

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Parish Newsletter,

Sunday 7th March, 2021, 3rd 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

Work has now begun on the rewiring of St Francis Xavier's. Whilst the work is being done funerals will be celebrated in St Anthony's. We hope to have the work completed in time for re-opening for Easter.

Parish Lenten Journey – Many thanks to Frank for leading us in our second session on the Cleansing of the Temple. You can join us again on Wednesday, 17th March at 7pm. All welcome, and come as you are.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882177983...> Meeting ID: 868 8217 7983, Passcode: 496979. A resource goes up every Monday on Face Book and will also appear on the website under the tag 'Lenten Journey'. Please share with those who don't have access to technology too, so we can all let the Word nourish us as we prepare for the Resurrection of Our Lord.

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

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>

Thanks to the **Youth Group** for their beautiful stations this week, written and presented by the young people themselves.

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 Would be great to see some new faces there as we catch up on how everyone is. All are welcome.

Laudato Si – Our next Circle will be Saturday 20th 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 have committed to learning more about Laudato Si and how to care for our common home. Here are some resources, open to everyone:

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>

And here is a short summary of [Fratelli Tutti \(humandevlopment.va\)](http://Fratelli Tutti (humandevlopment.va)), a teaching by the Holy Father on the vital importance of fraternity and friendship was a way forward in our world. Below the summary is a beautiful video reflection.

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.

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

Tam Harley	St Anthony's	Monday 8 th March	10:00 am
Betty Downie (Balmoral St)	St Anthony's	Wednesday 10 th March	10:00 am
Rosina Marley	St Anthony's	Thursday 11 th March	10:00 am
Irene Burke	St Anthony's	Thursday 18 th March	10:00 am
Maria Cybluska		To Be Announced	

Anniversaries Please Pray for Bridget Devlin, Sr. Margaret Travers, Theresa Rankin, Francis Fitzpatrick, Concetta Rizza Giannandrea, Mary Ford, Thomas Wood, Catherine Dowd, Jane McGhee, Denis O'Donnell, Sarah O'Connor, Kathleen Winters (Sr), Catherine (Kitty) Gormley, Andrew Duff, Dominic McGinley, Joseph Callaghan, Bridget Silcock, The Brannan Family, Dumblane Children & Teachers, John O'Connor, Andrew Furby, James Clarkin, June Lydia Blair McEwan, Herbert Zimmerman, Charles Allison, Joseph Ferry, Kathleen Logan, Anthony Duffy, Chris O'Donnell, Janet Devlin, Veronica Shanks, Elizabeth Nortney. **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. 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, Wednesday, Thursday	Funeral Mass will be livestreamed at 09:00 am
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday	Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am
Thursday	Stations of The Cross 7:00pm.
Sunday	Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am

Feast

Wednesday 10th March is the **Feast of St John Ogilvie**, a convert to the faith from Calvinism, at a time when to be Catholic was to risk life. St John went to the Low Countries, became a Jesuit and was ordained in 1613. Returning to Scotland to preserve the faith here, he was betrayed and hung, a martyr, two years later.