask your bank to set up a standing order in favour of the parish. RBS St Francis Parish Sort Code: 83-06-08 Account: 10417107 Please include your name as a refence.

Text-to-give: Text **"give" to the following number** +44 7723 493474
You will receive a link to register your card details. Once set up, all you need to do is text the amount you wish to donate to the number above. There is an option to set up recurring payments too.

A reminder too, that we are now operating one bank account. If you have a standing order for St Anthony's or St Mary of the Angels please change your donation to the St Francis Xavier's Account. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

New Parishioners. If you are new to our community, welcome! Please introduce yourself to the clergy, and join us for coffee after Sunday 10am 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	£456.72	£1751.66

NEWS & EVENTS

The first Scrutiny for our RCIA candidates takes place today . Please keep them in your prayers.

Primary 7 at St Francis Xavier's will be hosting a pop up stall in the Howgate shopping centre to raise funds for **SCIAF**. This will be on Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March, from 10.30am to 11.45am, and parishioners are kindly asked to support this initiative.

There will be a Lenten reflection and discussion on **'Global Healing'**, to pray together for our planet and our efforts at healing our common home, in St Francis Xavier's hall at 7pm on 25th March and 1st April. Please invite friends from other parishes, or of no faith.

The open forum for St Francis Xavier's church will be on Thursday 19th March at 7:45pm (After stations of the Cross.)

The next baptism preparation course begins on Monday 16th March at 7:00pm in the sacristy at St Francis Xavier's. if you wish to attend please register with parish office.

"Walk of Faith - The Walking Group are doing a Walk of Faith on 31st March from Milton of Campsie to Schoenstatt (approx 3.5 miles). We start with mass at St. Paul's 9.30, cup of tea in the hall then walk. Packed snack at Schoenstatt, Stations of the cross, outdoors, then return walk. Further information from Neil 01324637937 or 637937."

The Call to Holiness. Lenten talks for young adults (16-30) on God's call, with Archbishop Cushley. The next one features Sister Mirjam Hugens on 15 March and takes place from 5-7pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, and follows the 'talk, prayer, pizza' format. No booking required, just turn up on the night!

Choir practice: Thursday 26th March and Thursday 2nd April at 7.45pm in the choir loft. As always, new members most welcome.

Appeal for Counters – St Anthony's Volunteers needed to join the rota of collection counters at St Anthony's. This takes around 1 ½ hours after mass on Sunday on an approximately 8 week rota. Please come and help us! Contact George on 0777 598 7022

As part of the **60th Anniversary** celebrations, there will be a coffee morning in St Francis Xavier's School on Wednesday 18th March. 9:15 am to 11:30 am. Why not go along and share your memories of the school.

There will be a meeting for all **Communion Ministers** on Sunday 29th March at 1:00pm in St Francis Xavier's hall. Please also collect a letter from the sacristy.

The Lunch Club on Wednesday 18th March has been cancelled.

Special collection next Sunday for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF).