

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
Parish Newsletter,  
Sunday December 20th, 2020, Fourth 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.**

On behalf of Fr Sean and I, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. It won't be the kind of Christmas that we are used to but let's be grateful for what we have and mindful of those who have lost family & friends or their livelihood during the pandemic. Let us pray that 2021 will be a year of blessing for us all. As ever, thank you for your cards, gifts and most importantly your prayerful support. Fr Jamie

Please join us for our fourth and final **Advent reflection**, this time on Love and led by Deacon Kenneth, on Monday 21st at 8pm on Zoom. Each reflection stands alone. Meeting ID: 812 0097 7150, Passcode: 66076.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81200977150?pwd=RVpBSEhnTnRKZkx5RkhhY05NWXJUT0>.

#### **Christmas Masses and staying safe**

Our priests are offering as many Masses as they can. Covid doesn't know it's Christmas, so our Christmas Masses will still be shorter than usual. Please come to a Mass only if you have pre-booked. It is vital everyone arrive at least ten minutes before Mass begins, and leaves promptly. This allows our hardworking stewards to prepare the worship spaces for the next liturgy. Out of love of neighbour, please refrain from gathering outside the church buildings where the virus would have a chance to spread. Please do not come to church if you have been asked to isolate or have any symptoms of Covid -19.

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>

**Thank you to St Francis Xavier's and St Andrew's primary schools** who collected enough food and treatments for 52 Christmas hampers packed to the brim by **our Scout troupe and their leaders**. A huge operation – well done to everyone involved. What great outreach and witness from our youngest. Also, the staff and pupils of St Mungo's who have collected food for the local SVDP conferences to distribute. Thank You!

Anne, our pastoral assistant, will be taking holidays owed over Christmas and New Year.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** – Our first Laudato Si Circle met on Monday, where we shared together where we are on our eco-journeys, how we are caring for the planet, and decided to learn more about the pope's teachings on how we can do that. This is a great way for whole families to come together to live the faith – and a way we can be evangelised by our children. We would love you to join us on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> for an hour at 11am. Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85782076477?pwd=NmdqUU1RjFSaGc5ZGNWc0srQ093dz09> Meeting ID: 857 8207 6477; Passcode: 146602. Please watch out for our new parish FB page.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-21-december-tickets-130002004495> is the link to join for the **Pro-Life Rosary** this week.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the **recently deceased**, especially Archibald McDonald, whose funeral Mass takes place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am. Also Peter Lynagh R.I.P funeral arrangements to follow.

**Anniversaries** – Hugh McCormack, Patrick McGeehan, Phyllis Reilly, Alex McGlynn, Stanislaw Jerwzal, Mary Reid, Michael Quinn, Edward Dowd, Peter Woods, Patrick McLaughlin, Rea Boyle, Martha Woodhouse, Michael and Esther Connell, Alice McFarlane, William Imrie, Ramsay Young, Jan Krupa, Samuel Fitzpatrick, Hendyk Wallace, Frances McCabe, John Clifford Boyle, John Adams, Margaret Sneddon, Ulyses Estenzo Snr, James McCue, Maria Renella, Rev Francis Doherty, Angus McRorie, Sarah Quinn, Fred Thomson, Mary O'Donnell, June O'Connor, Mary Quinn, James Boyle, John Rennie, Joseph Hemill, Maisie Hosie, William Garvin, Mary Swierklanski, Daniel Sweeney, Katie Hanlon, Eileen Nortney

**Finance** - Offertory Collection December 13<sup>th</sup> £1709.35 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)

We now have contactless donation terminals with donation options set at £2.50, £5 and £10. We would encourage use of these as it is quick and avoids handling cash.

### Credit Union

A reminder that the Credit Union is open on Wednesday mornings after 10am Mass. A huge thank you to the team who work quietly to help so many people cope financially and gives others a place to ethically and spiritually invest their funds.

### 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 VIGIL MASS on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December.

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 20th December</b>	<i>Fourth 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 21st December</b>		9:30 am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
<b>Tuesday 22nd December</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral – no public Mass
<b>Wednesday 23rd December</b>		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Thursday 24th December</b>		9:30 am 10:00am 7pm 6,7.30 & 8.30pm Midnight	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Masses Midnight Mass
<b>Friday 25th December</b>	<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	10am &12pm 9.30am 1.30pm No evening Masses	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's	Masses Mass Polish Mass
<b>Saturday 26th December</b>	<i>Feast of St Stephen</i>	9.30am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's No Vigil Mass	Mass Mass