

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Parish Newsletter,

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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.

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, 17th, with Ash Wednesday. Mass will be streamed at 11:00 am from St Francis Xavier's.

Lent resources

The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>. The Bishops Conference of Scotland has issued an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and a Stations of the Cross for use at home: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>

Parish Lenten Journey Frank Quinn finished Alpha by offering to walk alongside a group of parishioners who had expressed a desire to learn more about the Bible. For the past two years he has been preparing a PowerPoint every two weeks based on the Sunday gospel, and provides a safe space for learning, asking any questions you've been dying to ask, and growing together. This Lent he will open those presentations to the whole parish. Starting Ash Wednesday at 7pm, the sessions will take place on Zoom. We really hope you will make this part of your Lenten preparations – fun, safe and fruitful. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882177983...>

Meeting ID: 868 8217 7983, Passcode: 496979

INSPIRE prayer talks

Register now for the Archdiocese's INSPIRE talk series for Lent. Guest speakers will guide you prayerfully through the season. All talks on Zoom, 7-7:45pm.

TALK 1: *Becoming Saints Today: Unlocking the Present Moment*, with Sr Anna Marie McGuan. [7pm, Tue 16](#)

[Feb.](#) Register: bit.ly/LentMcGuan

TALK 2: *Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours*, with Brother Joseph Carron. [7pm, Tue 02](#)

[Mar.](#) Register: bit.ly/LentCarron

TALK 3: *Prayer as a Relationship Reflected in St Teresa of Avila*, with Sr Sally Rollo. [7pm, Tue 16 March](#). Register: bit.ly/LentRollo

TALK 4: *Praying the Passion according to St Mark*, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. [7pm, Tue 23 March](#). Register: bit.ly/LentCushley

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, will take place each [Monday evening](#) of Lent [at 7:45pm](#). The Stations will be followed by a short reflection by one of our priests. You can register now on

Eventbrite: <http://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com>

This coming Friday 19th February is a **Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse**, a very pertinent Lenten reminder for us as a Church, as we call to mind the conditions which allowed the abuse to happen as well as the need to care for our brothers and sisters in the global church who have suffered and continue to suffer. Jesus, our Healer, pray for us. We will stream a prayer service at 7:00pm from St Francis Xavier's.

Thank you to everyone involved in Safeguarding for your work in helping us as a community to keep everyone safe.

Here's the link for our informal 'tea and toast' gatherings after 10am Mass on Sunday –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4238924048?pwd=d2pYTGHld1BmOGxVTklzWG5uZk5KQT09> and the gathering starts at 11.15am.

Good fun, a chance to connect, why not join us and spread the word? Everyone is welcome.

The **Parish Leadership Team** had a robust discussion on what a discipleship path for the parish might look like - a more visible, clear path would be useful for our spiritual development, our deliberations continue – if you have any ideas or thoughts to contribute, please send them to office@falkirkcatholics.org. What would you like to see the parish offering to help us on our faith journey?

Laudato Si – our next Circle is this coming Saturday 20th February, at 11am online. The Zoom link Francis Xavier is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85224476323?pwd=OOctjNIJMM1ZvK0JQU5s2L1ZDT21tdz09>, Meeting ID: 852 2447 6323 Passcode: 091685. Our focus for this Circle will be single use plastics – challenges in avoiding them, how we can best eliminate them, what the options are locally for plastics recycling. Praying together about our intentions for living life simply is very encouraging. Please join our Laudato Si Falkirk Circle on Facebook, where our community is growing (and now even includes brand new baby member Abigail!) as we learn to live our faith sustainably.

The next **Baptism Preparation Meetings** will be this Wednesday 24th Feb and the following Wednesday 3rd March, both meetings online at 7:00pm. Please contact office@falkirkcatholics.org for the Zoom link. Both parents and godparents (one of whom must be a fully practicing Catholic) are warmly invited to attend.

Recently deceased: May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Tam Garner	St Anthony's	Tuesday 16 th February	10:00 am
Tommy Forbes	St Anthony's	Wednesday 17 th Feb	9:30am
Bill Young	St Francis Xavier's	Thursday 18 th Feb	10:30 am
Gloria Caramando	St Francis Xavier's	Thursday 18 th Feb	1:00 pm
Elizabeth Kerkhof	St Anthony's	Friday 19 th Feb	10:00 am
Isobel Miller	St Francis Xavier's	Monday 22 nd Feb	10:00 am
James Scott	St Francis Xavier's	Tuesday 23 rd Feb	10:00 am
Mary McPherson	St Francis Xavier's	1 st March	10:00 am

Anniversaries Please Pray for: Pat Wood, John Welsh, Mhairi Nutey, Helen Moore Marshall, Thomas McAteer, William F Jordan, Nellie Devine , Patrick Sweeney, Margaret Marshall, Andrew Montgomery, Antonio Vettraino, John McGuckin Snr, Catherine Beattie, Agnes (Nancy) McPaul, Bernard Gallagher, Ernest Koszary, Mary Cameron, John O'Donnell, Patrick McGlynn, Stanley Woods, Anthony Hanlon, Margaret Canny, Anthony Winters, James Silcock, Mary Pow, Grace Bloe, Waldyslau Stassiowski, Joe McGeever, Pat McGlynn, Baby Paul Gilligan, Rena McRorie, Margaret Foster, Marjory Laing, Hugh Welsh, Bill Boyle . **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.**

If you know of someone recently deceased and being buried through the parish, please let their loved ones know about our **Falkirk Catholics Book of Condolences** page on Face Book. Run by the Bereavement Team in a very pastoral way, it's a source of comfort and connection for people grieving family and friends. Do sign up if you can. A large part of the ministry is praying for the dead and for their families – something we are all called to do.

Finance – GIFT AID

During the past year, many parishioners have changed from using Gift Aid envelopes to online donations. If you wish to set up a standing order the parish bank details are Sort Code: 83-06-08 Account Number 10417107 St Francis Parish. A reduced number of envelopes for those who regularly use them have been ordered. If you pay income tax and are not already Gift Aiding to the parish, please consider doing so. It does not cost the giver anything, but the parish gains an extra 25p for every pound you donate. Click here: <https://forms.gle/5KbLzcJKmuDrQN24A>

Weekly Schedule

During lockdown, weekday Mass will be livestreamed at 09:00 am. If there is a funeral, then Mass will be at the usual time of 10:00am. You can of course view Mass online at time.

www.falkirkcatholics.org/livestream Facebook – Falkirk Catholics Youtube – Falkirk Catholics

Monday, Saturday	Mass will be livestreamed from St Francis Xavier's at 09:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,	Funeral Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am
Sunday	Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am