

# The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

## Parish Newsletter,

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, 4th Sunday in Lent, 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

Happy Mother's Day. We ask God's blessing on all Mothers and express our gratitude for all that they do or have done for us.

We are currently putting everything in place for the reopening of our Churches in time for Holy Week. As before it will be necessary to book for Sunday Mass and for the Easter Triduum. Details of how to book will be issued next week. Arrangements for Confession will also be put in place.

Today is also the day when we give thanks and pray for the ongoing work of SCIAF. If you can contribute financially then please visit the SCIAF website. <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/donate>

**Year of St Joseph** – the Holy Father has designated this year the year of St Joseph, whose solemnity we celebrate on Friday. St Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church. He is a particular inspiration for lay people, due to his quiet witness of goodness, of perseverance, and of listening to God, which enabled him to discern God's will and make bold decisions to keep Our Lord safe. This link [Novena to St. Joseph – Ascension \(ascensionpress.com\)](http://ascensionpress.com) will lead you to a beautiful novena to St Joseph.

After the success of the Holy Father's trip to Iraq, with its ground-breaking moments of healing and hope with different religious leaders, **please continue to pray that the seeds of peace sown by the courage and inspiration of Pope Francis continue to bear fruit.**

The next **baptism preparation course** takes place on Zoom on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, starting at 7pm. Please contact [office@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:office@falkirkcatholics.org) to register. Please pray for all parents and children who are patiently waiting for the Sacrament.

**Parish Lenten Journey** – our final session takes place with Frank this coming Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. All welcome, and the session is a 'stand alone' so please join us even if you missed a week, or this is your first time. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882177983...> Meeting ID: 868 8217 7983, Passcode: 496979. The resource if you want to read ahead will appear on Monday on our Falkirk Catholics page, and on the website under the tag 'Lenten Journey'. Please share the resource with those who don't have access to technology too, as we all prepare ourselves for Easter.

### Archdiocesan INSPIRE prayer talks

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. Come along and catch up on how everyone is. All are welcome.

**Laudato Si** – 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>. Our focus this month is Food – something we all know about and need on a daily basis. We'll be sharing ideas on how to make green food choices, and how to minimise food waste.

There is a free online-course for "**Laudato Si animators**", for people wishing to learn about the Holy Father's teaching on care for all of creation and help raise awareness in their parishes. It begins 14 April, and you are asked to register as soon as possible on: <https://laudatosianimators.org>

## 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.

Irene Burke	St Anthony's	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 am
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**Anniversaries** Sean Clune, Mary Sim, Joseph McGinlay, William Hunter Jnr, Primo Pellegrini, Patrick Lynagh, Helen Kennedy, Isobella O'Donnell, Hilda MacKintosh, Thomas Moan Jnr, Marion Fitzpatrick, George Devlin, Tom Harvey, Joseph Campopiano, Tony Duffy, Catherine Wilson, Bridget McNelis, Eric Burno, Daniel Kane, Rosie & John Burgoyne, John Nagle, Jessica Heaver, Bridget McKinlay, Patrick Hanlon, Campbell Rich, Patrick Gorman, John Francis Noble, Bryan O'Donnell, Colin Monk, Lee Cochrane, Frank Allison, Rachel Burn, Phillip McLaughlin, Dannie Halpin, Maria Gunn, Ruth Armstrong, McDonald Cameyon, John O'Connor, Tony Duffy, Margaret McPeake, Helen McCabe, Agnes (Nan) McQuade, George Jenkins, Elizabeth Miller, Gerry McGleave, David Main. **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

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing financial support of the parish and the mission. 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. The envelopes will be issued in the coming weeks. 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

[www.falkirkcatholics.org/livestream](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org/livestream) Facebook – Falkirk Catholics Youtube – Falkirk Catholics

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

## Feasts

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St Patrick

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St Joseph