

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday December 6th 2020, 2nd 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.

View from the Sanctuary.

As we move into the second week of our Advent journey we do so with increased hope. On Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the first vaccines for Covid-19 will administered, a glimmer of hope and God -willing we will begin the slow process of returning to some sense of normality. Advent is time of patient waiting. Let's pray that we remain patient with all the restrictions for our own safety and the safety of others. Perhaps we could use this time to reflect on what our new normal will be? Will we go back to just doing everything as we did before or are things that we will choose to leave behind?

Please join us for our second Advent reflection, this one on peace this Monday at 8pm on Zoom. Each reflection stands alone, so come be with us when you can.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82980725103?pwd=bm5TaitTbjducTRnMHUzS2VPZTdKQT09> Meeting ID: 829 8072 5103 and Passcode: 096483. We will also have candlelit Masses on Thursdays at St Francis Xavier's & Fridays at St Anthony's.

Christmas Mass Schedule

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass over Christmas, the following Masses will be celebrated:

St Anthony's – Two vigil Masses on the 24th Dec at 7pm and 9pm, Morning Masses at 9am and 10.30am.

St Francis Xavier's – Two vigil Masses on the 24th Dec at 6pm and 7.30 pm, Midnight Mass, Morning Masses at 10am and 12pm.

Polish Community – Christmas Eve at 9.30pm and Christmas Day at 1.30 pm.

All going well we will confirm your booking request by the end of this week.

To request a place at Mass please complete the google form using this link : <https://forms.gle/JAUCarSpkmMwBZgZ6> Confirmation will be sent out as soon as the work of matching requests to Masses to maximum number of spaces is completed as fairly and fully as possible. Thank you so much to everyone for their patience as we work to make sure as many as possible can worship Our Lord over the season.

Great Toy Giveaway! The effects are still rippling out, with other parishes inspired to take up similar initiatives, new connections cemented, what a great work of God this has been. 'Mission builds community'. Thanks be to God for each blessing that flowed from this beautiful initiative of the Holy Spirit. The few items that were left have been given to the Cardinal Winning pro-life initiative, who will put them to good use. This means that we have zero waste from our appeal.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME –The toy initiative started in a Laudato Si discussion online, part of the 'circular economy' the Pope is suggesting to save the planet's resources. Our **Laudato Si Circle** will meet for the first time on Monday 14th 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. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laudato-si-circle-st-francis-xaviers-tickets-131444160021>

Pro-life Rosary. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-7-december-tickets-130001332485> is the link to join this week.

Alpha Online – the Thursday group has its retreat this Sunday afternoon. Please pray for the retreatants and the team.

Please pray for the **recently deceased**, especially **Rodney Moore whose funeral is on the 7th of December at 10am in St Francis Xavier’s and Anne-Marie Lemetti, whose graveside service is on Thurs 17th Dec at Camelon at 12pm.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jessie Gorman, Michael McIntyre, Edward Marshall, James McGuire, Isabella Beck, David Joseph Fischer, Thomas Francis Murphy, Brenda Gallagher, John Little, Donald McIntyre, William Burn, Annie Envy, Mary Anne Nugent Campbell, Mary Mohan, Maud McHugh, Giacondo Marchi, Margaret Aitken, Eamon McLaughlin, Stefan Politoski, Mary Bell, Margarite Fallon, Henry Savage, Mary McCourt Gallagher, Kathleen Toland Winters, Emily Carr, Nancy McLaren, John Crawford, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Devoy, Muriel Watson, Rosaleen Casey, Tom McCartney, H Hughes, Jean Stanners, Anthony Reynolds, Eadie Waugh, Jessie Murison, Willilam McIntyre, Michael Winters, Sadie Lumsden McGuckin, Peter Walls, Margaret Murray, Maggie Coull, Edward O’Donnell, Peter Winters, Antonio Marino Giannandrea,

Christmas Cards

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

Finance - Offertory Collection November 29th £1543.45/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

Fr William

Due to the ongoing restrictions it has not been possible to have Fr William back for his presentation as we had hoped. However, on your behalf I have forwarded a cheque to him, which I am sure he will be delighted to receive.

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	
Sunday 6th December		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 7th December	<i>St Ambrose - memorial</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass No public Mass
Tuesday 8th December	<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 9th December		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 10th December		9.30am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Candlelit Mass
Friday 11th December		10:00 am 7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's	Mass Candlelit Mass
Saturday 12th December		9.30am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass