

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 6th February 22, 5th Sunday 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.

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

First Communion There will be a meeting for parents of children in primary 4 on Monday 7th February at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall.

The youth group are organising a trip to Airthril in Falkirk on Sunday 27th Feb after 10am mass. All ages P7-S6 are welcome and we are keen to see some new faces coming along. Please email stfxyg@gmail.com or speak to Helen Quinn to register your interest.

Laudato Si Please save the date! Our Laudato Si, caring for our Common Home, will be on Saturday 12th February on Zoom at 11am, the link can be found on the parish website and the Facebook page.

Saving Money on Travel and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Bus travel is now free for young people. Children under 5 could already travel free, but young people, aged 5 to 21, can now travel under the Free Bus Travel Scheme. All that's needed is a new or replacement National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot NEC (the old ones don't have the entitlement). See <https://www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-travel/young-persons-free-bus-travel-scheme/>. Young Scot Cards (for 11 to 26 year-olds) also allow holders to claim various other opportunities and discounts. If you'd rather cycle, the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme allows you to have free repair work on your bike, up to the value of £50. You just contact a participating bike shop and make a booking under the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme. See <https://www.cyclinguk.org/scotcyclerepair/>.

Vacancy The Archdiocese is recruiting an **Adviser in Religious Education** (primary schools). While the post is full-time, applicants looking for part-time or flexible working patterns are also encouraged to apply. Please see archedinburgh.org.uk/news-events for full details.

Rediscover Your Marriage The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for the programme, which begins with a virtual weekend 3-6 March, call/text 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com The website is at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 from 8:30am-5:30pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. To register and for more info visit bit.ly/calledgifted

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. Full programme for the Archdiocese at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

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 bit.ly/disciplesseminar

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 event 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 bit.ly/BCOSYouTube

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 bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

- Sunday 6 March 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo
- Sunday 3 April 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella
- Sunday 8 May 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine
- Wednesday 18 May 2022, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples

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: Bill Young, Sarah McCabe, Thomas Kennedy, James Gerald Spink, William Hart, Jamie Fraser, Billy Divining, Gloria Caramando, Mary McPherson, Mary Fotheringham, Rose Silcock, Agnes Campbell, Joseph McQuade, Andrew Smith, Theresa Murison, John Hylands, Thomas Dodds, Margaret McCafferty, James Gallagher, William Mochan, Bella Welsh, James Scott, Veronica Moir, Thomas McCanley, Hugh O'Neill, May Short, Daniel Gray, Tom Scott, Alison Jane Fletcher, Helen Schofield, Johanna Cleply, Aidan McEvoy, Margaret Wood, Joseph Crossley, Daniel Byrne, David Dickson, Marion Maguire, Joseph Patrick McQuade, Tom Turnbull, Hugh John MacLennan, Anne McLaochlin, Brigid Sweeney, Hugh Welsh, John Walton, Jozef Koncz, Johnny Kildare, Thomas McElroy. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Susan O'Neil R.I.P.	Thursday 10 th Feb 6:00pm	Friday 11 th February 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
David Williamson R.I.P.		Tuesday 15 th February 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
Kathleen Smith R.I.P.		To be announced	

Collection: Last week's collection: £1909. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 6 th February 5 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, 7 th February	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 8 th February	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 9 th February	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 10 th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass & Rosary Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 11 th February <i>World Day of the Sick</i>	09:30 am 10:00am	Mass Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 12 th February	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.