

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Parish Newsletter,  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 21, 22<sup>nd</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**

Fr Sean will take up new role as Administrator at St Marks, Oxfords on Thursday. I wish to express my gratitude for his service to our parish over the past year and his support and friendship to me. We wish him every blessing as he moves on to pastures new.

Next weekend we will be joined by Fr Martin Eckersley, our new assistant priest. I know he is looking forward to starting his priestly ministry here in Falkirk and I am sure you will make him feel welcome.

If you have envelope no 44, please contact the Parish office.

Tea & Coffee will resume after 10:00am Mass at St Francis Xavier's and 11:00 am at St Anthony's. If you are able and willing to help out, please contact the parish office.

### **New arrangements for attending Mass.**

Please note there is no need to book for Mass.

### **Anniversaries**

Please Pray for: Canon Thomas Hanlon, Ellen Leslie, Michael Fitzpatrick, Nora Kelleher, Rev. Fr. Walter P. Crampton, Catherine Ward, David Scofield, Edward Walsh, John Gentleman, Theresa Gallagher, Mandy McKeever, Helen O'Fee, Joseph Lemetti, Alexander Lynn, John McFeat, William McGlynn, James Scott, Tom Struthers, Mary McCane, Barbara Halpin, Walter Murison, Catherine (Wine) Johnman, Anthony Pastuch, Elizabeth Short, John McGarr, Bill Manderson, Jimmy Bell, Mary Hoggan, Helen Mitchell, Cathleen Johnmaan, Frances McCafferty, Sarah Anne Wright, James Scott, John Francis Clarkin, Seán O'Farrell, Patrick Little, Mary Mochan. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

### **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)

### **Courses at Gillis Centre**

Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for a of MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel ([bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)). All details at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

**Care for Our Common Home.** Our parish Laudato Si group warmly invite you to our Season of Creation service on Sat 11th Sept at 12-1pm in St Francis Xavier's Church. Through music and prayer, experiences and meditation, we want to explore how we can all respond to The Cry of the Earth and The Cry of the Poor, individually, and as a parish. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

### Webinar for clergy & parish finance committees

Funding for clergy retirement is the biggest financial challenge facing our Archdiocese. Clergy and members of parish finance committees are invited to a Zoom webinar at 6:30pm on Tuesday 31 August, hosted by the Archdiocese. The session will share the progress made, the challenges faced and options for parish based solutions. Here is the link to join on the night: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89884035553>

### Synod

A synod of the bishops will take place in Rome in 2023. The Holy Father has asked for the synod's preparations to begin in local churches. It will begin with a period of consultation and discernment on Sunday 17 October this year. Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM has been asked to be the Archdiocese's lead delegate in the national synodal process and will be assisted by Fr John Deighan (Lennoxton, Milton & Torrance). An announcement will be made soon on how that process will take shape in our Archdiocese.

### 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](http://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

### Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN).

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £ 1253 Thank you for your continued financial support.

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday 29th August	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, 30th August	09:30 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 31st August	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wed, 1st September <i>World Day of Prayer for Creation</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass & Rosary Novena / Confessions	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>St Gregory</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Mass & Rosary Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's