

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 is on holiday until Wednesday 26th January.

Fr Martin will be on holiday from Wednesday 26th January to Tuesday 8th February.

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.

Big Garden Birdwatch and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Some of our saints have been linked with birds. St. Cuthbert gave shelter to the eider ducks on the island where he was a hermit. The oyster-catcher is known as gille-brighde, which means servant of St. Bridget. We can celebrate St. Bridget and the coming of Spring, whilst connecting with nature, and looking after the birds. We can help out with the Big Garden Birdwatch, which takes place from Friday 28th to Sunday, 30th January (just before St. Bridget's Day, on 1st February), by counting the different sorts of birds that come into our gardens. For information on how to take part, how to recognise different kinds of bird, and how to help the birds, see: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>.

Diploma in Catechetics 2022 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 evening, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins this month and costs £200. Students £150. Other concessions available. Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk for information. Register at bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022

Lunchtime talks The Archdiocese's mini-series of lunchtime talks on the Pope's encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) concludes this Monday (24 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) Edinburgh Churches Together host an Ecumenical Service of Prayer at 7pm, Monday 24 January, at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX, 7pm, 24 January. The service will be streamed on the Church's YouTube channel.

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 Friday at St Mary Magdalene's Parish, Glenrothes (see its parish website for schedule). 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 9-5pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh and is hosted by the Archdiocese's Catechetics Commission. To register and for more info please email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

Becoming and Making Disciples Today The Archdiocese is hosting a *Forming Intentional Disciples* workshop, where you can learn how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others. It will show how each of us can be an instrument in God's hand as we walk as His disciples. The three-day workshop starts on Friday 25th February at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR. To register and for more info please email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

Alma Mater Fund The Alma Mater Fund is an initiative of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, which provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at university to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. For more information, visit almamaterfund.org.uk or email info@almamaterfund.org.uk.

National safeguarding update The new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has been established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the *Safeguarding Matters* newsletter provides details of what the agency will do (available at bit.ly/3tyeInn). Lady Rae is looking to recruit people to act as Board Directors to support the work of the agency. Details at <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

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: John Wood, Hannah Power Wood, Bernard Joseph Shields, Mary Shields, Margaret Shields, John Shields Snr, Margaret Buchanan, William Buchanan, John Wright, William Rae, Thomas Shields, James Shields, Elizabeth Shields, Anne O'Donnell Shields, Thomas Power Snr, Bridget Power, Emma Power, Thomas Power Jnr, John Power, Mary Power, Eddie Collins, William Cowie, George Wood Jnr, Thomas Wood Jnr, Agnes Harvey, Alexander McGhee, William Moodie, John Hannah, Josephine Patricia Barker, Peter McCluskey, Isobel Auchineloso, Francis Fitzpatrick, John Blair, Bridget McMorrow, Vincent Craig, Elizabeth Estenzo, Patrick Harvey, Teddy Hills, Patrick Kelly, Margaret Boyle, Armando Notarangelo, Rose Connolly, Anna Burt, Alex Davie, Charles McDermott, Kathleen Henderson, Joseph Scanlon, Mary Cameron, Margaret Watson, Michael McGuire, Sylvester Krawczyk, Mary McCallum, Nan Hilton, Kerr Walker. **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
Patrick Reynolds R.I.P.		Monday 24 th Jan 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
Derek Sharp R.I.P.	Sunday 23 rd Jan 6:00 pm	Monday 24 th Jan 12:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's
Isabella Sibbald R.I.P.	Monday 31 st Jan 6:00 pm	Tuesday 1 st Feb 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Matheson R.I.P.	Wed 2 nd Feb 6:00 pm	Thursday 3 rd Feb 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
David Gerard Williamson R.I.P.		To be announced	

Collection: Last week's collection: £1597. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 23rd January 3 rd Sunday of the Year <i>Sunday of the Word of God</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, 24 th January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Funeral Mass & Rosary Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 25 th January <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 26 th January <i>St Timothy and St Titus</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 27 th January	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass & Rosary Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 28 th January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 29 th 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.