

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

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At the parish of St. Francis Xavier's,
we are a joyful, inclusive community on fire with the love of God, each growing in our personal relationship with Christ.
As His missionary disciples,
inspired by His Holy Spirit and nourished by our worship, we use our talents freely to serve others
and take the life-changing message of the Gospel into the world.

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View from the Sanctuary



Hello everyone, it was lovely to be able to celebrate the feast of St Anthony of Padua in St Anthony's Church. I am sure many people were happy to be able to see inside the church after so many weeks of lockdown. I would hope to stream Mass more frequently from St Anthony's in the coming weeks. Our thoughts and prayers are also with boys & girls who should have made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Re-opening our churches



The Re-opening Strategy team met again this week and are making great advances in our preparations for re-opening our doors. We have started the process of working out the safest way for people to enter and leave the church as well as how many people we can safely accommodate.

In the coming weeks we would hope to be allowed to once more open the doors of churches for private prayer. We have set up a strategy group to help plan for when this happens, making sure that our churches are safe and welcoming for anyone who wishes to come and pray. We would be most grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey below. This will help us a great deal in planning how often our churches will need to be open to allow everyone the opportunity to come and pray. Please note we do not as yet have a date when the churches will be allowed to open.

St. Anthony's church. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y6BXSH7>

St Francis Xavier's church. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YBRW6LS>

VOLUNTEER



If you would like to volunteer to be part of our new Welcoming / Cleaning Ministry please see the link below for more information. This is an appeal especially for the younger generation to step up since many of those who currently welcome and clean the churches are over the age of 70.

<https://www.falkirkcatholics.org/covid-19/>

Livestream



We have now discontinued our contract with MCN. I am at present waiting on a quote from a more local company for better cameras and hosting of our livestream. In the meantime please view the local livestream at www.falkirkcatholics.org/livestream or [Vimeo.com/falkirkcatholics](https://www.vimeo.com/falkirkcatholics).

Anniversaries



Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur this week: Mary Maolne Kemp, Daniel Anthony McGeever, Agnes McKnight, John Reginald Todd, Elizabeth Strathie, James McGuickin, Eileen O'Docherty, Mary Donoghue, Elizabeth MCGuire, James Reilly, Patrick Canavan, Hugh McLellan, Sarah Cusack, Jessie MCHardy, Edward Short, James Farrelly, Condy McNeillis, Federcik Heggie, John Campbell, S Butterfly, Joanna Gow, Tony Vlahos, Anne Thomson, Vincenzo Michele Ianetta, Mary Grubb, R. Shields, Bill Waugh, Owen Malloy, Aeneas Paterson, Jean McKay, Agnes Welsh, May they rest in peace.

Funerals



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Margaret Jack R.I.P. Caroline Prior R.I.P. Norah Erskine R.I.P. John Collins R.I.P

Phone Ministry



Our team of volunteers are regularly calling a large number of our senior parishioners. If you know of anyone who is missing out on getting a phone call then please let us know so that they can be added to our list. Likewise, if you know someone who can't access the newsletter online, please let us know so that we can send out a copy in the post.

Weekly Schedule



Mass will be celebrated every day at 10:00 am
Rosary & Benediction on Monday at 7:00 pm
Divine Mercy will be recited on Tuesdays after Mass
Padre Pio Devotion Tuesday at 7:00pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction on Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays after Mass until 11:00 am

Pope Francis



"Every year the feast of Corpus Christi invites us to renew the wonder and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, which is the Eucharist," Pope Francis said at the Angelus prayer June 23. "The Eucharist is the synthesis of the entire existence of Jesus, which was a single act of love for the Father and his brothers," he said. It is "the sacrament of His Body and His Blood given for the salvation of the world."

The feast provides an opportunity for the Church to focus on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, which Pope Francis stressed should be welcomed "with gratitude, not in a passive, habitual way." "Whenever we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we must truly renew our 'amen' to the Body of Christ," the pope said, urging that this "amen" should come from the heart. "It is Jesus, it is Jesus who saved me, it is Jesus who comes to give me the strength to live. It is Jesus, Jesus alive," Francis said of the Eucharist in a departure from his prepared remarks. Pope Francis said that the processions with the Blessed Sacrament that take place around the world in celebration of the Corpus Christi feast are an "expression of the Eucharistic faith of the holy people of God." "May Our Lady help us to follow Jesus with faith and love whom we adore in the Eucharist," Pope Francis said.

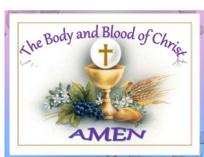
Vatican City, Jun 23, 2019

Parish Leadership Team



The parish leadership team continues to meet every week. Please get in touch if there is anything you think we can do to develop the faith and spiritual life of our parish. office@falkirkcatholics.org

First Holy Communion



We keep in our prayers the boys and girls of the parish who were due to receive First Holy Communion this week. At this stage we do not know when we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament with the children in a suitable manner. We pray too for our RCIA candidates, the children waiting to be baptised and the couples who have had to postpone their weddings.

Finance



The archdiocese has set up an online giving platform to allow those who are able to continue to give financial support to their parish and also other causes. The link below will take you to the diocesan donations page where you can donate to a specific parish or a cause such as Communication, SCIAF or the Aged & Infirm clergy fund.

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2

Parish Database



If you have not already done so, could you please make sure that everyone in your household is registered on the parish database? <https://www.falkirkcatholics.org/connect/>