

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
Parish Newsletter, 27th September 2020, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME, THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the very valuable films and discussions over the last two weeks. Evaluating the experience, we were delighted by the wide range of parishioners of all ages. Reports were very positive, particularly around deepening of our understanding of the Climate Crisis, its roots, and how our faith demands we step up to care for Creation in practical ways. Thank you to all involved and watch out for other initiatives to help us grow in and deepen our faith this way across the generations.

Newsletter Thank you to those who have already told the office they no longer need to receive the newsletter as they can access it online. You can still let us know on office@falkirkcatholics.org
We are very conscious of everyone's safety. As with every other piece of paper we handle, please wash your hands after reading the newsletter.

Restrictions: Thank you so much to everyone who is being so responsible, and taking care of each other by using facemasks, hand gel, and sticking to the numbers allowed. For the moment, there are no changes to the way we can gather for Mass.

Attending Mass

You can book online at www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking . Booking closes 8 hours before Mass.
Please book with consideration of others. Try to book alternate weeks and give everyone the opportunity to come to Mass. Numbers allowed are being strictly adhered to. Thank you all for your help in this matter. To help accommodate everyone, if you can come to another Mass through the week please consider doing so.

Leadership Team Please pray for the leadership team as we explore how we can be a meaningful community despite Covid 19 restrictions. We have been very blessed as a parish to still be able to retain that sense of ourselves as a community gathered around the Eucharist. It's more important now than every that everyone feel part of what we are doing; please engage online as much as you can, and keep doing the beautiful work you are doing in reaching out to each other.

Anniversaries

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

Nan McDonald, Jean Cummings, John D Bradbury, Caroline Gorman, John McGeever, Patrick McNelis, Rosemary Quinn, Peter Healy, Sadie Johnston, Tadeuz Cieslar, Patrick Connell, Peter Renella, Helen Malecka, James Flanagan, James Holleran, Theresa Kerr, Margaret Wallace, Margaret McKee, Maureen Murphy, Gordon Court, Saul John Elliott (baby twin), Mary Murphy, Sr Benigna Harte, Joseph Kennedy, Ann Walker, Christopher Canny, Catherine Cullen.

Deaths

Please pray the repose of the soul of Nan Smith who died during the week. Nan is the mother of Sr Pauline.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – Covid 19 has opened up so many things and people are responding to questions in a new way, or find they have no answers to the bigger questions in life and are seeking. Do you know a friend or family member open to exploring the faith? Our RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), some of whom are converts themselves, are waiting to gently walk with anyone seeking towards joining the Church at Easter. Please ask anyone interested to contact us on office@falkirkcatholics.org. Perhaps you'd be able to join them as they explore – lots of good Catholics become even better Catholics through sponsoring someone in RCIA.

Baptisms

Our Baptism Course for parents and godparents started online and will meet again tomorrow the 28th and October 5th, all at 7pm online. Please register on office@falkirkcatholics.org for our next course. The evenings follow a film/discussion format and run for about an hour. We look forward to welcoming you!

Confessions

We 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.

Padre Pio Prayer Group – the group invites everyone to join them on the First Friday, October 2nd, at 6pm for their online liturgy, which can be accessed via the parish website www.falkirkcatholics.org or the parish Face Book page, 'Falkirk Catholics'.

Pope Francis

Continuing in his series of catechesis on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in light of the Church's teachings, Pope Francis said, "Every one of us is called to assume responsibility for his or her part," and he highlighted the fact that we must look to the future working for a social order in which the dignity and the gifts of all of its members are respected. Speaking during the weekly General Audience in the Vatican, the Pope reflected on *the principle of subsidiarity*. To better explain its meaning, he recalled how after the great economic depression of 1929, Pope Pius XI explained that "this principle has a double movement: from top to bottom and from bottom to top." "To emerge better from a crisis, the *principle of subsidiarity* must be enacted, respecting the autonomy and the capacity to take initiative that everyone has, especially the least," the Pope said elaborating on the fact that this principle "allows everyone to assume his or her own role for the healing and destiny of society."

Finance

Offertory Collection 20th September £ 1262.86 Standing Orders £ 300 (avg) SCIAF £891 Retired Clergy £ 806

Mass Schedule

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
Sunday 27th September	<i>26th Sunday Year A</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		11:00 am	St Anthony's	Mass
		12 :00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		1.30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Polish Mass
		7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	
Monday 28th September		9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		6:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Rosary & Benediction
Tuesday 29th September	<i>SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 30th September	<i>St Jerome</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 1st October	<i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena & Benediction
Friday 2nd October	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 3rd October		9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		6:30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Vigil Mass

