

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**Parish Newsletter, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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**LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME,**

Many thanks to Sr Kathleen for praying the special Stations of Creation on Sunday to mark the end of the Season of Creation. Here's a link to a film that explains how the Season of Creation, the Holy Father's call to us as Catholics to listen to the call of the earth and the call of the poor was celebrated across the world. This is a movement which is growing, something which we can all take part in, which offers a beautiful way for each generation to grow in faith, and which we want to be part of as a parish. Please watch and comment on the post on our FB page which shows the same film: <https://youtu.be/8I4VjeVHY-k>

**Alpha Online** Now, more than ever, people are asking each other questions like 'What's it all about?' 'Why is there suffering in the world? Even quietly thinking to themselves 'What happens when I die?' Alpha offers a safe space to talk about the big questions in life. It's for people of faith and no faith, and really helps us as a parish community to share with the world the Good News of Jesus. Think of it as the porch of the Church – the first place people can come in to our community and feel safe. We are going to be offering sessions to suit people's different schedules, all online. Fr Jamie is hosting a Men's Alpha starting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm Book here: <https://falkirkcatholics.churchsuite.com/events/emvpfcdh> and there will be another session on Thursdays starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm. <https://falkirkcatholics.churchsuite.com/events/0esxjgmkn> is where you register for the Thursday sessions– just click on the link. So many people are starting to really struggle with isolation and missing community. Why not ask someone you know, then come and join them yourself. It's a beautiful way to support people and to help us become the **invitational Church** we want to be. No cost, no pressure, and what matters is that we invite, not the result. It's enough just to plant a seed. Visit [alpha.org](http://alpha.org) to find out more.

Due to a **Funeral Mass** tomorrow, **Monday**, there will be no public Mass at St Francis Xavier's. The Funeral Mass will take place at 10.30am.

**Masses of Reconciliation** – Many thanks to the children who take part and offered their 'sorries' to God for the first time in the Sacrament of Healing. Thank you to the teachers who prepared them so well. God waits for us all in the Sacrament with open arms.

**Attending Mass** The booking system is working well – please continue to book online for weekend Masses at [www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking) . Booking closes 8 hours before Mass. We ask everyone to continue to book with consideration of others, and suggest alternate weeks, so everyone has the opportunity to come to Mass whilst the Sunday obligation is still lifted. To help accommodate everyone, if you could come to another Mass through the week please consider doing so.

**Leadership Team** - Following on from the great success of our Uniform Exchange, and as part of our Laudato Si Eco efforts as a parish, we would like to ask everyone to help us prepare for a **Toy Exchange**, where families can donate or choose from donated toys in great condition in time for Christmas. The exchange is planned for November, but could you please start thinking ahead now – have you toys your children have outgrown which other children would love? And the exchange will be open to everyone from the local community, so please help us to spread the news.

**Deaths** – Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Frank Clark, whose funeral is Monday 12th at 10.30am here in St Francis Xavier's (no public Mass), Margaret Welsh, being buried on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, and Anna Sharp (Crematorium Service on the 15<sup>th</sup>) Rosina Kane, Patricia March . *Requiescant in Pace.*

**Anniversaries**

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

Patrick Doherty, James Allison, Helen Koszary, James Grogan, Catherine McArdle, John Auchicloss, Alexander (Sander Sim), Georgina Mullan, Helen (Ella) Dick, Edmund Cybulski, Catherine Rooney, William Judge, Mary O'Hara, John Martin, Helen Bell, Andrew Crosbie, Paul Reid, Joseph Skrukwa, Maureen Marshall, Mary Evenden,

Barney McBride, Catherine McCormack, Bella Collins, James Joseph McPaul, Nana Murtagh, David Bell, Alexander Strathie, Charlie O'Donnell, Margaret Cowan, Maureen Murphy, Henry Hansen, Hugh Morrow, William McElroy, Patrick Hanlon, Tamsin Else

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** – Covid 19 has opened up so many questions and people are responding to the idea of faith in a new way, finding they need answers to the bigger questions in life. Do you know a friend or family member interested in exploring the faith? Please ask anyone interested to contact us on [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org). Perhaps you'd be able to join them as they explore – the faith has never been more relevant, community has never been more important, the gospel values have never been more needed.

### Baptisms

Please register on [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) for our next baptism preparation course, which will start on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, for three consecutive weeks. The evenings follow a film/discussion format and run for about an hour, and begin at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you and other families will be taking part.

### Finance

Offertory Collection October 4<sup>th</sup> £1313.53/ Standing Orders £ 300 (avg)/ SCIAF £66.00

### Pastoral letter

Archbishop Leo has issue a pastoral letter updating everyone on the Covid-19 crisis. You can read it online at [archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://archedinburgh.org/news-events). The Bishops of Scotland have also issued an update letter which can be found on the same website.

### Missio

October is Mission Month, when the Church focuses on the missions, missionaries and the work of the Missio Scotland. As there is no second collection this year, please consider donating at [missioscotland.com/donate](http://missioscotland.com/donate) and keep those who preach Christ across the world in your prayers. Read the inspiring stories of Missio's work on the news & features section of [missioscotland.org](http://missioscotland.org).

### Getting to Know St Mark

A Zoom event on the gospels of St Mark for Year B will take place [at 7pm on Monday 19 October](#). Getting to Know St Mark will be presented by Fr Andrew Garden. Details on registration for this free event will be shared soon on the Archdiocese's Facebook page and website: [archedinburgh.org/new-events](http://archedinburgh.org/new-events).

### Mass Schedule

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> 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	Mass
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass (Private)
		6:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Rosary & Benediction
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>St Teresa of Avila – Memorial</i>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena & Benediction
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch – Memorial</i>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
		6:30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Vigil Mass