

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 5th September 21, 23rd 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

A very warm welcome to Fr Martin Eckersley who joins us as our new assistant priest. We pray that he will enjoy his time here with us as he begins his priestly ministry.

As is the custom here in the parish we will take up a collection for Fr Sean as a token of our appreciation. There will be a basket available in the porch for the next few weeks, please place your gift in an envelope and mark it "Fr Sean".

We say thank you and farewell to Paul Henderson who has been with us on placement. We express our gratitude for the great work he has put into providing PowerPoints for all our liturgies over the past weeks and for his presence with us. Please continue to keep Paul and all the other seminarians in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy will resume this week at St. Anthony's. Please encourage children in P1 to p4 to attend.

Beata, our parish secretary will be off work for a few weeks due to a recent illness. Please keep her in your prayers.

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.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Rosina Brannan, Eileen Rafferty, Margaret Simpson, Joachim McMorrow, Marion Johnstone Campbell, Mariamma Koshy, James Cuthill, Patrick O'Connor, Marion C. Jack, Domenico Giannandrea, Isobel Johnston, Margaret Maguire, Clarammaa Thomas, Teresa Welsh, Catherine Mowen, Madaline A. M. Vitesse, Sarah Anne Waclawska, Gordon Bain, Mary O'Donnell, Leonard J. Wilkie, Terence Kelly, Madaline O'Brien, Molly Fletcher, Rev. Joseph McMahan, Rose McCaul, James Gallagher, Rosemary 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 repose of the soul of Ellen Harkin R.I.P. funeral on 13th September at the Crematorium 12:15pm.

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

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!

National Pilgrimage

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland cordially invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 September (confessions from priests and bishops available from 2pm).

SEASON OF CREATION: Justice & Peace Mass

The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will served after Mass. Register at bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021

SEASON OF CREATION: Event - A Call to Action

During the Season of Creation and in advance of COP26, the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace invite you to a mini-colloquium titled 'The Human Face of the Climate Emergency: A Call to Action' It takes place at 3-5pm on Sunday 12 September on Zoom. For more details and to register, visit: bit.ly/ACallToAction2021

Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St David's in Dalkeith.

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. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu In God's Image V2 can be found at www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding

Coffee Saints

A new café has opened at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh! It's called Coffee Saints and is a partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project, a charity which supports Edinburgh's most vulnerable citizens. All profits go to the charity. If you're in the city, pop in and support a great new initiative.

National event

An online event titled Interreligious Dialogue in the time of Pope Francis takes place at 11:00am-2:30pm on Saturday 18 September. Register at: bit.ly/InterreligiousEvent This event is organised by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Committee for Interreligious Dialogue.

Collection: Last week's collection: £ 1986 Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 5 th Sep	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, 6th September	09:30 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 7 th Sep	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wed, 8 th Sep	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 9 th Sep	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, 10 th Sep	10:00 am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 11 th Sep	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Mass & Rosary Confessions Season of Creation Liturgy Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's