

# The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

## Parish Newsletter,

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

During the month of May we are encouraged to seek the intercession of Mary our Mother. Pope Francis asks us to pray for an end to the pandemic. Please try to come along to the Rosary each evening at 6:00pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place each Thursday at 7:00pm. During this month we especially ask those who are housebound to join us in prayer each day at 6:00 pm. The Legion of Mary will be leading the rosary, however if any other groups or individuals wish to help out please get in touch.

### 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 has been abolished, 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>

### 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:** Joseph Nally, Martin C. Spain, Hugh Fawcett, Edward Gray, Jean Gogan, Annie Kane, Nancy Timmins, Bridget Boyle, Myra J. Spain, Hugh Fawcett Jnr, John Wood, Bridget McCartney, Thomas Monteith, Christine McAteer, Peter Sneddon, Jean Fawcett, Hannah Power Wood, Edmund Powlowski, James Lynn, Sean Byrne, Ann (Shera) McMorrow, Fr. Herbert Herrity, Tom Wood, Thomas Ferrier, John Marshall, William Welsh, Georgie Wood, Agnes Cairns, Ellen Dougan, James Byrne, Bernard Joseph Shields, Betty Struthers, Carmela Pozzo, Annie Maguire, Mary Shields, Patrick Grogan, James Smith, Bridget Power, William Lilley, James Buchanan, Thomas Power, Tom Callaghan, Bridget Brown, George Wood, Michael Martin, Mary Lamont Wood, Bridget O'Donnell, Mary McGlynn, Jim Campbell, John Fleming, Peter Clark, Rosemary Docherty, Anne Marchi. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

### Please pray for the recently deceased:

Name	Reception	Funeral	Church
Francis McAllister R.I.P.		Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 12 noon	St Anthony's
Gino Gonella R.I.P.	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> May 5:00pm	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 11:30 am	St Francis Xavier's
Isa Forsyth R.I.P.		Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 12 noon	St Anthony's
Agnes McNiven	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 5:00pm	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 12 :00pm	St Francis Xavier's

## Safeguarding Training

If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults, please ensure that you register for the Induction Part 1 safeguarding training. All the details you need can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training/>

## St Mary's University

Masters courses in Theology and Education will begin in September at the Gillis Centre Campus in Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, run by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese. All information is available on the St Mary's University website: [stmarys.ac.uk/Edinburgh](http://stmarys.ac.uk/Edinburgh)

## Ordination to the Diaconate

Josh Moir, 27, a seminarian for our Archdiocese, is being ordained a deacon [on Sunday 2 May](#). Please keep him in your prayers as he takes this important step towards priesthood.

## Marian month of May

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics across the world to dedicate the Marian month of May to invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic.

## Scottish elections

The election to Holyrood is [on Thursday 6 May](#). Please visit the Catholic Parliamentary Office website ([rcpolitics.org](http://rcpolitics.org)) where you will find a resources section with information on key issues to consider ahead of voting.

## Leprosy Mission's Day of Prayer

Join Christians across the world who are praying for a world without leprosy [on Wednesday 12 May](#). Zoom prayer sessions take place throughout the day. Find out more at [leprosymission.org/dayofprayer](http://leprosymission.org/dayofprayer)

## 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**

## Collection:

Last week's collection: £1456.30 Thank you for your continued financial support.

## Weekly Schedule

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2021	11:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>St Phillip &amp; St James</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Mass Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Rosary	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Rosary	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Novena & Benediction / Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Rosary & Padre Pio Devotions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's