

# 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

Booking for Mass will go live on Monday at 9:00 am. Please use the links provided at the end of this newsletter. To begin with, it will be necessary to book for all Masses. If you are not able to book online, please call the parish office. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we strive to make sure everyone feels safe as we open the doors again. As before we ask you to follow the safety protocols – Face Coverings, 2 Meter Distance, Hand Sanitizing.

I would like to invite stewards from both churches to a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to discuss our strategy for reopening. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81230162361?pwd=ekR0SVBadlRmR1FjRVd5ZHVMUJ2dz09>

### Pope Francis is asking the whole Church to spend time learning about St Joseph, and in prayer to him,

incorporating the values he embodies of protection, guidance and listening to God. How can the example of St Joseph help us in our individual lives and as a community? Here's another link to help us explore: [What can we learn from St Joseph? – Pure in Heart](#)

Friday was the Solemnity of St Joseph, and the official year of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year. Amoris Laetitia (which means the Joy of Love) is the name of an encyclical written by the Holy Father five years ago. In it he urges us to follow the example of the Holy Family. Here is a great summary that we can go back to and revisit as we take the encyclical to heart [A Summary of Amoris Laetitia \(The Joy of Love\) – DiocesanPriest.com](#)

**Thank you to the Archdiocese** for alerting all our parish communities to more resources on Amoris Laetitia, which will be made available over the coming year, to help us live out the teachings of the Pope in our families, and our daily lives. Please click here for more information. [https://archedinburgh.org/friday-celebrating-st-joseph-and-the-beginning-of-family-year/?fbclid=IwAR2WD6ZgHQV-MKCaCYw3pq\\_O3zVUeJ\\_uclx4de3dg4rGYverGcHadnLBCdU](https://archedinburgh.org/friday-celebrating-st-joseph-and-the-beginning-of-family-year/?fbclid=IwAR2WD6ZgHQV-MKCaCYw3pq_O3zVUeJ_uclx4de3dg4rGYverGcHadnLBCdU)

A message from the Epiphany Group, an ecumenical group trained to help people pray: Do you want to come closer to God but don't know how? 'God's invitation to relationship' is a short 4 week prayer course ONLINE to support people into a deeper prayer life through tutors' input, guided prayer experiences and sharing. 21st April for 4 weeks and 3 follow-up sessions [www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/)

### Archdiocesan INSPIRE prayer talks

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

**The Journey of the Cross** – A path to light. Three evenings of reflection journeying with Jesus today as he walks to Calvary. Led by the prayer group, these reflections will take place in St Francis Xavier's at 7:00pm Mon – Wed of Holy Week.

**Parish Lenten Journey** – huge thanks to Frank Quinn for the work he did in preparing and guiding our Lenten sessions – a great success, and wonderful to see the gifts of a lay person being put to good use to help share the Word this way. We are so blessed in many of our parishioners, who give of themselves this way. And it was a joy to see everyone participate the way they did. A resource will appear again on Monday on our Falkirk Catholics page,

and on the website under the tag 'Lenten Journey', as we head together towards the resurrection of Our Lord. Let's pray we all open our hearts fully to the Power of the Word at this special time of preparation.

**Laudato Si** – Our Circle happened online on Saturday, with Caroline giving a wonderful testimony on the intersection of faith and the choices we make around food. Please join us on **Laudato Si Circle Falkirk** on FaceBook. The link to the meeting will be shared there every month and on our parish Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics.  
<https://www.facebook.com/falkirkcatholics>.

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>

**Recently deceased:**

Maureen McMahon R.I.P. Funeral on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10:00am in St Francis Xavier’s.  
 May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Anniversaries. Please pray for:** Joseph Campopiano, Sean Clune, Mary Sim, Joseph McGinlay, William Hunter Jnr, Primo Pellegrini, Patrick Lynach, Helen Kennedy, Isobella O'Donnell, Hilda MacKintosh, Thomas Moan Jnr, Marion Fitzpatrick, George Devlin, Tom Harvey, 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.

The Legion of Mary invite you to pray the Rosary on 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Feast of the Annunciation.

**Sr Kathleen says on her Golden Jubilee** “I thank everyone who has called, sent messages, used facebook. All of these greetings touched me deeply and I give thanks for them. They 'spur me on' to continue bringing the Word of God to others which is our charism. The Papal Blessing is resting for the moment in our Oratory as I reminder to me to always give thanks to Him who created me.

**Weekly Schedule**

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Mass will be livestreamed at 09:00 am
Friday, Saturday	10:00 am at St Francis Xavier’s 9:30 am St Anthony’s
Thursday	Stations of The Cross 7:00pm.
Sunday	Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am

Here are the links to book for Holy Week and Easter. **Booking will open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am** and close on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Places for Sunday and Holy Week will be confirmed by email on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

	St Francis Xavier’s	St Anthony’s
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="https://forms.gle/3dKKMunr2A3oDGfT9">https://forms.gle/3dKKMunr2A3oDGfT9</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/ihmeVjAsahDNvToXA">https://forms.gle/ihmeVjAsahDNvToXA</a>
Palm Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="https://forms.gle/NttVgXFDEjceb5iB6">https://forms.gle/NttVgXFDEjceb5iB6</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/zfPL2SZxMmUkX8wj7">https://forms.gle/zfPL2SZxMmUkX8wj7</a>
Holy Thursday	<a href="https://forms.gle/oLbtc3sAq6ffLMoN9">https://forms.gle/oLbtc3sAq6ffLMoN9</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/oLbtc3sAq6ffLMoN9">https://forms.gle/oLbtc3sAq6ffLMoN9</a>
Good Friday	<a href="https://forms.gle/8yF9vFF1Bea4ThSg6">https://forms.gle/8yF9vFF1Bea4ThSg6</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/8yF9vFF1Bea4ThSg6">https://forms.gle/8yF9vFF1Bea4ThSg6</a>
Easter Sunday	<a href="https://forms.gle/jGCXjPYn4oMYHLjT6">https://forms.gle/jGCXjPYn4oMYHLjT6</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/Brk5QZU5RsJaA59Z8">https://forms.gle/Brk5QZU5RsJaA59Z8</a>