

# 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

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – World day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please pray for an increase in vocations. Pray too for Bobby Taylor and Martin Eckersly who will be ordained to the priesthood on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Fr Jamie will be taking a few days break this week (Monday to Friday) and Fr Sean the following week.

This week will see the return of the Novena on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Prior to lockdown numbers for the Novena had dropped to about 15. Please consider coming along to this long-standing devotion in the parish.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> April we still need to maintain social distancing and therefore this change it is not likely to be of too much benefit to us.

### Scottish Elections

Please take some time to read the Bishops of Scotland Pastoral letter regarding the forthcoming elections.

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/Scottish%20Parliament%20Election%20Pastoral%20Letter%5B1%5D.pdf>

### Baptism

The next baptism preparation course will take place on Zoom on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00 pm. Please email [baptism@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:baptism@falkirkcatholics.org) to register. Once you have registered you will be sent the Zoom login details.

### 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](mailto:info@stfxcreditunion.com)

Joining instructions will be sent out closer to the date.

### Anniversaries

**Please Pray for:** Arthur Brannan, Tim Nolan, Andrew Thomson, Fr. Willie Hendry, Theresa Kane, Theresa Callaghan, Giovanni Batista Caramando, Catherine Henery, Kevin F. Jordan, Robert Donaldson, C. Black, Agnes Gorman, John Gallagher, Janis Taylor, Ian Hendry, Frank Richardson, John Short, Richard Hume Ironside, Bobby Kay, Mary Marvcidass, James Buchanan, Peter Brady, Helen Stremlau, Rosemary Docherty, Sarah Attracta Sudiskas, Gerard Summers, Maureen Allan, George Wilson, Anna Sarzynski, Bridget Harvey, Duncan Cram, Bernard McElroy, Agnes Donnelly. **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

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](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exterminating-poverty-or-the-poor)

**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.

## Pope Francis

Commemorating the 51st Earth Day on Thursday, Pope Francis reminded everyone of the importance of working together to protect our planet. In a message for the Leaders' Summit on Climate, the Pope said the Leaders Summit encourages nations to "take charge of the care of nature, of this gift that we have received and that we have to heal, guard, and carry forward." "Our concern is to see that the environment is cleaner, purer, and preserved," said the Pope, "and to take care of nature so that it takes care of us." Earth Day is celebrated annually on 22 April to demonstrate support for environmental protection and to promote positive action in care for our common home. This year's theme is "Restore Our Earth." As the world continues to take measures to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, Pope Francis highlighted that the crisis has shown us "what happens when the world stops, pauses, even for a few months."

## 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

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 25 <sup>th</sup> 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, 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30 am _Mass 10:00am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am Mass 7:00 pm Novena & Benediction / Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	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