

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 20th June 2021, 12th Sunday 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

This week the homily will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation- the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you at all the stewards who came forward to help with Confirmations. It was great to see a few new volunteers as well.

After Mass on Monday morning, Fr Jamie will be taking a few days break.

Congratulations to Tom & Catherine McFeat who celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 20th June.

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 including children. Please note the change that all children must now be booked in. Thank you.

School Uniform Exchange

We will be running our successful School Uniform Exchange again this year. Drop off will be on Friday 2nd July between 5pm & 7pm and Saturday 3rd July between 10:30am and 1:30pm. Collection on the 10th & 11th July. If you would like to help either with collections, sorting or distribution please contact the parish office or fill out the "doodle" form. https://doodle.com/poll/spnht7p57frdk98x?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Thank you.

Communion to the Sick & Housebound

Now that we are in level 1, Communion Visits to the sick and housebound can resume. All ministers should ensure they follow Covid- 19 safety protocols when visiting. There be a meeting for Communion Ministers on Monday 28th June at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's. Please also make sure you have completed the required level of safeguarding training.

Safeguarding Training

If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults please ensure that you register for the Induction Part 1 & 2 safeguarding training. All the details you need can be found

at <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training/>

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Owen Malley, Agnes Welsh, Peter Wood, Paul Francis Scott (baby), John Coyle, Thomas Purdie, Kathie Sneddon, Aeneas Paterson, Monica Henderson, Molly Ayscough, Kitty Jones, Mary Marshall, Margaret McPherson, Jean McKay, Terrance Cochrane, Brenda Tolmie, Morag Grey, Margaret Peters, Winifred Scott, Terence Cochrane, Isobel Hill, Mary Watson, Brenda Tolmie, Andrew Tennant Jnr, Andrew Tennant Snr, Margaret McDonald, Peter McDonald, Peter McDonald Jnr, James McDonald, Martha McDonald, Nan McDonald, Margaret Hill, Michael McGinley, Margaret Meade. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen**

Food and Clothing appeal - A huge thank you to those who contributed to our food and clothing appeal. Thanks to your generosity many families will be assisted during the school holidays.

Child anxiety webinar

Parents can receive practical and prayerful advice on helping their child deal with anxiety brought on by the pandemic in a free, one hour Webinar at 7:30pm on Monday (21 June) led by Catholic educator Angela Dodds. To register visit bit.ly/AnxietyZoom

Chrism Mass 2021

The annual Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh takes place on Tuesday (22 June) at 7pm. Archbishop Leo, along with the priests of the Archdiocese, will bless the oils used in the administration of the Sacraments during the coming year (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Infirm and the Holy Chrism). The priests attending will also renew their priestly promises. To register, please visit <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/reserve/chrism>.

What does the Catechism say about the effects of Confirmation?

1302 It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

1303 From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: - it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"; - it unites us more firmly to Christ; - it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; - it renders our bond with the Church more perfect; - it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

Collection: Last week's collection: £1300 Thank you for your continued financial support. If you have Envelope no: 75 could you please speak to Fr Jamie? Thank you.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 20 th June 2021 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, 21 st June	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Funeral Liturgy – John Martindale R.I.P.	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 22 nd June	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Wed, 23 rd June	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 24 th June	10:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass St Francis Xavier's P7 Leavers Mass Novena	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 25 th June	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 26 th June	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