

## 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. **We still worship as a community—we welcome short prayers at the prayers of the faithful, extending the peace of Christ etc. Our worship is enhanced when we continue to pray with our bodies too, following the rhythms of the Mass, singing and saying the responses out loud.**

We live stream the Mass daily, including our Sunday liturgy, at 10am, on [www.falkirkcatholics.org](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org) and on our Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics.

On Monday's at 7:00 pm     Rosary & Benediction

On Thursday's at 7:00pm     Novena & Benediction.

The Legion of Mary prays the **Rosary** daily at 4pm, and invites you to join them on Zoom. Anyone interested should contact the office on: [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) and you'll be sent the Zoom ID and password, as well as scripture/prayer cards for the different mysteries.

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 Facebook.

Confessions are available on request. We ask you to carefully consider the risks to both yourself and the priest. **Please be aware the Holy Father has said that confessing to God is sufficient in these times, as long as we have a firm intent to go to the Sacrament as soon as possible .**

Act of Spiritual Communion:

**“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 being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”**

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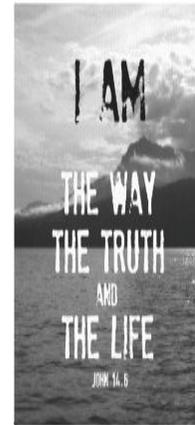
**St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk**

**The Church of St Anthony, Rumford**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, 10th of May 2020, Year A**

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

Reading 1, *Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*; Reading 2, *First Peter 2:4-9*; Gospel, *John 14:1-12*



Jesus is the answer to the fundamental questions of human existence. Whether it's through our vocation to Holy Matrimony or Holy Orders, through dedication to prayer, the acceptance of suffering or simply recognising joy in our blessings, each Christian finds strength for the journey through the person of Jesus Christ. He is the safe Way that leads to the embrace of the Father. He embodies for us the Truth of God, so we might know Him better and live that truth in His strength. He gives us Life in the now, and life hereafter. *How has Jesus answered your questions this week?*

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

Jessie Notorangelo, Gerry Pollock, Helen O'Connor, Catherine Mailer, Canon JC Ward, Catherine McGuire, Hugh McMorrow, Scott Fraser, Lily Macfarlane, Christine McLeaish, Patricia Silcock, mgr. D Robina, Devasia Thomson, Charles Enyi, William Farrell, Nan Nixon, Nora Parker, Agnes Cullen, Edward Travers, George Beattie, Elizabeth Fullard, Briyan Redding, Annie Williamson, Fr J Tweedie, Peter Tilley, Antony Evangelisti, Hugh Grogan, Mai Hickney, Frances Glafferty, Susan Coyle. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the recently deceased.

Anne McMorrow R.I.P.

Anna Marchi R.I.P.

Congratulations to Betty & Michael Downie who celebrate their Golden wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Today's second reading, from the First Letter of Peter, presents lots of material for reflection. It contains well-known passages on the priesthood of all the faithful. (A summary of this teaching is given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1546 and 1547). As the faithful we are all baptised priest, prophet and king. So the ministerial priesthood, ie that of bishops and priests, together with the common priesthood of the faithful, means we all participate, in our own way, in the priesthood of Christ.

**'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may sing the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.'** 1 Peter 2:10 Is that something we think of often? What does that mean for us as we live our everyday lives? What does it say about the access we have to God? About our work in the world? It's almost too enormous a privilege to contemplate, isn't it? But it's God's truth for us and our whole community. As our Covid 19 isolation continues, and we cherish even more our faith, let's treasure deeply that awareness and ask God to show us how we might live it for Him.

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:

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## NEWS & EVENTS

We would like to ask everyone to pray, very intentionally, for the parish in this place. Please pray for the leadership team as they try to follow the Holy Spirit, and discern God's will. Pray we find ways to balance the needs of the community with our mission to reach out to all those with questions, all those who are seeking at this time. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

This week saw us reaching out to the elderly in our parish, now our database is up and running. We were bowled over by the stories of faith we heard, and the great strength that is in our older disciples. We heard stories too of how loved and supported they feel. Well done to all our parish families who are coping so well!

We would like to extend our **phone ministry**, so that we can make regular contact with all of the people on our database. We know that many of you are already doing this 'phone apostolate' on an informal basis. Thank you. May the Lord bless you as you reach out to others.

For the extended phone ministry, we will soon be in contact those **who already came forward at the beginning of the lockdown**. Government

regulations were so strict, there was no 'wriggle room' for the physical support we had hoped to give people. **But we haven't forgotten your generosity.** Once we are clear what practical help we need we will be in touch as soon as we can to call upon your services. And for anyone else who feels they have a genuine heart for ministry, please get in touch.

**Small groups:** every week we will be posting resources for the small groups to use. We are offering three levels; for beginners; for those who want a bit more challenge, and a final one for those who are more seasoned students of the Word called Prego. We hope everyone finds a level they are comfortable at, but please don't hesitate to come back to us with any questions or requests. ([office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org))

More people are joining us at our **'tea and toast'** session after Mass. We'd love to see some more faces—don't be shy! Zoom Meeting ID 89000565228 We will give the password at Mass on Sunday.

We are also trying to move our **Facebook page** from a simple 'broadcast' or announcement mode to 'community mode'. So far we're getting lots of 'likes' but we would really love it if people would engage more, writing comments, commenting on others' comments etc. It's another way to keep us all together.