

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 17th July 21, 16th 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

The Scottish Government has announced that as of Monday 19th July we will move to Level zero. This means that we can reduce social distancing in the church to one metre, thus increasing our capacity. However, we are still required to track and trace and therefore request that you continue to book in for Mass where possible. Face coverings and hand sanitising are still mandatory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday mornings after Mass until 11:30 am.

We are recruiting a new Parish Secretary / Administrator. Please see the information about this post on the parish website. <https://www.falkirkcatholics.org/job-vacancy-parish-secretary-administrator/> Closing date for applications will be 30th July.

Fr Sean begins his well needed break on Friday.

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 still have lots of good quality school uniform. If you can make use of it, please get in touch and we can let you into the hall to collect it.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Flora Dennis, Kathleen Byrne, Mary Ann Murray, Mary Crawford Horn, Richard Ironside, James Scott, Jean Fotheringham, Margaret McFadden, Patrick Winters, Maud Baird, Jane Healy, Daniel Welsh, Jeanie Scobbie, Annie Boyle, James McGurk, Sam McDonald, Edward O'Connor, Bill Allan, Gavin Young, Michael Green, Patrick McGlynn, Therese Parker, Veronica Pender, Matthew Marley. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Please pray for the families of babies, Isabelle Rose Storah and William Anthony Butler, who were born sleeping in the Lord.

Baptisms

If you wish to have your child baptised, please arrange an appointment with one of the priests or Deacon Kenneth. Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to baptism@falkirkcatholics.org

RCIA – The next RCIA program will begin on Wednesday 18th August. If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a Catholic, please speak to one of the priests or Deacon Kenneth.

Safeguarding webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image* v2 and reflect upon its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday 25 July is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, in which we are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes. All are encouraged to make a visit or call an elderly person living alone in the community, naturally observing relevant Covid guidelines.

What does the Catechism say about The Sacrament of the Sick?

1526 "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas 5:14-15).

1527 The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick has as its purpose the conferral of a special grace on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age.

1528 The proper time for receiving this holy anointing has certainly arrived when the believer begins to be in danger of death because of illness or old age.

1529 Each time a Christian falls seriously ill, he may receive the Anointing of the Sick, and also when, after he has received it, the illness worsens.

1530 Only priests (presbyters and bishops) can give the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, using oil blessed by the bishop, or if necessary, by the celebrating presbyter himself.

1531 The celebration of the Anointing of the Sick consists essentially in the anointing of the forehead and hands of the sick person (in the Roman Rite) or of other parts of the body (in the Eastern rite), the anointing being accompanied by the liturgical prayer of the celebrant asking for the special grace of this sacrament.

1532 The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Collection: Last week's collection: £ 1409 Apostleship of the Sea £330 Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 18 th July 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, 19 th July	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 20 th July	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Wed, 21 st July	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 22 nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Novena	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 23 rd July	10:00 am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 24 th July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	10:00 am 10:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's