

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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View from the Sanctuary

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. On this day we reflect that Mary, the Mother of Jesus was assumed body & soul into heaven where she now intercedes for us. Let us ask for her continued intercession for the church and the world, especially in these challenging times.

Attending Mass

Please remember to book online or by calling the parish office for Sunday Masses. If you are coming to Mass during the week, please remember to wear a face covering and follow the instructions of the stewards. **Please fill the church from the front to the back.** As stated by the Scottish Government, face coverings are now mandatory in places of worship. Also, we kindly ask that you arrive in good time for Mass and avoid coming in at the last minute. If you arrive late your place may be given to someone else.

You can book online at www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking Booking closes 24 hours before Mass.

Funerals

Of your charity please pray for the following who have died and their families.

Agnes McGlynn R.I.P. Funeral on Tuesday at 11:00am at St Francis Xavier's (No public Mass)

Please note that the Government guidelines still restrict the number of people attending a Funeral in church to 20.

Anniversaries

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

R Bob Cooper, Catherine McFall, Kathleen Purcell, Grace Maguire, Alex Hunter, Peter Conlin, Jean Theresa Lynch, Emma Pellegrini, Emily Syme (Baby), Pat O'Neill, Kevin Farrell, Dr Richard Burns, Isabella MacKintosh, Ivan Pawyk, Sarah Sweeney, Elizabeth Moore, Luke Little, Mario Marchi, James Mochan, Concetta Caramando, Charles Campbell, Brenda Waterspoon, Michael Hanlon, Bernard Harkins, Nancy Robb, Ruby Campopiano.

Confessions

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday Mornings after Mass until 11:30 am. In order to maintain social distancing, the sacrament will be celebrated in the sacristy

Baptism Preparation

We will be running baptism preparation classes online starting on Monday 17th August. Please register with the parish office if you wish to have your child baptised.

Communion to the housebound

I would like to encourage family members to take Holy Communion to other family members who are not yet able to come to mass. Please speak to one of the priests to discuss this.

All existing Communion Ministers should speak with one of the priests before taking Communion to the housebound. It is essential that we all adhere to all the safety procedures we are asked to follow.

Finance

You can donate online using the following link.

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=FALKE

If you are a UK taxpayer please consider Gift Aid. If you Gift aid your donations the parish can claim back 25p for every pound donated. This year's Gift Aid envelopes are available for collection this weekend. Please ask a steward to give them to you.

The Gift – A life in the Spirit Course.

We have had a great response to our online course – The Gift. If you would like to join us it's not too late. Please email office@falkirkcatholics.org and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting. We meet on Zoom at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings.

Pope Francis teaches us.

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance. Let us look up. Heaven is open. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us. She loves us, she smiles at us and she thoughtfully assists us. Like every mother she wants the best for her children, and she says to us: "You are precious in God's eyes; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven". Yes, because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life. Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by true beauty. Let us not be befuddled by the trivialities of life, but rather let us choose the greatness of Heaven. May the Holy Virgin, Gate of Heaven, help us daily to trustfully and joyfully look to where our true home is, where she is awaiting us like a mother.

Weekly Schedule

Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
Sunday 15th August	<i>The Assumption</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am 12 :00 pm 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass Mass
Monday 16th August		9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Rosary
Tuesday 17th August		11:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass No Public Mass today
Wednesday 18th August		9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
Thursday 19th August	<i>St Bernard</i>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Novena
Friday 20th August	<i>St Pius X</i>	10:00 am 6:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 21st August	Our lady, Mother and Queen	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass