

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 28th November 21, 1st Sunday of Advent Year C
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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.

As we enter the season of Advent, we invite you to come along to our Candlelit Masses on Thursday evenings. Why not make this a part of your family's preparations for Christmas?

The Christmas Mass schedule can be found on the parish website.

The bishops of Scotland have indicated that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays will be reinstated on Sunday 2nd January 2022. Please take some time to read the pastoral letter. <https://tinyurl.com/utp5hwhv>

Altar Servers wanted! If you have made your First Holy Communion, you're eligible to join the ranks of the altar servers in the Parish of St Francis Xavier's. We're looking for enthusiastic, committed and faith-filled children to help serve at the altar of the Lord. It's wonderful opportunity to understand the Mass better and to participate in whole new way. There will be an introductory training session on Saturday the 4th of December after 10am Mass for all new and existing altar servers. All welcome!

Church Volunteers We would like to invite all volunteers for a Mass followed by a meal in the Parish Hall on Friday 3rd December at 7:00pm. Please use the link <https://forms.gle/SiAPptMEWH5jmvLg7> or form available at the church porch to confirm your attendance.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 3rd December at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

Toy Giveaway We will take donations of "like new" condition toys and gifts for our Christmas Toy appeal on the weekend of 4th / 5th December. Drop off between 10:30 am & 2:00pm on Saturday and 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Sunday. Toys will be distributed on Saturday 11th December. More information to follow.

Pro-Life Advent Rosary Join Fr Kevin Douglas on Tuesday, 30 November, 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Event on Zoom, register here: <https://bit.ly/30NovRosary>

Saving money on energy and Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Christmas is coming and maybe we're thinking about giving someone a smartphone. Smartphones are linked with wars, forced movement of people, harmful pollution of air and water, and loss of biodiversity. Much of a smartphone's carbon footprint comes from mining for its elements, making its electronics, and transporting it. To save money, care for people and our common home, there are some things we can do.

Choose phones depending on the manufacturers' ethical ratings.

Buy modular phones, so we can repair or replace parts.

Buy second-hand or refurbished phones.

Keep our phones for longer.

Make sure our phones are properly recycled.

Donate our old phones to charity, for people who don't have them.

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 The next preparation course will be on 1st and 8th December at 7:00pm.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Thomas Holleran, William McQuade, Kathleen McKenna, Sr. Mary - Sr. of St. Martha, John Ross, Thomas Grant, (Ele) Eileen Hayes, Joan Malley, Anthony McNelis, Mary Noble, Andrew McCartney, Paul O'Neil, Annie McGuckin, Kathleen McKenna, Frank McCabe, Elizabeth Taylor, Julia Kane, Elizabeth O'Donnell, John McLeish, James Bell, Mark Mitchell, Edward Doherty, Bridget Cannon, Rose Hanlon, Leonard (Lenny) McCauley, Julia O'Neill, Jane Scott, Frank Simpson, Patrick Boyle (Packie), Margaret Cumming, Tom Buchanan, Rose McGuire, Mary (Doherty) Lynagh, Francis Hainey, James Hedivan, Aldina Bellinetti, Patricia McAllister, Archibald McDonald, Ann-Marie Lemetti, Patricia McAllister **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
Margaret Woods R.I.P.	Sunday, 28 th Nov 5:00pm	Monday, 29 th Nov 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Stan Lyon R.I.P.		Tuesday 7 th Dec 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Alexander R.I.P.		Wednesday 8 th Dec 1:00pm	Crematorium

Collection: Last week's collection: £1395. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 28 th November 1 st Sunday of Advent	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, 29 th November	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Funeral Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 30 th November <i>St Andrew</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 1 st December	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 2 nd December	10:00 am 7:00 pm	No morning Mass Advent Candle lit Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 3 rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	09:30am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Padre Pio Prayer Group Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 4 th December	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

Morning Prayer starts at 9:30am Monday-Saturday.