

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 21, 34<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.**

**First Communion** There will be a meeting for parents of children in primary 4 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

**Synod Meeting** Our Parish meeting for the Synod is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We encourage as many people as possible to take part.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7:00pm. Please use the link <https://forms.gle/5iAPptMEWH5jmvLg7> or form available at the church porch to confirm your attendance.

**Toy Giveaway** We will take donations of "like new" condition toys and gifts for our Christmas Toy appeal on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> December. Toys will be distributed on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. More information to follow.

**Morning Prayer** We have now re-started our Morning Prayer. This is the Office for the whole Catholic Church, said by clergy and parishioners, world-wide. You are most welcome to join us and enjoy the beautiful psalms, readings and prayers. Monday-Saturday, 9:30a.m for @ 15 minutes. The books with the appropriate pages marked are at the back of the church.

**Children's Liturgy** At St Anthony's church in Rumford we are looking for new and enthusiastic people to help offer the children's liturgy. It's once a month on a Sunday at 11am mass. It's a lovely rewarding start to the day helping primary school children learn more about their faith. If you would like a chat about it or for more information, please get in touch. Kathleen Onori, Catrina Hamill and I would be more than happy to chat.

**Mothers Prayers Group** will meet again on Wednesday 24 November at 2.00pm at St. Anthony's Church House, Rumford. We pray for our children's wellbeing and any problems they may encounter. For more information please contact Pam on 07564515054

**UCM** The next meeting will be on Thursday 25 November from 2pm to 4pm. As this is our last meeting of the session it would be good if as many members as possible are able to attend. Please note change if time for this meeting only.

**Prisoners' Week Launch Service** This takes place at 7pm on Monday 22 November at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by refreshments in the Coffee Saints café. Please register to attend at <http://www.prisonersweek.org.uk/events>

**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>

**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) The next preparation course will be on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm.

**Saving money on energy and Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** We can still keep things clean, whilst saving money and reducing our carbon footprint. Here are some more tips on savings to be made, when washing our dishes and clothes (from <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/how-get-most-out-your-kitchen-appliances/> - savings calculated before the rise in energy costs).

Action	Possible saving per year
Fill our dishwasher and run one wash cycle fewer per week	£9
Turn our washing machine temperature down to 30°C	£6
Dry our washing on a line or pulley, instead of tumble-drying	£30

Reducing the number of washes we do also reduces the energy needed to supply our water.

### Anniversaries

**Please Pray for:** Catherine Harvey, H. Wilson, Jim McElroy, James Lunn, Annie McGhee, William Byrne, Tommy O'Rourke, Rachel (Dolly) Woods, J. Roy, Margaret Jackson, Jacqueline A. Robinson, Janet McFadden, Jacqueline A. Robertson, Margaret Hannah, John Hardie, Mary Kane, Charlie McGhee, Thomas Cowell, Peter Swords, Maureen Toland, Jeremiah Callan, Maureen Relf, Eugene Cox, Mary Scott, James Callaghan, Sr. Mary David, Isabella Burt, John McGlynn, John Meighan, John O'Connor, Rose Marie Watson, Michael Kelly, Dominic Toye. **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
Grace Wotherspoon R.I.P.	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6:00pm	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Woods R.I.P.		To be announced	

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1764. World Day of Poor collection £924. Thank you for your continued financial support.

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 34 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	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, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>St Cecilia</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions</i>	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Funeral Mass & Rosary Novena / Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	09:30am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 27 <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

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