

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

Thursday is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This year the feast is not a holiday of obligation, however we would encourage you to come along to Mass if you are able. Please note that due to a funeral there will be no 12 noon Mass.

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.

The Holy Shop at St Francis Xavier's will be open after 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 16th May where a new range of First Holy Communion card and gifts will be available, as well as the usual range of other religious articles.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: James Lynn, Jessie Notorangelo, Catherine Mailer, Mary Neish, Christine McLeish, Nora Parker, Annie Williamson, Mary Winters, Gerry Pollock, Rev. Cannon J.C. Ward, Anne Fotheringham, Patricia Silcock, Agnes Cullen, Fr. J. Tweedie, Catherine Wood, Helen O'Connor, Catherine McGuire, Mgr. D. Robina, Edward Travers, Jay, Hugh McMorrow, Devasia Thomson, George Beattie, John Docherty, Scott Fraser, Charles Enyi, Elizabeth Fullard, Lily MacFarlane, William Farrell, Briyan Redding, Paul Augustine Frank Barry, Nan Nixon, Ian Hendy, Simon Murphy, John Boyle. **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 th May 12 noon	St Anthony's
Isa Forsyth R.I.P.		Wednesday 12 th May 12 noon	St Francis Xavier's
Gino Gonella R.I.P.	Wed 12 th May 5:00pm	Thursday 13 th May 11:30 am	St Francis Xavier's
Agnes McNiven R.I.P.	Thursday 13 th May 5:00pm	Friday 14 th May 12 :00 noon	St Francis Xavier's
John Sludden R.I.P.	Sunday 16 th May 5:00pm	Monday 17 th May 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
May O'Brien R.I.P.	Monday 17 th May 5:00 pm	Tuesday 18 th May 12 noon	St Francis Xavier's

Ordination to the Diaconate

Congratulations to Josh Moir, 27, a seminarian in Rome studying for our Archdiocese, who was ordained Deacon on Sunday last by Archbishop Arthur Roche in the Scots College Chapel, Rome. God willing, he will be ordained a priest next year.

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

Laudato Si' week

SCIAF and Justice & Peace Scotland host an online event titled 'Everything and Everyone is Connected' at 7pm on Monday 24 May, "an evening of reflection on Laudato Si' and the climate crisis". To register visit eventbrite.co.uk and type the event title in the search bar. Laudato Si' week takes place 16-24 May as part of the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home.

Freedom to Pray

City of Edinburgh Council is petitioning COSLA, the Scottish local authorities' organisation, in favour of 'buffer zones' at all Scottish abortion facilities. It means peaceful pro-life vigils, a lifeline to vulnerable women considering abortion, are under threat. To protect the freedom to pray you can sign the SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) online petition: <https://citizengo.org/en-gb/201800-protect-freedom-pray-scotland>

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: £1024.30 Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

6 th 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, 10 th May	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Mass Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 11 th May	10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mass Funeral Mass Rosary	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 12 th May	9:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mass Funeral Mass Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 13 th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord.</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Funeral Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 14 th May <i>St Matthias</i>	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Mass Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 15 th 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