

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 21, 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 30<sup>th</sup> July.

**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:** Isabella Donaldson, Melita De Sousa, John Kewell, May Gallagher, Roy McDade, Jessie Kane, Mary Grogan, Peter Mitchell, Jan Jozef Pinas, David McCallum, William derek Cumming, Thomas Kelly, William (Bill) Danks, Betty Crawford Korda, Dougie Bell, Violet Garner, Kathleen Colligan, James Gaerty, Ryan McGuickin, George Oliver, Peter McGuire, Maureen Given, Reta Marshall, Nancy McLeish, Thomas Stuart Dundas, Jean McKenna, Dennis Brennan, Janet Nixon, Mary O'Rourke, Verna Allison, Maria McArthur, William Fitzpatrick, Jean Cowie, Joseph Mitchell, Susanna Harley, Doris Ure, Mary Burns. **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:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Baby Isabelle Rose Storah | Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July    | 10:00 am | St Francis Xavier's |
| Anne Hainey R.I.P.        | Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July   | 10:00am  | St Francis Xavier's |
| Pat Travers R.I.P.        | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August    | 10:00 am | St Francis Xavier's |
| Margaret Dick R.I.P.      | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August | 12 noon  | St Francis Xavier's |
| John McCabe               | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> July     | 11:30 am | Falkirk Crematorium |

## 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](mailto:baptism@falkirkcatholics.org)

**RCIA** – The next RCIA program will begin on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

## Prayer for Grandparents Day

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £ 1588 Thank you for your continued financial support.

## Weekly Schedule

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| Sunday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021<br>2021                     | 11:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12: 00 pm<br>7:00 pm | Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass   | St Anthony's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's        |
| Monday, 26th July<br><i>Ss Joachim &amp; St Anne</i>             | 9:30 am<br>10:00 am                          | Mass<br>Mass   | St Anthony's<br>St Francis Xavier's  |
| Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | 10:00 am                                     | Mass   | St Francis Xavier's  |
| Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup> July                                       | 10:00 am                                     | Mass   | St Francis Xavier's  |
| Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July<br><i>St. Martha</i>             | 10:00 am<br>7:00 pm                          | Mass<br>Novena   | St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's   |
| Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | 10:00 am<br>1:00 pm<br>3:00 pm               | Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Wedding of Matthew Cooper & Erin Muldoon<br>Baptism | St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's                        |
| Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July<br><i>St Ignatius of Loyola.</i> | 10:00 am<br>10:30 am<br>5:45 pm<br>6:30 pm   | Mass<br>Confessions<br>Confessions<br>Vigil Mass   | St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's |