

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**Parish Newsletter 30th August 2020**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**View from the Sanctuary**

We say 'Bon voyage' to Fr Kenneth as he returns home to Ghana on Wednesday. We wish him a safe journey and thank him for his presence with us over the past two years. Fr William goes on holiday from Friday then will move to Kilsyth. We thank Fr William for his quiet but sure ministry to us over the past year, and for all his kindness and goodness. Fr Sean Bradley of the IVE, whose charism is to incarnate Christ, through a particular devotion to the Eucharist and to Mary, will be coming to join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Attending Mass**

There will be no Mass at St Anthony's on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, as we have only one priest in the parish that week.

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 others 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](http://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 Sneddon RIP

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.

Nora Kelleher, David Scofield, Theresa Gallagher, Joseph Lemetti, Rev W Crampton, Edward Walsh, Mandy McKeever, Alexander Lynn, William McGlynn, James Scott, Walter Murison, John McGarr, Helen Mitchell, James Scott, Sean O'Farrell, Mary Mochan, Tom Struthers, Catherine (Irene) Johnman, Bill Manderson, Cathleen Johnman, Mary McCane, Anthony Pastuch, Jimmy Bell, Frances McCafferty, John Francis Clarkin, Barbara Halpin, Elizabeth Short, Mary Hoggan, Sarah Anne Wright, Rosina Brannan, Patrick O'Connor, Claramma Thomas, Gordon Bain.

**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](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 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) to register. A link will be sent to you a few days before the meetings.

## Weekly Schedule

Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>		9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Rosary
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>		10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Novena
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>		9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass

