

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Parish Newsletter,

Sunday 11th April, 2021, 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Year B

Tel: 01324 623567 email: office@falkirkcatholics.org

Website: www.falkirkcatholics.org

Parish Clergy: Fr Jamie Boyle, Fr Sean Bradley, Deacon Kenneth Mununga,

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

Happy Birthday to Fr Sean who celebrates his special day today (Sunday). We wish him many more happy and healthy years.

Anne Buhrmann has resigned as Parish Pastoral Assistant. On behalf of the parish, I wish to thank her for all she has contributed to the parish over the years. I wish also to express my personal gratitude for her support to me as Parish Priest. We wish her well wherever the Lord is leading her.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm in St Francis Xavier's. No need to book, just come along. We will use the hall if the church reaches capacity.

"Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man." —Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli Address, March 30, 2008

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Thomas Patrick Lynach, Daniel Kane, Gino Bertolini, George Harris, Flora Weir, Mr Varghese, Emanuela Araredida Catarino, Charles McGhee Snr, Pauline Gemmel, Marjory Travers, Greta Malley, Peter Kennedy, Thomas (Carrie) Lynach, David Nevin Kileen, Ellen McGhee, Josephine Sisman, James Frame, Giacinto Notarangelo, George Jenkins, Michael Martin, Mary Furby, Frances Harvey, Mary Savoy, John Mitchell, Robert Garvie, Peter Francis Flaherty, Eileen Burns, Mary Keenan, Cathy McBride, Edward Harvey. **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.

The family of the late James Scott wish to express their gratitude for the prayers, Mass cards and expressions of sympathy following Jim's death.

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=Wnp2UFVqam96VWY3VFc4QXhmdjVUT09>

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

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 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.

Mass Schedule

2 nd Sunday of Easter	11:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 12 Noon Mass 3:00 pm The Divine Mercy 7:00 pm Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 12 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 13 th April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 14 th April	10:00 am Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 15 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 16 th April	9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 17 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