

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
Parish Newsletter 23rd August 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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View from the Sanctuary

We have been blessed to have Deacon Bobby with us over the past few weeks. He has been a great help both liturgically and, in the house, as well. He is a man of many talents! We wish him every blessing as he takes a short break before returning to Rome to complete his studies and prepare for his Ordination to the priesthood. On your behalf I assure him of our prayerful support.

Attending Mass

Over the past few weeks all our Sunday Masses have been fully booked. Could I please encourage you to consider coming to Mass during the week to allow other to attend on a Sunday. Some people have been at Mass every week whilst others have not been able to get booked in at all. We really want to encourage families back to mass especially those preparing for First Holy Communion. Please note that the Sunday obligation is still suspended.

You can book online at www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking Booking closes 8 hours before Mass.

Funerals

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

James Gaerty R.I.P. Funeral at Falkirk Crematorium on Monday.

Paul Markey R.I.P (Mr Markey was head of Maths at St Mungo's)

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.

Anne Herriott, George Herriott, Marion Cram, Ruth McRorie, Jeanie Oliver, John Boyle, Jen Welsh, Elizabeth Vlahos, Margaret Politowski, Alexander Strathie, Mary Teresa Sweeney, Kevin Harvey, Eddie Morven, Elizabeth Matyszkowioz, Christine Anderson, Margaret Gentleman, Darren Maclean, Francis Little, Michael Schofield, Tessie Clarkin, Alice Elliott, Tommy Winters, Margaret Peters, Helen (Lena) Dobbie, Alexander Downie, Denis O'Donnell, Andrew Coyle, Ann Frame, Jack McGuire, Neil Mochan, Canon Hanlon, Margaret Rock, Jen welsh, Michael Schoefield.

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

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.

LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME, THE CLIMATE CRISIS

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote an encyclical called Laudato Si. This was a letter not just to Catholics or Christians but to the whole world. It recognises that we are in a climate crisis and that if we don't do anything about it we will destroy the world, our Common Home, for all future generations and all forms of life.

He urges us to act as individuals and communities, strengthened by our faith to work for an end to global heating, rising sea levels, deforestation, overconsumption and damage to our biodiversity and to take responsibility for the damage we have done to the planet.

During this year's Season of Creation, [beginning on the 1st September](#) we will be showing 2 films on 16th & 23rd September. which will show us how our faith helps us to care for our Common Home.

These beautiful films will be shown over Zoom. There will be an opportunity to discuss what you see and hear and for you to reflect on your own lifestyle. We will also assess what we can do as a Parish going forwards to reduce our carbon footprint.

The films are suitable for all ages, our younger parishioners will be most affected by climate damage. What kind of a world do we want them to inherit?

Please join us, email, office@falkirkcatholics.org to register. A link will be sent to you a few days before the meetings.

A word of thanks

Margaret Kerr thanks parishioners for the many kind messages of condolence for her sister Ann and granddaughter Matilda recently deceased. These have been a great support to Margaret and the family. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Weekly Schedule

Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
Sunday 23rd August	<i>21st Sunday Year A</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 24th August	<i>St Bartholomew</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Rosary
Tuesday 25th August		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 26th August		9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
Thursday 27th August	<i>St Monica</i>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Novena
Friday 28th August	<i>St Augustine</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 29th August	Beheading of John the Baptist.	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass