

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Due to the Corona Virus, all public worship continues to be 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. Keep Mass as normal as possible, following its rhythms, saying the responses out loud, sharing in the hymn singing.

We live stream the Mass daily at 10am, on [www.falkirkcatholics.org](http://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.

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.”

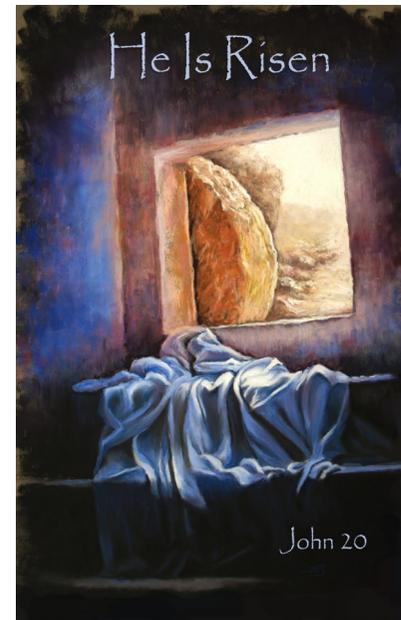
The Parish of

**St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk**

**The Church of St Anthony, Rumford**

Easter Sunday, 12th of April 2020, Year A

“*He is risen*”



Which person in today's Gospel (John 20: 1-9) best represents the way you came to faith—real faith, faith that Jesus did die, did rise and so is *alive* today? Were you like Mary, who even after being shown proof wondered where Christ's missing body had been put, struggling to fully assimilate the Resurrection? Did you simply experience the hope of it, then run headlong like Peter into the truth of the Empty Tomb? Did you suddenly know, like a thunder strike, that Jesus died and is risen? Or were you like John, teetering on the verge of acceptance, seeing some evidence of its actuality (the empty grave clothes) but holding back, felled to your knees by awe of what it might mean *if it were really true*? Each of the characters in the Resurrection gospel, in their own way, comes to believe the central truth, the crux, of our faith - that Jesus died and rose again. That belief had consequences for each of them. Mary became the first missionary disciple, living out her love for the Lord by sharing this message of salvation. Peter, who once betrayed him, died a martyr's death for Him. John, the beloved disciple, experienced exile, and used that exile to share the story of God's love for us with the world. *Who will you tell about your faith in the Resurrection?*

### PARISH CONTACTS

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

Daniel Kane, Pauline Gemmel, Gino Bertolini, Marjory Travers, James Frame, George Harris, Greta Malley, Giacinto Notarangelo, Mary Savoy, Flora Weir, Peter Kennedy, George Jenkins, Mr Varghese, Thomas Lynagh, Michael Martin, Mitchell John, Eileen Burns, Mary Keenan, Emamuela Aracedia Catari-da, David Nevin, Mary Furby, Madge O'Donnell, Charles Gallagher, Alexander Bell, John Joseph Korda, Catherine Mary Boyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Duncan McDonald, Willie Elliot, Patrick Lynagh, Catherine Boyle, William McGenily, **May they rest in peace.**

**Please pray for the recently deceased.**

Cathy McBride R.I.P.                      Jean Nairne R.I.P.  
Peter Flaherty R.I.P.                      Kathleen Kewell R.I.P.

Please pray particularly at this time for the candidates and catechumens who, having journeyed together in faith for a year, would have entered fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Pray for the RCIA team as they hold them in their disappointment, and journey with them until they can be baptised and make their Sacraments of Initiation. What a day of celebration that will be! Please pray for our priests who have worked so hard to provide our beautiful liturgies. And for everyone as we wait till we can gather again. We are an Easter people. Easter is in our longing for Jesus, in our need to honour and celebrate Him. Easter is in our knowing that our faith needs community. Easter is in our need to be together again, to be the Body Christ left to love and serve the world. Easter is in every phone call, and every tap of the keyboard, and every prayer that seeks unity. Let's pray for those whose thoughts are turning more and more to God at this time. The Holy Spirit is calling more and more people forth, giving them courage to seek and find, to answer the call to enter into relationship with the God who saves. Let's obey any 'push' from the Holy Spirit to reach out and share our joy that 'He is risen, Alleluia!' Let's be ready to share the reason for our hope, and how they too can live a resurrection shaped life because of His love for them.

**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](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org) and click the green "Give" button.

There is a small fee to use the above methods.

If you wish to give directly through your bank please use the following account details:

Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh sort code: 83-06-08 Acc no: 10417107

## NEWS & EVENTS

Fr Jamie, Fr William and Fr Kenneth send Easter blessings and wish everyone the joy and the hope of the Resurrection!

Our new Zoom prayer course—Teach us how to pray! —was as great success. Everyone—which included people new to prayer, and those learning to pray in a different way for the first time—were introduced to the need for stilling before prayer and the value of the examen, a brief review of the day that shows where God has been active in our lives. Thank you to Sr Kathleen and Juliet for this gift, which we hope will have fruits which can be shared with the whole community.

Other groups are using Whatsapp to stay in touch. We encourage everyone to stay in community as much as possible. In ancient times house churches and in the middle ages many small churches existed even in easy distance of one another; we are beginning to recognise in the pandemic our need for 'small' community where they are known and loved and supported. If you want to set up a group of those you already meet often, or you sense a new need for community with a small group, let us know on [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) and we will make that happen.

We have created a tutorial to teach people how to access and invite others to zoom meetings online, and it can be seen on our website, under the 'Resources' tab. Connect with us [www.falkirkcatholics.org](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org)

Please, if you're struggling to set up the technology, a kind parishioner has kindly agreed to walk anyone through any tech difficulties (Phone 623567) or ask a family member to help you?

**Live streaming of the Mass continues**, albeit with server difficulties outwith our control. Please tag friends and family with a cheery invitation to worship online with us, or share a post from FB. Lots of people are considering/reconsidering the faith at this time. We can all be missionary disciples through a simple 'share' or 'tag'. Your simple gesture may be the impetus someone needs to reach out in faith.

**Kids bulletin** is available here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/> We have also posted great resources on FB from 'Catholic Icing' and 'Catholic Toolbox' to help the children learn and tell the Easter Story. We would love to see pictures of their art efforts, Holy Week drama skits etc.

Thanks to Kathy for continuing our **Children's Liturgy**, available on FB and the parish website.

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