

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 is wonderful to be able to welcome you back to Mass in the church. My thanks to the cleaners, stewards, and everyone else who helps maintain a safe environment in our churches. As Lent draws to a close and we enter Holy Week, we move from the isolation of the desert to once more coming together as a community. Let us pray that this Holy Week and Easter will be an opportunity for us treasure the wonderful gift of our faith.

Please remember in your prayers particularly our priests this week. For the second year in a row, there will be no Chrism Mass, the celebration where all the priests of the diocese (and all over the world) come together in fraternity in part to celebrate the institution of their priesthood, traditionally a great time of renewal for them. We call God's blessings on Fr Jamie and Fr Sean, and all their efforts for the people of God as they lead us in our Holy Week celebrations, grateful for their guidance and perseverance.

Friday is the Passion of the Lord, and a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Our Holy Week Liturgies:

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. The church will be open to 1st 50 people. We will also use the hall if necessary.

Confessions will be available throughout the week after each Mass in the morning and after each liturgy in the evenings.

All our liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are fully booked. Please do not come to the church unless you have a confirmed booking. As usual all liturgies will be livestreamed.

There will be Morning Prayer of the church at 10:00am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. No need to book.

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens who will be baptised and received into full communion of the church at the Easter vigil.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available for the coming tax year. If you requested them through the google form they can now be collected. If you are a gift aider and wish to continue using envelopes please speak to one of the stewards who will provide you with them. **Please make sure we have a record of your name, address and envelope number. Thank you.**

Thank you to all who have set up standing orders through your bank.
Please note that you can now make contactless donations in both churches.

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/

Recently deceased:

Maureen McMahan R.I.P. Funeral on Wednesday 31st 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.

Please Pray for: John Cumming, Hannah Farrell, Teresa Rankin, John Gerard Keane, Mary Mohan, James Bell, Janet Cogans, William McGuire, Bridgit Thomas, Norah Savoy, David Millar, Francis Little, Andrew Winters, Frances McKean, Winnie Gow, Helen Danks, Gerry Lynagh, Hugh O'Donnell, Juilia McCluskey, James Gallacher, Ian Gold, Ellen McMullan, Edward Kane, Annie Hussey, Fred Haxton, Thomas Kennedy, Richard John Murdoch, John Cruickshanks, Stewart Cowell, Christopher Mallet, Alice Harley, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Kathleen (Collins) Cassidy, Jean Nairne.
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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.

Weekly Schedule

Monday 29 th March	9:30 am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm The Journey to the Cross	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday 30 th March	10:00am Mass 7:00pm The Journey to the Cross	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday 31 st March	10:00am Funeral Mass (Private) 7:00pm The Journey to the Cross	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Holy Thursday 1 st April	9:30 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper 7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper (No watching at the Altar of Repose this year)	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Good Friday	9:30 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion 3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion 7:00pm Commemoration of the Passion	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Holy Saturday	9:30 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Morning Prayer 8:00pm The Easter Vigil 8:00 pm The Easter Vigil	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Easter Sunday	11:00 am Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 am Mass of the Resurrection 12 Noon Mass of the Resurrection 7:00 pm Mass of the Resurrection	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's