

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

This Monday we are hosting the monthly Mass for vocations at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Andrew Garden the diocesan vocations director. It would be good to see a good turnout to pray for vocations.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022. Please take some time to read the pastoral letter. <https://tinyurl.com/utp5hwvh>

After many years of doing the floral arrangements at St Francis Xavier's, Maureen Taylor is stepping down from the role. I wish to express my gratitude for her time and dedication over the years. If anyone would be interested in taking on the role of florist, please speak to Fr. Jamie.

We also express our gratitude to Maria Caramando who is stepping down from her role in the Bereavement group.

**Preparing for Christmas – the Advent Rosary** To help us use this Advent as an opportunity to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus at Christmas, St Anthony's church will be praying the rosary after Mass every Monday and Wednesday. This is an excellent opportunity to foster devotion to our Lady, to pray for our families and communities, and to tap into some much-needed graces for ourselves. All welcome!

**Pro-Life Advent Rosary** Join Fr Bobby Taylor this Tuesday, 7 December, 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Event on Zoom, register here: <https://bit.ly/7DecRosary>

**Advent Prayers and Christmas Carols-** Please support these events in Stirling to raise awareness of people dealing with mental health issues. Tuesday 7th, 14th and 21st December at the intersection of along Street, Port Street and Murray Place at 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

**Christmas and Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** We all love to give presents at Christmas and it's a way of showing that we care for others – but it needn't cost the Earth. We could try any of the following ideas, to save money, whilst looking after people and the planet.

Buy gifts that have been produced locally and sustainably, with good treatment of workers, animals, and nature.

Check what people want, to avoid the waste of unwanted gifts.

Make presents for people, *e.g.* by baking, knitting, sewing, crafting, or woodworking.

Give smaller, more meaningful presents.

Try the fun and excitement of 'secret Santa'.

Agree to put a spending limit on gifts.

Agree not to buy each other presents.

Give people the gift of our time, instead of buying them something.

**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)

### Anniversaries

**Please Pray for:** Verediana Concelves, Jessie Gorman, Thomas Francis Murphy, Mary Mohan, Mary McCourt Gallagher, John Crawford, Tom McCartney, Elizabeth Mochan, Michael McIntyre, Brenda Gallagher, Maud McHugh, Kathleen Toland Winters, Margaret Gallagher, H. Hughes, Anne Marie Kelly, Edward Marshall, John Little, Giacondo Marchi, Mary Cruickshanks, Rose Devoy, Jean Stanners, James Crow, James McGuire, Donald McIntyre, Margaret Aitken, Emily Carr, Muriel Watson, Anthony Reynolds, Isabella Beck, Thomas Francis Murray, Eamon McLaughlin, Nancy McLaren, Rosaleen Casey, Eadie Waugh, David Joseph Fischer, William Burn, Stefan Politoski, Annie Envy, Mary Bell, Mary Anne Nugent Campbell, Margarite Fallon, Henry Savage. **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
Stan Lyon R.I.P.	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Alexander R.I.P.		Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1:00pm	Crematorium
Maureen O'Donnell R.I.P.		Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Joseph Carberry R.I.P.	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Diana Koncz R.I.P.	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Christine Green R.I.P.		To be announced	

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1487. Thank you for your continued financial support.

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary Vocations Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St Ambrose</i>	10:00 am	Funeral Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Funeral Mass Advent Candle lit Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	09:30am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> 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.**