

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

Parish Newsletter 9th August 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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View from the Sanctuary

Hello Everyone. Congratulations to the members of our RCIA group who were baptised and received into full Communion with Catholic Church on Thursday evening. It was a wonderful celebration despite all the regulations. Please continue to pray for these men and women as they continue their journey of faith.

We pray too for all our young people, teachers and school staff as they return to full time education this week. There will still be many challenges ahead and we wish them a safe and happy return.

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.

Stella Marcin Kiewicz R.I.P. Funeral on Monday 10th August at 10:00 am at St Francis Xavier's

Susanna Harley R.I.P Funeral on Tuesday 11th August at 11:15 am at Falkirk Crematorium

Moira Anderson R.I.P. Funeral on Thursday 13th August at 12:15 pm at Falkirk Crematorium

Agnes McGlynn R.I.P. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

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.

Jimmy Cowan, Thomas Kane, Jean McGhee, Mary Harvey, Elysabeth Dolan, Doreen Fitzpatrick, William Burns Dougan, John Francis Collins, Elizabeth Murray, James McKay, James Allison, Sylvia Lorimer, Hugh O'Fee, Helen Cafferty, George Crow, Alan Goldie, Greta Kieschnick, Annie Dickson, Helen Scott, John Shiels, Mary Dolan, Jose Ross, Eileen Torrance, Mary McCabe, Joseph Andrew Dooner, James MacLean, Annie Blair, Frances Sweeney, Giorgina Marchi, Brigid O'Brien, D. Hughes, Thomas Keenan, Margaret Pastuch, William McGuire Jr, Cabirioflo Sandoro, Steven Robertson,

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.

First Confession & First Holy Communion

I hope to discuss with the schools this week how best we can complete preparation and celebrate the Sacraments in a safe and dignified manner. I thank you for your continued patience in this matter

Communion Ministers

Before we resume taking communion to the housebound, I would like to meet with Communion Ministers next Saturday Moring 15th August, at 11:00am in St Francis Xavier's. this will allow us to discuss the protocol for taking Communion into people's homes.

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 its 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.

Weekly Schedule

Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
Sunday 9th August	<i>19th 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 10th August	<i>St Lawrence</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Funeral Mass Rosary
Tuesday 11th August	<i>St Clare</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 12th August		9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
Thursday 13th August		10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Novena
Friday 14th August	<i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	10:00 am 6:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 15th August		9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass