

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 2nd January 22, The Epiphany of the Lord
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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.

Thank you to everyone who helped keep the liturgical life of the parish going during the priest's isolation. Thank also for the phone calls and offers of help and support, they are very much appreciated.

Following the latest advice from the Government we would ask that where possible you maintain a safe distance from other households when in the church, please do not gather in the porch areas. If possible, try to do a Lateral flow test before attending church. The use of hand sanitizer and face coverings is still required. If you have any signs of Covid-19 please stay away. Likewise, if you have been asked to isolate, please do not come to church. For time being we will once more suspend the "Sign of peace".

Primary 4 Rite of enrolment – The rite of enrolment for children in Primary 4 preparing for First Holy Communion will take place at all Sunday Masses next weekend. i.e The vigil on Saturday and all Masses on Sunday. Any child who wishes to go forward for First Holy Communion should attend.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 7 January at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

Diploma in Catechetics 2022 Get ready to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader

Sr Anna Marie McGuan from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. She and a range of guest speakers bring you online lectures each Thursday, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins in January 2022 and costs £200. Registration is now open at bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022

Save the date *Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love*. There will be three talks explaining this important document, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, beginning 10 January and led by Sr Anna Marie, the Archdiocese's Catechetics Advisor, and Fr Nick Welsh, vice rector of the Scots College in Rome. Details to follow soon.

Save the date *Music Day*. This takes place on Saturday 22 January at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 10:00am-3:30pm. The theme is *Liturgical Music Making in a Post-Pandemic World*. The day is open to everyone, especially those involved in leading and playing music, as well as singers. Details to follow soon

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

Christmas Tree Disposal and Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Our Christmas trees are beautiful when decorated and lit, and we still have a while yet to enjoy them. When the time comes, though, we can dispose of them, whilst also caring for our World. An artificial tree can't be recycled and doesn't break down in landfill, so we could reuse it every year, or give it to a charity shop. When real trees decompose in landfill, they produce gas that causes global warming, so we could take our tree to a recycling centre, or arrange a bulky-uplift (see <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/bins-rubbish-recycling/household-waste/>). We could also compost our tree ourselves, or put some of it in the brown bin (small branches) and use some in 'soft engineering' or habitat creation in our garden.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Bernard Joseph Shields, Jemina McCourt, Helen Buchannon, William Barr, Brian Devoy, James McPherson, Jean McKendrick, Ramsay Young, Thomas Mohan, Mary Catherine Burt, Hugh O'Connor Snr, Elizabeth McAteer, William Somerville, Giulia Harrington Pasquale Rosi, Leonardo Rosi, Francesca Rosi, Giacinto Rosi, Mary Donoghue, Peter Donoghue, John Loveno, H. Bruno, J. Bruno, T. Bruno, M. Howden, Candido Evangelio, Jean Bracelin, Mary Hart, Mary Cartledge, Verediana Goncalves, Mary McKenna, Kate Malley, Elizabeth Ann strathie, James Lynn, Mary Jane Immrie, Martin J. O'Connor, Annie Devoy, Michael Devoy, Rose Carberry, Mary Jane McGranaghan Imrie, Marianne O'Donnell, Edward Lynas, Daniel Brannan, Eileen MacKay, Hugh Harvey, Mary Teresa McGlade, Mary Ann Quinn, Martin Kennedy, John Pow, Betty Henderson, Helen Hughes, Mary McElroy, Christina Crosbie, Mary Farrell. **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
Mary Skrzyszowski R.I.P.	Thursday 6 th Jan 6:00pm	Friday 7 th Jan 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Irene Leach R.I.P.		Wednesday 12 th Jan 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £845. Christmas collection £2205 Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 2 nd January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	11:00 am 10:00 am 12: 00 pm	Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 3 rd January	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 4 th January	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group Deanery Holy Hour for the Synod	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 5 th January	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 6 th January	10:00 am 7:00pm	Mass & Rosary Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 7 th January	09:30am 10:00am 6:00pm	Mass Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Padre Pio Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 8 th January	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.