

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
Parish Newsletter, 25th October 2020, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Next Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints

Due to a Mass for the Children of St Francis Xavier', there will be **no novena on Thursday this week. Due to funeral masses, the ten am Mass at St Francis Xavier's will be closed to the public on Friday and Saturday mornings.**

LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME - Our **liturgy on our Stewardship of Creation** will take place on **Saturday October 31st at 12pm St Francis Xavier's** and will also be streamed online. We extend a welcome to everyone to come help us launch our monthly 'Laudato Si' circle based at helping us live out the Pope's teachings on care for our common home.

Presentation for Fr William – this week is the last opportunity to contribute to a collection for Fr William.

Alpha Online – We got off to a great start, with lots of discussion around our realisations about the need for community and the call of God through the pandemic to change what needs changing in the world. You can still join us this week by registering on the link below.

For the Thursday sessions at 8pm please register here:

<https://falkirkcatholics.churchsuite.com/events/Oesxjgmkn> – just click on the link.

Fr Jamie is hosting a Men's Alpha starting Wednesday 28th at 8:00pm. There are still free spaces. Please register here: <https://falkirkcatholics.churchsuite.com/events/emvpfcdh>

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults –Do you know a friend or family member interested in exploring the faith? Please ask anyone interested to contact us on office@falkirkcatholics.org. Our faith has never been more relevant, community has never been more important, our gospel values have never been more needed.

Attending Mass Please continue to book online for weekend Masses at www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking . Booking closes 8 hours before Mass. We ask everyone to continue to book with consideration of others.

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, including Roberta McGurk, Rita Stewart and Marian Bennet. *Requiescant in Pace.*

Anniversaries Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Pauline McGoff, Isabella Doherty, Michael McCrorie, Nicandro Caramando, Bridget Martin, John Hughes Forsyth, the Hoffman family, Harriet (Rita) Hampshire Quinn, Mary Byrne, Andrew Harley, Christine Marshall, V Rev Rodger Canon Gallacher, Bernard McGurk, Sandy Carr, Hugh McFeat, James Gormley, Fr Anthony Debkowski, Andrew Bannan, John Connor, Gordon Rutherford, Corrine Blackhall, John O'Brien, William McCabe, Ann McFadden, James O'Donnell, John McKee, Margaret Kilbride, Charles G Malley, Kathleen Ryan.

Missio

October is Mission Month, please support the work of MISSIO. Text MISSIOSCOT to 70085 to give £3 or visit www.missioscotland.com/donate

National Rosary Relay Rally

Pray the Rosary online with others in the Archdiocese for the National Rosary Rally [on Saturday 31 October at 1pm](#). Pray along on the Archdiocese's Facebook, YouTube or website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

Rosary & Novena

At the start of lockdown, we introduced Rosary & Benediction on a Monday evening in addition to our usual Thursday Novena, however numbers of people attending have declined as have those who join us online. Please consider coming along on Monday & Thursday evenings, if it is safe for you to do so. Once more we are using priest resources & time for only a handful of people.

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.

Abortion consultation

The Scottish Government is carrying out a consultation regarding the extension of the abortion 'pills by post' scheme beyond the current pandemic. SPUC has created a simple guide to help you fill out the consultation so please visit spuc.org.uk and search 'Scottish DIY'. Please pray for the unborn.

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 18th £1530.13 / Standing Orders £ 300 (avg)

Mass Schedule

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
Sunday 25th October	30 th Sunday of the Year A	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 26th October		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 27th October		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 28th October	<i>St Simon and St Jude</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 29th October		9.30am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass for PFFA students only
Friday 30th October		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass – not public
Saturday 31st October		9.30am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Funeral Mass – not public Vigil Mass