

## The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

Parish Newsletter, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020      23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### View from the Sanctuary

I am happy to be back among you after my short break. Like many of you I was very disappointed that Fr. William is moving to Kilsyth when he returns from his retreat. In due course we will have a collection for him and invite him back for a Mass of thanksgiving and a presentation. It is never easy to move parish so please keep him in your prayers. Please pray also for Fr. Sean Bradley who will join us the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September. I am sure you will extend your usual warm welcome.

### The Gift

We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for the fruits of The Gift course, those received and those still to come. Responses from participants included:

'The course deepened my relationship with the Holy Spirit'; 'I feel connected to something in a new way, for the very first time'; 'we are ready to live this new life in a new way'.

Our exploration of the Mystery of the Holy Spirit will continue as part of our Season of Creation.

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

During this year's Season of Creation, 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.

### Attending Mass

We really want to encourage families back to mass, especially those 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.

### 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.

Eileen Rafferty, Marion C Jack, Teresa Welsh, Margaret Simpson, Domenico Giannandrea, Catherine Mowen, Mary O'Donnell, Terence Kelly, Molly Fletcher, Rose McCaul, James Gallagher, Joachim McMorrow, Isobel Johnstone, Madaline AM Vitesse, Leonard J Wilkie, Madaline O'Brien, Rev Joseph McMahan, Marion Johnstone Campbell, Mariamma Koshy, Margaret Maguire, Sara Anne Waclawska, James Cuthill, Agnes Cogans, James McCabe Jnr, Patrick McGeehan, John Nutley, Gerard Ward, Margaret Silcock, Agnes Allan, Charles Donnelly, Andrew Young, Thomas Mackerel

## 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

### First Confessions:

The children who are now in primary 4 who should have made their first confession earlier this year will celebrate the Sacrament in October. Due to the current restrictions this will take place during the school day. The children will come to a Mass of Reconciliation and then celebrate the Sacrament. Unfortunately, it won't be possible to celebrate the Sacrament in large numbers as we have done in the past. Full details will be posted on the parish website on Monday

### First Holy Communions:

We now have plans in place for the celebration of First Holy Communion, which will take place in November. It goes without saying that things will be severely restricted, and we will not be able to celebrate the Sacraments in the way we would have hoped. At present each child will be limited to 4 family members and the usual safe distancing and hygiene protocols (face coverings etc.) will be in place. Full details will be posted on the parish website on Monday.

## 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.

## SVDP

Our SVDP group have had almost no income for several months now. If you can support them, please use the collection buckets as you leave the church. Thank you for supporting their vital work.

## 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.

## Weekly Schedule

Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>23rd 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 7<sup>th</sup> September</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 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Birthday of The Blessed Virgin</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>		10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Novena
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>		10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Vigil Mass