

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**Parish Newsletter, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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### **View from the Sanctuary**

We welcome Fr Sean Bradley IVE who joins us on Monday. I am sure you will make him feel at home as he settles into life in the parish. Fr William will move to Kilsyth later in the week when he returns from his retreat. We will have a collection for Fr William during October. Last Thursday I resigned as Vicar Episcopal for Clergy & Religious and my role as Vice Dean. Hopefully this will give me more time to commit to the parish.

### **LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME, THE CLIMATE CRISIS**

We are all so much more aware of the damage our planet has suffered, and our responsibility for our common home. There are wonderful resources available on <https://seasonofcreation.org/> for anyone wanting to find out more, especially about our response as a Church. As a parish, we will be showing two films on Global Healing on Wednesdays 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September which will offer ideas to help us help us steward the great gift God has given us. These beautiful films will be shown over Zoom, then 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; this is an area where we can learn a great deal from our children and young people, finding common ground together in the faith. Please invite your children and grandchildren to join us. Email [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) to register. A Zoom link will be sent to you a few days before the meetings.

### **Attending Mass**

We would love to see more families at mass, especially those whose children are preparing for First Holy Communion. You can book online at [www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking) Booking closes 8 hours before Mass. Once again can I appeal to you to book responsibly. Prior to lockdown we had over 1000 people coming to Sunday Mass, now that number is restricted to 250 over 5 Masses. Please try to book alternate weeks and give others a chance to come to Mass.

### **Funerals**

Of your charity please pray for the following who have died and their families.  
**Patrick Little RIP** Funeral on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am.

### **Anniversaries**

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

Margaret Harris, William Hart, Nancy McIntyre, Felix Coleman, Lily Kotrys, Elvira Pawlyk, Maria McGleave, Marion Heeps, Kathleen Miller, David Blackhill, James McKenna, Jim McGlynn, Patrick McKay, Norah McKay, John Nutley, James Aitken, Hugh Grubb, Bridget McKenna, Andrew Kier, Bernadette McNeily

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** – our wonderful RCIA team is preparing to accompany those adults wishing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation or explore joining us in the faith. Do you have a friend or family member open to joining the family of God? Please pray for the opportunity to speak to the person. We have a warm, friendly group, some of whom are converts themselves, waiting to gently walk Seekers towards joining the Church at Easter. Ask anyone interested to contact us on [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org). Perhaps you'd be able to join them every week as they explore?

### **Baptisms**

We are offering our Baptism Course for parents and godparents on the following consecutive Mondays online: Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please register on [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) and you will be sent a Zoom invite. The evenings follow a film/discussion format and run for about an hour. We look forward to welcoming you!

## 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.

## Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund

This Sunday we would normally take up a special collection to support the retired priests of the archdiocese. If you can give, there will be a basket for donations at the back of the church. Alternatively, you can donate online by visiting the Archdiocesan Website and clicking "Donate" [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org)

## SCIAF

SCIAF has asked us to have a special collection during the month of September. This will take place during the week beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Donations can be given at all Masses.

## Use of Church Halls

At present there is no indication of when we will be able to resume using the church halls. There are still many restrictions in place which don't allow us to open our halls. Thank you for your continued patience.

## Pope Francis

This week Pope Francis reiterated the human dimension of the care of the sick, saying every patient is a person who is defined by much more than his or her clinical data. "When a sick person senses that he or she is being treated as a unique person, the result is greater confidence in the medical team and greater hope for a positive outcome. The Holy Father underscored the importance of forging bonds of solidarity and support between patients suffering from serious pathologies, their family members and medical personnel. He encouraged medical professionals to concentrate on the integral care of patients, by offering them trust, hope and love in every stage of care, including in cases where the treatment is essentially palliative. The Pope said, it is precisely the closeness of love that opens the door to hope and also to healing.

## Mass Schedule

Please note no mass at St Francis Xavier's on Monday morning.

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>24<sup>th</sup></i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	<i>Sunday</i>	11:00 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	<i>Year A</i>	12 :00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>The Exaltation of the Cross</i> <i>(Feast)</i>		9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
		6:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Rosary & Benediction
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>		9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena & Benediction
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>		9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		6:30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Vigil Mass