

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 21, 31<sup>st</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.**

**Mission Sunday** a collection will be taken up this week for MISSIO. Apologies, it should have been taken last week.

**November lists** can be found in the porch. Please list the names of your deceased loved ones on a sheet and place it in the basket. Mass will be offered throughout the month for all the faithful departed.

**First Confession** There will be a meeting for parents of children in primary 3 who wish to present their child for First Confession and Holy Communion on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

**COP26 – Mass** The Bishops of Scotland will celebrate Mass during COP26 at St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, on Sunday 7 November at 1pm. The Mass is for delegates, visitors to Glasgow and all the Faithful of Scotland. Register to attend at <https://mediades.co.uk/cop26/>

**Advent preparation Liturgy** On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon we will be holding an Advent preparation liturgy. This will be an opportunity for us to think about how we celebrate the Advent season in preparation for Christmas. After the liturgy, the church stall will be offering a variety of Christmas cards and other items for sale.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** service takes place in the church on Friday, 5 November at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

**Dementia: Hope on a Difficult Journey** An event for those supporting friends or family with dementia will be held at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, from 2-4pm on Saturday 6 November. A talk will be led by Dr Adrian Treloar, and there will be a chance to share experiences before a time of prayer in St Margaret's Chapel, onsite. Light refreshments will be served. The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage & Families Commission. Register at [bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021](http://bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021)

**Vocations Mass** The Archdiocesan monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 8 November at St Albert's Chaplaincy in George Square, Edinburgh.

**Global Day of Action** SCIAF invites you to march at the Glasgow Global Day of Action on Saturday 6 November. The event takes place during COP26 and brings together those who support Climate Justice. More details at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/glasgow-global-day-for-action-2021>

**Lunch Club** Having served the parish community for many years the Lunch Club team have taken the difficult decision to step down. I wish to express my gratitude for the dedication and service that the Lunch club has provided for the parish and the community. They have kindly donated the last of their funds to SVDP, the Foodbank and the parish. In due course I would like to investigate how we can build on the service that the lunch club provided, maybe have a community lunch a few times a year. If you have any ideas please let me know.

**World Day of the Poor** This takes place on Sunday 14 November. The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. In our Archdiocese the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) has been carrying out this mission since 1845. This year the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese wish to use the Special Collection to be taken that weekend to support two SSVP projects; The Furniture Project based in Kingseat and the Caravan Project in Port Seton.

The family of the late Andrew Woods (Andy) would like to thank the Parish for all the help given throughout the sad loss of our beloved dad, thank you all for your cards, prayers and kind words and to all who served and helped at Dads Reception and funeral Mass. Thank you Fr. Martin for your comforting words at the service. Dad's Retiral Offering amounted to a much appreciated £375 towards Cancer Research.

**Collection in memory of Joseph Hendren** The sum of £870.00 was donated to Falkirk British Heart Foundation.

**Staying warm, saving money and Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*)**. We can keep warm and save money, whilst using energy more efficiently, and reducing our carbon footprint. Age Scotland has produced a guide for older people, called *Warm and Well*, which is full of useful advice on how to do this. You can have a paper copy, if you phone the Age Scotland Helpline, which is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (tel: 0800 12 44 222). This is a free and confidential advice and friendship service for older people. You can also view *Warm and Well* and other handy guides online, download them in PDF, or order them from [publications@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:publications@agescotland.org.uk) (see <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/Scotland/information-advice/>).

### Anniversaries

**Please Pray for:** John Dick, James O'Donnell, John McKee, Margaret Kilbride, Charles G Malley, John Finn, Mary McGuire, Placido Do-Rego, Walter Wood, William Hardie, Eddie Strain, Phil McDermott, Stella Karwowski, Catherine Gallagher, Marjorie Nutley, Elizabeth McEwan, Mary Ferrie, John McKillop, John Devlin, Michael McElroy, Bridie Raymond, Patricia Hanrahan, Eleanor Malley, Teobald Swierklansv, Rosa Bertolini, Maria Kane, Janus Flis, Giorgio Onori, Catherine Torrance. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen**

### Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Elisabeth Jackson R.I.P.	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Higgins R.I.P.		To be announced	St Francis Xavier's

### Dates for your November Diary

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> We welcome to our hall pilgrims from the Jesuit Mission who will be walking to Glasgow participating in the COP26 Climate Change Conference.

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm - To commemorate the faithful departed, Fr Jamie, Fr Martin and Deacon Kenneth will conduct a service at Camelon, Old Grandsable and Muiravonside Cemeteries. Parishioners are invited to light a candle and say a prayer at the graveside of loved ones. Candles will be available for a donation to church funds. A bereavement service will be held in St Francis Xavier's Church on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm to which families and friends of deceased in the last year will be invited to attend.

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1515 Thank you for your continued financial support.

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year B	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, 1 <sup>st</sup> November <i>All Saints</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass & Rosary Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November <i>S Charles Borromeo</i>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass & Rosary Novena / Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November	11:30 am 6:00pm	Mass with the Catholic Headteachers of Scotland (Parishioners welcome) Padre Pio Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November	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