

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Parish Newsletter,

Sunday 18th April 2021, 3rd Sunday of Easter 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

As covid-19 restrictions begin to ease I am sure there will be many happy reunions as people meet with family & friends. Please continue to follow the guidelines and help keep everyone safe.

BOOKING FOR MASS

The arrangements for Sunday Mass booking are as follows: Please visit <https://www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking> where you will see a list of upcoming Masses. Click the mass you wish to attend and register each person over the age of 12. Please also let us know if you are bringing any children under the age of 12. Once the church has reached capacity, please book a place in the hall where you will still be able to receive Holy Communion. Booking will open on Monday mornings and close on Saturday mornings. Although the cap of 50 will be abolished on 26th April we still need to maintain social distancing and therefore this change it is not likely to be of too much benefit to us.

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism

The next baptism preparation course will take place on Zoom on Monday 26th April & Tuesday 4th May at 7:00 pm. Please email baptism@falkirkcatholics.org to register. Once you have registered you will be sent the Zoom login details. I am pleased to say that Deacon Kenneth will be the main coordinator for baptisms in the parish.

First Holy Communion: There will be a Zoom meeting on Monday 19th April at 7:00pm for parents presenting children for 1st Holy Communion. I appreciate that Zoom is not ideal however it's the best we can do under the current restrictions. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86592992208?pwd=WUFUMTJ3aTdudk5qUWtCNFU1Zz09>

Confirmation: There will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 21st April at 7:00pm for parents presenting children for Confirmation. I appreciate that Zoom is not ideal however it's the best we can do under the current restrictions. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81444881614?pwd=Wnp2UFVqam96VWY3VFc4QXhmdjlVUT09>

Credit Union

St Francis Xavier & St Mary's Credit Union will hold its AGM on Wednesday 5th May at 7pm by Zoom. Please register your interest in attending by emailing info@stfxcreditunion.com. Joining instructions will be sent out closer to the date.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Rosemary Docherty, Madge O'Donnell, Mary Fitzpatrick, J. Minski, Victor Fernandes Delrio, Christine Marshall, Cathie O'Donnell, C. Minoki, Charles Gallagher, Duncan McDonald, P. Sheils, Peter Swords, Martha Hendren, Jean Gillespie, Sarah Dooner, Alexander Bell, Willie Elliot, Margaret Dunnigan, Beth Nelson, David Corrigan, Daniel Campbell, John Joseph Korda, Patrick Lynagh, Robert Gorman, Daniel Kane, Catherine Mary Boyle, Catherine Boyle, Jessie Doherty, Margaret Lynski, William McGenily, Catherine MacFarlane, William Smith, John Geoghegan, Kathleen Leslie (Mullingar) **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Please pray for **Francis McAllister** from Brightons who died suddenly in Singapore. Funeral arrangements to follow. May he rest in peace.

Archdiocesan Events

Laudato Si Saturday 24 April - Practical responses to Laudato Si', 10 - 11:30. Video: <https://youtu.be/Wy6UZGM3WHI>
Laudato Si' calls us to hear and respond to the cries of the earth and the poor. We will share experience in making practical responses, such as in daily choices (for example to do with food shopping, heating,...), and through creative ideas like community gardens. We will focus on personal, community and parish life. Further information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/LSiResponses> This is an event from the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. The next meeting of our Parish Laudato Si Circle will now take place on 22nd May.

Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure (Zoom) Easter is a season of grace, so register now for a six week course titled Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure. It is hosted by the Archdiocese and takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm, starting 19th April. Sessions will focus on grace according to the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas in the Summa Theologica. It will include an introduction on how to read the Summa, its structure, and how to go through one of Saint Thomas' articles. The webinar course is organised by the Catechetical Commission of the Archdiocese and led by Fr Kevin Douglas (St Peter's & St Columba's, Edinburgh) and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Register now at bit.ly/GraceCourse2021 Sessions will be recorded.

Exterminating Poverty or the Poor? A Scottish Doctor's Story (Zoom) Mark H Sutherland & Neil Sutherland, authors of 'Exterminating Poverty', will tell the true story of how a Scottish doctor took on Marie Stopes 100 years ago, and why this matters today. This webinar will inform and inspire those who take up the pro-life fight today. It takes place at 7:45pm on Monday 26th April. Register now on Eventbrite bit.ly/ExterminatingPovertyOrThePoor

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

Act of Spiritual Communion

Now that the church is open for public worship, we invite those who continue to join us online to make a Spiritual act of Communion privately whilst Holy Communion is being distributed in the church.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Weekly Schedule

3 rd Sunday of Easter 18 th April 2021	11:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 12 Noon Mass 7:00 pm Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 19 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 20 th April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 21 st April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 22 nd April	9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 23 rd April	9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 24 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 10:30 am Confessions 5:45 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Vigil Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's