

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday December 13th 2020, Third Sunday of Advent Year B**  
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**At the parish of St Francis Xavier's we are a joyful, inclusive community on fire with the love of God, each growing in our personal relationship with Christ. As His missionary disciples, inspired by His Holy Spirit and nourished by our worship, we use our talents freely to serve others and take the life-changing message of the Gospel into the world.**

**Thank you message from Fr Willy:** "Sorry I haven't been able to get back for a visit due to our circumstances, but I'd just like to thank you all for your kindness, support and gifts while I was here in the parish. It was a great blessing and privilege to be assistant priest there after my ordination, a time I'll always remember. Thank you again and God bless your families this Christmas as we move forward to 2021. Fr Willy"

Please join us for our third **Advent reflection**, this time on Joy, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm on Zoom. Each reflection stands alone. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81200977150?pwd=RVpBSEhnTnRKZkx5RkhhY05NWXdJUT0>. Meeting ID: 812 0097 7150, Passcode: 66076. We will continue our beautiful candlelit Masses on Thursdays at St Francis Xavier's & Fridays at St Anthony's.

**Christmas Mass Schedule – The booking system is now closed**

We had to add an extra 8:30pm vigil Mass to help accommodate all who wanted a Vigil. Apologies if you were not able to get your first choice and thanks to all who have agreed to move to an alternative Mass. There will be only ONE vigil and One Mass on Christmas Day at St Anthony's. At present we have a few places left in the Hall at St Francis Xavier's at 10:00am on Christmas Day. We will update on any cancellations next week.

Booking is now open for Live streamed 10:00am Mass in the Hall

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-1000am-mass-at-st-francis-xaviers-hall-tickets-132626273755>

**The sacrament of reconciliation** will be available at St Francis Xavier's next Saturday after the 10:00am Mass until 12 noon and from 2:00pm till 4:00pm.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – Our Laudato Si Circle** will meet for the first time on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December online at 7pm (see link below). We are excited about this parish initiative to help all the generations in our parish family live out our faith through care of God's creation, as we learn, pray and work together. Please register here by midnight on Sunday and the Zoom link will be sent to everyone. The Circle runs the hour before the Advent Reflection; people may want to join it (see link above) after the Circle. The Zoom link for the circle is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laudato-si-circle-st-francis-xaviers-tickets-131444160021>

**A message from Mary's Meals.** 'We are inspired by the courageous 'yes' of Mary. Her total Trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the World the most precious gift of all – Jesus. Throughout this year of many challenges we have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education even when obstacles arose. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the *Double the Love* campaign will be matched by UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled to support families in Liberia and the hope of a better future for their children. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>.) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove). Thank you.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-14-december-tickets-130001705601> is the link to join for the **Pro-Life Rosary** this week.

**Alpha Online** – the Wednesday Alpha group had their retreat this Saturday.....Thanks be to God for all the blessings that have come from it, including the new Alpha Team Leader John, and his great Alpha Helpers who have begun a new work in God. Please pray for those whose Alpha experience finishes next week, as they pray over next steps. The parish has been able to help establish another parish Alpha through this session, the second parish which has experienced Alpha with us to share with their own parishes.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the **recently deceased, Anne-Marie Lemetti, whose graveside service is on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at Camelon at 12pm.** May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Anniversaries** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Patricia McAllister, Peggy Ford, Kathleen Scott, Roberta Canavan, Margaret Kerr, Anne O’Brien, Mary McCafferty, Anne Meakin, John Lynn, Ann Lynagh, V Rev J Cannon Bracelin, Jack McCafferty, Jayne Helen Burns, Kathleen McGuckin, John Spinks, Anthony John Bell, Isabella Whorinsky, Christina McGibbon Montagne, Barbara Geoghegan, Rosina Kennedy, Monica Marshall, Edward Maguire, Edward O’Donnell, Mary Jane Hanlon Smith, Christina Sneddon, Susan Friel, Agnes Coffey, John Coffey, Siobhan Coffey, Cathie Harvey, Stella Walsh, Doris Fraser Bell, Guiditta Notarangelo, Ruth Helen Adams, Martin James Bell, Annie Szmlac.

**Christmas Cards**

Boxed Christmas cards with religious themes are available at the back of the Church for £3.50

**Finance** - Offertory Collection December 6<sup>th</sup> £1187.70 Standing Orders £ 300 (avg) Many thanks to everyone for their continued support and generosity to the parish during these difficult times. A reminder that you can use this link [https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086319&type=2](https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2)

**Credit Union**

A reminder that the Credit Unit is open on Wednesday mornings.

**SVDP**

Last year on average, our SVDP needed £1000 a month to fund their vital support to people in need. This year due to the pandemic their income has been almost zero. If you can support them in their work, please use the collection buckets as you leave the church or consider setting up a payment through your bank.

**Account name: Society of St Vincent De Paul Sort Code: 83-20-32 Account number: 00255488**

Thank you for your continued support.

**Weekly Schedule**

Please note there will be no Rosary on Monday evening.

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 13th December</b>	<i>Third Sunday in Advent</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
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>Memorial – St John of the Cross</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>		9.30am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Candlelit Mass
<b>Friday 19th December</b>		10:00 am 7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's	Mass Candlelit Mass
<b>Saturday 20th December</b>		9.30am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass