

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 Martin is on holiday until Tuesday 8th February.

This weekend the annual Safeguarding Statement will be read out at all Masses. Please pay attention to this important statement.

Mission Appeal The Mill Hill Missionaries will be with us this weekend at St Francis Xavier's to make their Mission appeal. Donation baskets will be available after Mass. The appeal will be made next Sunday at St Anthony's and the 7:00pm Mass.

Confirmation There will be a meeting for parents of children in primary 7 on Wednesday 2nd February at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 4th February at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

UCM - meetings starting again on Thursday 3 February 1 till 3 in St Martha's Hall. New members most welcome.

Prayer and Interfaith Cooperation in Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). The UN World Interfaith Harmony Week runs from 1st to 7th February. Sr. Isabel Smyth (Secretary to the Catholic Bishops' Committee for Inter-Religious Dialogue) is taking part in an event aimed at bringing people from different faiths together for the protection of the Earth, through mindfulness, prayer and spirituality (<https://www.unep.org/events/online-event/mindfulness-protecting-planet-climate-related-crises/>). In mindfulness, we come into awareness in the present moment, and in the present moment, we become conscious of God's presence. When we spend time in nature, we become aware of God in and through His Creation, so the things of nature become for us like sacraments of God (*Simple Prayer* by Fr. John Dalrymple). Spending time in conscious relationship with God, nature and each other, we find ourselves working for justice and peace.

40 Hours' Devotion Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. It continues this Sunday after 11:30am Mass at St Mary's Church, 15 Upper Bridge Street, Stirling, and ends on Tuesday evening with Benediction at 7:00pm. Visit <http://www.stirlingstmarys.org> for details. Full programme for the Archdiocese at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Called and Gifted Workshop You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you at the *Called and Gifted Workshop*. It takes place at 8:30am -5:30 pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. To register and for more info visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/called-gifted-workshop-tickets-254444830337>

Making Disciples Seminar Learn how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others in this three-day seminar. It will sharpen your evangelisation skills and show how each of us can be an instrument in God's hand as we walk as His disciples. It takes place from Friday 25 - Sun 27 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR. To register and for more info visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-disciples-seminar-tickets-254469072847>

Pro-Life opportunity Do you have experience in Adobe, particularly in Design and Photoshop? Could you help Stanton Healthcare, a new pregnancy support charity, with their images and brochures? Find out more from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office - paul.atkin@staned.org.uk <<https://mailto:paul.atkin@staned.org.uk>

National Synod The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) hosts 'Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church' at 2pm on Saturday 12 February. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops. This online event will be streamed on the BCOS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVI7zVOSVaLONR4YM46h4Gg>

Online Event To mark International Day of Human Fraternity an event takes place on Zoom at 6pm on Friday 4 February. Dr Sara Parvis and Sr Fatemah Araghi will discuss the principles of faith and dignity in relation to women. Register on Eventbrite by searching 'International Day of Human Fraternity – Women in Dialogue'.

Events for married/engaged couples The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead up to the 10th World Meeting of Families (Rome 22-26 June 2022). These events are for couples to come before the Lord together in reflection on the beautiful Catholic vision of marriage and family life, thanksgiving for the gift of this calling and prayer for the blessing of their love. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/archdiocese-of-st-andrews-amp-edinburgh-18333988801>

-Sunday 6th March 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo Cushley.

-Sunday 3rd April 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella.

-Sunday 8th May 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine.

-Wednesday 18th May 2022, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: John Quinn, James Scott, William Doherty, Catherine Maguire, Aliee Lynagh, Claude McAdam Ross, Jean Thomson, Patrick Ford, Bridget Tweedie, John Karwowski, Henry O'Hara, Pat Lynn, Peggy Campbell, Rita Eddie Coyle, Bernard Kerrigan, William O'Hagan, Jack O'Donnell, Eileen Rock, Thomas Garner, Dora Butler, Gerald Murphy, Hugh O'Connor, Molly McFadden, Hugh Hart Jnr, Anne Marie Ashcroft, Heather Dolan, Isobel Miller, Mary McCabe, William McGhee, Anthony James Duffy, Stanley Rowlings, Charles Byrne, Jack O'Donnell, Rosalyn McBride, Alan O'Hagan. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Isabella Sibbald R.I.P.	Monday 31 st Jan 6:00pm	Tuesday 1 st Feb 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Matheson R.I.P.	Wed 2 nd Feb 6:00pm	Thursday 3 rd Feb 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
David Gerard Williamson R.I.P.		To be announced	

Collection: Last week's collection: £1291. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 30 th January 4 th 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, 31 st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 1 st February	10:00 am	Funeral Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 2 nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
Thursday, 3 rd February	10:00 am 7:00pm	Funeral Mass & Rosary Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 4 th February	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Padre Pio Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 5 th February <i>St Agatha</i>	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