

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

On behalf of Fr Sean and I, we wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter. Let us pray that we will be renewed and strengthened by God's grace as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin & death. As ever, at this time of year I wish to thank the army of volunteers who serve the parish in so many ways, especially in these difficult times.

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.

The Journey of the Cross: We offer a huge word of thanks to Sr Kathleen and the parish prayer group who prepared and led the beautiful meditations on the Journey of the cross – A path to light. So much time and preparation went into this which resulted in a wonderful, prayerful, and peaceful start to our Holy Week celebrations.

We give thanks for our Catechumens who were baptised and received into full communion of the church at the Easter vigil. Thanks too to the team, who have accompanied and guided them this past year in very difficult circumstances. And thank you to everyone as we keep an eye out for our new brothers and sisters, making them feel welcome, and helping them to continue to grow in their understanding and practice of the faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, April 11th. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Divine Mercy novena began on Friday – you can pray part of it from this link: [The Divine Mercy Novena - Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy](#)

Recently deceased: Phillip Kelly R.I.P. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 6th April at 12 noon in St Francis Xavier's
Jessie Allan R.I.P. Funeral on Wednesday 7th April at 12 noon in St Francis Xavier's
Dr Edward McKay R.I.P. previously of Windsor Rd. Died 21st March.

Please Pray for: Catherine O'Brien, Anne Moscardini, Catherine Spink, John Hastings, James Henery, Hugh McAllister, Mary Kennedy, James Coventry, Jane McLellan, Patrick Kane, Maria McLellan, Margaret Muir, Hugh Quinn, Archie Connachie, James Cochrane, Mary Coll, Matthew Karwowski, Thomas McFall, John Imrie, Jessie Walls, James McArdle, David Malcolm Crooks, Thomas McNee, Charles McFeat, Jane (Jean) MacDonald, Margaret McElroy, Bruce McLeish, Kathy Kewell, William Moodie, Kathleen Kewell, Frances Berrie. **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.

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.

Happy Birthday to Cathy Schofield who celebrates her 80th Birthday this week.

Pope Francis

On Easter Sunday last year Pope Francis prayed for those suffering due to either global conflict or the coronavirus, saying Christ's resurrection brings both light and hope to the darkness of an oppressed and suffering world. "Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night, the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family," speaking of the global COVID-19 outbreak.

Easter, he said, offers humanity "a different 'contagion,' a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope," he said, insisting that it's not a "magic formula" that makes humanity's problems disappear.

"The resurrection of Christ ... is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not 'by-pass' suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good. This is the unique hallmark of the power of God,".

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
Easter Monday, 5 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Easter Tuesday, 6 th April	10:00 am Mass 12 noon Funeral of Phillip Kelly R.I.P. 6:00 pm Reception of Jessie Allan R.I.P.	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Easter Wednesday, 7 th April	10:00 am Mass 12 noon Funeral of Jessie Allan R.I.P.	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Easter Thursday, 8 th April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Easter Friday, 9 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Easter Saturday, 10 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