

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
Parish Newsletter, 25th**

**Sunday 1st November 2020, Solemnity of All Saints
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Due to Funeral Mass, there will be **no 10 am public Mass at St Francis Xavier's on Friday 6th this week.**

LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME – Our liturgy to praise God for His creation was beautiful and thought provoking. Our monthly Laudato Si Circle was launched and will soon meet for the first time on Zoom.

Alpha Online – Fr Jamie met with men from the community on Wednesday to talk about what really matters. Do you know someone, including non-Catholics, who would enjoy a safe space to share and ask questions? Register here <https://falkirkcatholics.churchsuite.com/events/emvpfcdh>

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – Our Seekers start their journey this week – please hold them and the team in prayer. Know anyone who is interested in the faith? Ask them to contact office@falkirkcatholics.org.

Attending Mass Please continue to book online for weekend Masses at www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking . Booking closes 4 hours before Mass. We ask everyone to continue to book with consideration of others.

Our **phone ministry** to the elderly and housebound continues. Please let us know if someone would like to receive a phone call and prayer on office@falkirkcatholics.org

The **Padre Pio Group** invites you to join them at 6pm on Friday 6th November, as every First Friday, in St Francis Xavier's.

Toy Exchange, Good quality items (no soft toys please) can be dropped off at the church halls on 7th, 11th, 14th November between 10:30 and 12 noon and 7-8:00 pm on 11th November. Once everything has been sorted, we hope to open for collection on 28th November.

Deaths: Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Anne van Hulssen and Mary Duncan.
Requiescant in Pace.

Anniversaries Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Finn, Phil McDermott, Mary McGuire, Stella Karwowski, John McKillop, Patricia Hanrahan, Walter Wood, Marjorie Nutley, John Devlin, Eleanor Malley, Maria Kane, Giorgio Onori, Catherine Torrance, William Hardie, Elizabeth McEwan, Michael McElroy, Teobald Swierklanski, Janus Flis, Eddie Strain, Mary Ferrie, Bridie Raymond, Francis Harvey, Joe Winters, Mary Smith, Jessie Cannon, Jimmy Doyle, Robina Dougall, James Martin Gallagher, Elaine Lynch

Event for Grandparents

If you're a grandparent please register for 'Grandparents: Our Mission'. This Zoom event is led by Catherine Wiley of the Catholic Grandparents Association. She will present a vision of grandparents' ministry which includes sharing the faith with grandchildren and building a sense of mission in today's Church. It takes place [at 7pm on Wednesday 04 November 2020](#). Register at bit.ly/GrandparentsEvent.

In God's Image

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland would like to hear from you if you wish to propose any changes to 'In God's Image', the safeguarding policy manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland. They state: "We want to hear from lay people, as well as from clergy and religious. Above all, we are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the church can plan to ensure sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns." Closing date is [30 November](#). Please go to bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2.

Finance

Offertory Collection October 25th £802 / Standing Orders £ 300 (avg)

1st Holy Communions

1st holy communions will be celebrated over the next 3 Saturdays. These will be private events for the children and their families only. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November, we are encouraged to pray for all the faithful departed. Our annual memorial service will take place at 7:00pm on Thursday 19th November. This event will be online only, as we cannot accommodate all the bereaved in the church. We have celebrated over 75 funerals in the past year.

Praying for the dead is, first and foremost, a sign of appreciation for the witness they have left us and the good that they have done. It is giving thanks to the Lord for having given them to us and for their love and their friendship. The Church prays for the deceased in a particular way during Holy Mass. The priest states: "Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all that sleep in Christ, grant we beseech thee a place of refreshment, light and peace" (Roman Canon). It is a simple, effective, meaningful remembrance, because it entrusts our loved ones to God's mercy. We pray with Christian hope that they may be with him in Paradise, as we wait to be together again in that mystery of love which we do not comprehend, but which we know to be true because it is a promise that Jesus made. We will all rise again, and we will all be forever with Jesus, with Him.

Pope Francis, General Audience Nov 2016

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Commission will launch an online Diploma in Catechetics. It will be aimed especially at any of our lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but it will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and who wants to deepen in their understanding of Catholic theology.

The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan. It will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each and will be taught in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). Assessment will take the form of an oral interview via Zoom at the end of each module. It will be taught by a variety of religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters. There will be an introductory online session for anyone interested in finding out more about the Diploma on 24 November 2020 and the course will begin officially on 12 January 2021. Details will be published on our social media and website. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Sr. Anna Marie at sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Sr Anna-Marie will be presenting a talk on prayer for the deanery on Monday 9th Nov at 2:0pm & 7:30pm. This talk will be online. See parish website or more details.

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church
Sunday 1st November	<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am 12 :00 pm 1.30 pm 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
			Mass Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass
Monday 2nd November	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
			Mass Mass Rosary & Benediction
Tuesday 3rd November		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
			Mass
Wednesday 4th November	<i>Memorial – St Charles Borromeo</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
			Mass
Thursday 5th November		9.30am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
			Mass Mass Novena and Benediction
Friday 6th November		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
			Funeral Mass – not public
Saturday 7th November		10:00 am 10:00 am 12 noon 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
			1 st Holy Communion Mass Parish Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass Vigil Mass