

Weekly Mass Schedule

Due to the Corona Virus, all public worship is suspended until further notice.

Please pray and worship with us online. This is a vital way for us to stay in and even build community. We would urge those comfortable with technology to reach out to family and neighbours and to show them how to connect with the community in this way.

We live stream the Mass daily at 10am, on www.falkirkcatholics.org and on our Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics.

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, including following online with us on Monday evenings at 6pm on Facebook Live—Falkirk Catholics

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue, and will be streamed after the Friday Mass at approximately ten thirty on the parish website and on Face Book.

There will be a Holy Hour Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross will be transmitted live on our Face Book page on Thursdays at 7pm.

Confessions are available on request. We ask you to carefully consider the risks to both yourself and the priest.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

Please be aware you can pray this prayer in the absence of receiving the Eucharist:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

The Parish of

St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

Fifth Sunday of Lent, 29th March 2020, Year A

“Lazarus, come out!”



This time of ‘exile’ from the Mass is reminding us in a very deep way of the power of the Word. Here are the readings for our Mass: Ezekiel 37:12-14. *With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption* – Psalm 129(130). Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45. Please ‘take up and read’.

Facing Corona, the story of Lazarus calls to us profoundly as we consider how very precious our loved ones are. Jesus’ proclamation ‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’ resonates as never before. How right it is to be reminded at this time that we are people of the Resurrection. We thank God for giving us life from the spiritual death sin leads us to. We look forward to ‘the life of the world to come’, aware that Jesus *knows* Lazarus will sicken and die before restoring him. In resurrecting Lazarus He gives him both life and freedom: ‘unbind him and let him go.’ As we read these words, let us pause in awe. And give our Lord anything that has us bound, so we can be restored.

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

Mary Hylands, James Cogano, Dolly McKenna, Tont Dodds, Louise McGhee, Neil Molloy, Norah Savoy, Mary Dickson, Hannah Farrell, James Bell, Frances McKean, Rosina Wallace, Teresa Rankin, Janet Cogano, David Miler, Winnie Gow, John Lafferty, Thomas Shannon, John Gerard Keane, William McGuire, Francis Little, Helen Danks, Maureen Harkins, Gerry Lynagh, Mary Mohan, Bridget Thomas, Andrew Winters, Hugh O'Donnell, Ian Gold, Annie Hussey, Richard Murdoch, Christopher Mallet, Kathleen Cassidy, Julia McClusky, Ellen McMullen, Fed Haxton, John Cruickshanks, James Gallagher, Edward Kane, Thomas Kennedy, Stewart Cowell, Catherine O'Brien, James Coventry, James Cochrane, David Malcolm Crooks, Agnes & Danny Collins May they rest in peace.

Funerals

A Message from Fr Jamie:

Thank you to everyone who has joined us online for our Mass and for the devotions offered through FB live. Fr Jamie will do an update every evening at 5pm if possible, and at 7pm we will offer the following: Mondays of Lent, the rosary; Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays, a Holy Hour; and Thursdays Stations. We encourage the community to continue in personal prayer. Due to GDPR requirements, we would ask you to reach out to those whose numbers you already have, and to do so *consistently*. People may only want a little contact, a few minutes, or sometimes they—or you—might want to talk longer. It is vital no one feel alone, so if the Spirit puts someone on your heart, pick up the phone, even someone you haven't spoken to for a while. Agree amongst your 'prayer tree' who will call when. Please keep all the prayer needs and intentions confidential and please include the clergy, and the parish along with the needs you see arising. Please do reach out on 623567 if you are in need of consolation, or feeling very anxious. The priests and Anne are available for spiritual conversation.

Alternative ways of giving and supporting the work of the parish.

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.

Visit www.falkirkcatholics.org and click the green "Give" button.

There is a small fee to use the above methods.

If you wish to give pay directly through your bank please contact us for our bank account details.

		St Francis Xavier
Offertory		

NEWS & EVENTS

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday!** Now more than ever perhaps we are experiencing the truth that **we don't go to church, we are the Church.** It's coming home to us all just how real our faith is—Christ is proving He is utterly dependable, our rock, always there when we call on Him.

At this time, we all need **prayer**, as individuals, and for those we love, and for the needs of the world. We need community. To that end we invite everyone to participate in the 'zoom' meetings which are already starting within the parish. We have created a tutorial to teach people how to access and invite others to zoom meetings online, via the zoom app, Google Play, the App store, or via the zoom website direct. A very little training, and we are able to 'pray together and worship together.

Please reach out to those you know in the community and help them be able to connect with us online on www.falkirkcatholics.org and on Face Book on our page Falkirk Catholics.

Both offer **live streaming of the Mass.** You can also live stream from MCN media's website, if you type in the parish name. Keep things as normal as possible whilst worshipping eg get dressed as you would for Mass, if possible setting up a small 'altar' as a focal point, with a cloth and crucifix, for example. Pray and worship just as you would in church, rising,

kneeling, and sitting just as normal, and praying the responses and singing the hymns out loud to help us participate fully.

Kids bulletin is available here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

Fr Jamie is posting regular updates on Face Book Live through the parish FB page. Falkirk Catholics. Please ask to be notified when he goes live, so you don't miss out on any information. You can also use this opportunity to type in any questions you might have, or to share a prayer for the parish. If you don't have Facebook you can view the posts on the sidebar of the parish webpage. www.falkirkcatholics.org

We hope our Lenten reflection and discussion on '**Global Healing**', to pray together for our planet and our efforts at healing our common home, will still take place online too. Watch this space for further news.

The priests can respond to emergency calls only. They will endeavour to administer the **Sacrament of the Sick** in danger of death. **Funerals:** attendance is restricted to immediate family until further notice.

Saints' Days this week: Thursday 2nd; St Francis of Paola; Saturday 4th: St Isadore, Doctor of the Church.