

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 would urge those comfortable with technology to reach out to family and neighbours and to show them how to stay connected 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, including our Sunday liturgy, at 10am, on www.falkirkcatholics.org and on our Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics.

We encourage you to pray the Rosary. 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 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.

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

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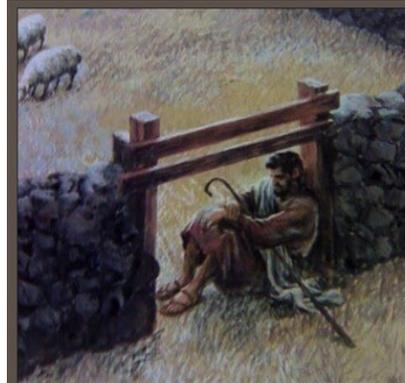
St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 3rd of May 2020, Year

‘His sheep follow him because they know his voice.’

R1, *Acts 2:14, 36-41*; Psalm *23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6*; R2 Peter *2:20-25*; Gospel, *John 10:1-10*



John 10:7

**Truly truly,
I say to you,
I am the Door
of the sheep**

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Our gospel today gives us great security—Jesus is saying he will guard and protect us, and that we are safe as long as we stay close to Him and listen to His voice. But how do we hear this gospel in these days when we aren't able to be safe together in the sanctuary of our churches? When the 'door to Jesus' seems barred? When the flock is scattered? The Gate that is Jesus works in two ways. Keeping the sheep safe within, but, as our Gospel tells us, the Gate also 'releases' the sheep, setting them free so that they can go out. This time of self-isolation has at some level sent us out from the Church building. We are 'released', but the Mission of Jesus, to save the lost and the least, has not stopped. This curious time is making us all reflect on ways we can still bring the 'life changing message of the Gospel into the world.' It's more vital than ever that we stop and listen for Christ's voice; what is He asking of us? Where is He leading us? Which lamb of His can we tend today?

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

Joseph Nally, Bridget Boyle, Martin Spain, Myra Spain, Peter Sneddon, Hugh Fawcett, Herbert Herrity, William Welsh, James Byrne, Annie McGuire, James Smith, James Buchanan, Bridget Brown, Michael Martin, Bridget O'Donnell, Jim Campbell, Peter Clark, Edward Gray, John wood, Mary McGlynn. John Fleming, Jean Grogan, Bridget McCartney, Annie Kane, Thomas Menteith, James Lynn, Thomas Ferrier, Agnes Cairns, Betty Struthers, Patrick Grogan, William Lilley, Nancy Timmins, Christine McAteer, Sean Byrne, John Marshall, Ellen Dougan, Carmella Pozzo, James Lynn, Mary Winters, Catherine Wood, Jay. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased.

Agnes Donnelly R.I.P.

William Smith R.I.P.

Janis Taylor R.I.P.

Rosemary Docherty R.I.P.

'Gather us in...'

A frustrating realisation at the start of the crisis for us as a parish was knowing that whilst several attempts had been made over the years to create a data base of all parishioners, what we had in our hands was not sufficient to the task of contacting everyone and checking on their well-being, physically and spiritually. No surprise, given the size of our parish...1100 souls. Fr Jamie has been working very hard over the past week to bring together all the data from the existing databases, as well as the data from the new database he has established. This work is a real labour of love—an electronic 'gathering in' of all the sheep of his flock, so that they can be cared for. We are very blessed in his abilities. Many parishes with a less technically proficient pastor will not be able to do this. We would urge everyone who has not already done so to register with the parish on the new data base. It is pinned to the top of the Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics, so it can be found easily. You will also find it at the on our parish website, at www.falkirkcatholics.org. It's vital we work to stay together as a parish community. Please reach out to friends, and particularly our elderly parishioners, to make sure we have their details. If needs be please just call the parish office to register if you don't have online access.

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 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

Our **'Teach me how to pray'** course is—unbelievably—already over. Participants were very grateful for the deepening of their prayer they experienced as they tried different approaches, naming insights they had received, and sharing the peace they found through more regular prayer. A huge thank you to Sr Kathleen and Juliet who have offered to continue to accompany the group, but also to offer the course again to the parish. Thank you too to Allan Isdale, whose tech skills made the process so much easier.

Small groups: Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Zoom meeting about setting up small groups around the Sunday gospel. This is another powerful way we are being 'gathered in'. Fr Jamie gave a PowerPoint sharing the 'why' of the groups and how they connect to our vision of being an inclusive community, on fire with the love of God. The 'how' is simple; resources will be posted online every week for groups to work with. The groups will be evaluated after a few weeks, and if anyone wants to change group, there will be no hard feelings. The most important thing is that, without the Eucharist, Christ can still nourish us and guide us through His Word.

Don't let uncertainty about technology keep you from forming a group. Lots of parishioners have been given a little help to 'overcome' Zoom! For anyone who isn't already connected to an existing par-

ish group, please help us to help you by getting in touch on 623567, or email office@falkirkcatholics.org. We will be delighted to connect you with a group that's being set up.

More 'gathering in' and community building! Thank you to those who have started to engage more with our Facebook community.

Feel free to **comment on Facebook posts, engage with posts, comment on each others' posts and share parish posts** to your own feeds. Stay connected, encouraging each other!

Our young families are doing so well, but the struggle is real. Please pray for them as they face the difficulties and joys of isolation. Reach out if you can to say you are thinking and praying for them. And tell them that **The Kids bulletin** is available here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/> And that our **children's liturgy continues to post every week** on our FB page, Falkirk Catholics, so the children can watch as the parents worship online.

Funeral attendance is still restricted to immediate family. Please ask to join our Falkirk Catholics Condolences page on FB.