

# 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.**

### View from the Sanctuary

It's good news that we should be able to resume public worship again at Easter time (Albeit with restrictions). In the meantime, we are taking this opportunity to carry out essential maintenance work at St Francis Xavier's. The church needs to be rewired to comply with safety regulations. Therefore, St Francis Xavier's will be out of commission for at least 3 weeks from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Mass will continue to be streamed each day. Funerals will need to be conducted at St Anthony's. This is big project and I thank you for your continued generosity which allows us to do this work without the need for any special collections or fundraising.

**Parish Lenten Journey** – Our coming together to explore the gospel got off to a wonderful start with a great turn out, great discussion and a lovely community feel. Our second session is this coming Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882177983...> Meeting ID: 868 8217 7983, Passcode: 496979. You're welcome to come listen, or share as much as you like. We have a new resource Breaking Open the Word which will come out each Monday on Face Book and the website. Please 'take up and read' taking nourishment from the Word as we wait for the Eucharist.

### Archdiocesan INSPIRE prayer talks

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

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

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

Register: [bit.ly/LentCushley](http://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>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4238924048?pwd=d2pYTGHld1BmOGxVTklzWG5uZk5KQT09>. Our gathering starts at 11.15am. Everyone is welcome.

Our **RCIA team** continues to nurture those exploring our faith, a remarkable achievement given the restrictions. Please keep the team and our soon-to-be brothers and sisters in your prayers.

**Laudato Si** – a great meeting, with a real sense of community building and new members who bring wonderful experience and resources. Our next Circle will be Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March, online at 11am. Please join us on **Laudato Si Circle Falkirk** on FaceBook. The link to the meeting will be shared there and on our parish Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics. <https://www.facebook.com/falkirkcatholics>. We've posted some resources for the whole community there. Laudato Si is increasingly seen as a way to engage our young people and to learn from them – please invite them to join us.

The next **Baptism Preparation Meetings** will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at 7:00pm. Please keep the children and parents in your prayers as they await the Sacrament in this uncertain time.

### World Day of Prayer

This takes place on Friday, 5 March and the theme is *Build on a Strong Foundation* (Matthew 7: 24-27). Find out more at [www.wdpScotland.org.uk/](http://www.wdpScotland.org.uk/)

### Emergency Appeal

Mary's Meals has launched an emergency appeal for aid for Tigray, Ethiopia where millions of people have been displaced as a result of civil conflict and are lacking food and basic necessities. Donations can be made at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

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

Mary (Irene) McPherson	St Francis Xavier's	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:00 am
Joan Flucker	St Francis Xavier's	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1:00 pm
John McColl (Bonnybridge)	St Francis Xavier's	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10:00 am
Betty Downie (Balmoral St)	St Anthony's	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 am

**Anniversaries** Please Pray for Theresa Hamilton, Bernard Sweeney, Charles McCue, Mary McAllister, Kathleen Smith, James Gaerty, Joseph Traynor, Veronica Coyne, Isobella McCluskey, William Marshall, Charles McGhee Jnr, John Lindsay Allan, Assunta Biagiotti, Mary Mullen, Mary Simpson, Patrick Cullen, Thomas McFarlane, John Campbell, Graham Thompson, Mary McGarvey, Tony VisalJko, James Scott, William McEwan, Jess McCafferty, Michael McQuade, Michael C Malley, Edmund Stremlau. **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](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org/livestream) Facebook – Falkirk Catholics Youtube – Falkirk Catholics

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday	Mass will be livestreamed at 09:00 am
Tuesday	Funeral Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am
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Thursday	Stations of The Cross 7:00pm.
Sunday	Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am