

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
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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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK.

Fr Jamie will be on holiday from Tuesday 18th to Wednesday 26th January.

The Scottish Catholic Magazine This week's issue of the Scottish Catholic magazine features an interview with our own Fr Martin. Get your copy at the back of the church.

Gift Aid is a government scheme allowing charities and community groups to increase the value of donations made to them. If you are a UK Tax Payer you can Gift Aid your donations to the parish, whether you put money in the weekly collection, donate by standing order or through the MyGivingHub. As long as you pay income tax, whether from work, pension or other investments, HMRC will give back 25p to the parish for every £1 you put into the collection. You can do this each week in the special Gift Aid envelopes, by standing order or through the MyGivingHub. Please visit Parish Office to register as a Gift Aid donor or to receive more information.

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

Synodal Conversation Please join zoom meeting "Understanding the Theology of Synodality" led by Rafael Luciani on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7:00pm. To register please complete registration form: <https://forms.gle/wJRW1K2GNtEiseZ7>

Burns' Night and Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). It won't be long till we celebrate the birth of our national poet, Robert Burns, on 25th January. *Laudato Si'* is about caring for people and for nature, but if we read Burns' poems, we can see that he, too, was concerned about these things. We can enjoy ourselves, save money and honour Burns' principles, if we limit food waste on the big day (food waste results in the gases that cause global warming). Here are a few tips. Check that the size of haggis is right for the number of people eating. Freeze haggis if we have more than we need, or we aren't cooking right away. Wash and chop neeps and tatties in advance, freeze them, then defrost only what we need. (See: <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/dinnae-waste-morsel-your-burns-night-supper/>.) Try left-overs recipes (<https://scotland.lovefoodhatewaste.com/article/get-set-burns-night-mash/>).

Walking Group will meet on Tuesday 18th January, leaving from the church hall car park at 9.30 weather dependant. Walks are normally between five and eight miles and generally include a stop for tea/coffee.

Lunchtime talks The Archdiocese's mini-series of lunchtime talks on the Pope's encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* ('The Joy of Love) continues this Monday (17 January) at 1:30pm on Zoom. Register at bit.ly/AmorisTalks. The talks will also be uploaded to the Archdiocesan YouTube channel bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) This takes place from 18-25 January. This year's theme is 'We Saw His Star In the East'. Material and meditations available in the resources section at archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/

Mass of Thanksgiving – Rutilio Grande SJ To mark the news that Rutilio Grande SJ of El Salvador will soon be declared a 'Blessed', Archbishop Leo will join the Jesuits for a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm on Sunday 22 January. Rutilio Grande was a Jesuit priest assassinated alongside two parish workers, he was also a friend of St Oscar Romero. All welcome.

SPUC Youth Conference The largest UK pro-life youth conference takes place 25-27 February 2022 in Stone, Staffordshire. It's open to people aged 16-35 and a chance to meet fellow young pro-life leaders, be inspired and have fun. Register at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference2022> Sponsorship available to young people in our Archdiocese. Please contact the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk

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

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Bernice Gallagher, Jeanie Irwin, Thomas Mailer, Hugh McLellan Snr, Agnes Ross, Peter Donoghue, Janet Quinn, Bridget Little, Anne O'Donnell, William Bell, John Keith, Christine McEvoy, Violet Moss, Mae Hunter, Patricia O'Neill, Helen McFadden, Jessie Bain, Stella Boyle, Caterina Brown, Janette Faew, Ramsay Young, John (Ian) Nixon, James Wood, Isabella McGuire, Ella Lemmeti, Pauline McDermott, Anne Howie, Walter Wood Snr, John O'Connor, R. Leitch, Ian Alexander, James Devlin, Patrick Travers, Thomas Horn, Annie Holleran, Thomas Lynn, Janet Miller, Martha Anne Friel Gaughan, Jim Martin, Mary Gardner, Michael Hendry, Thomas O'Connor, John Russell, Desmond Smith. **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
Roseann Cowell R.I.P.	Thursday 20 th Jan 6:00pm	Friday 21st Jan 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
Derek Sharp R.I.P.		To be announced	St Francis Xavier's
Isabella Sibbald R.I.P.		To be announced	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1506. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 16 th January 2 nd Sunday of the Year	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, 17 th January <i>St Anthony</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 18 th January	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 19 th January	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 20 th January	10:00 am 7:00pm	Mass & Rosary Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 21 st January <i>St Agnes</i>	10:00am	Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 22 nd January	10:00 am 10:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass & Rosary Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's

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