

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.

As we begin to return to normality, we have reinstated the use of Holy Water fonts (Please sanitise your hands before use). The offertory collection will now be taken up using the collection bags as we did prior to Covid 19. If you donate online, please continue to do so. When invited at the sign of peace please turn to you neighbour and bow as you wish them peace, **no handshakes yet**. Face coverings and the use of hand sanitiser are still required.

Sacraments The names of all children registered for Sacraments has been posted in our two churches. Please keep all children in your prayers. Parents should make sure that their children are on the list.

The youth group are organising a trip to Airthrill 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.

The World Day of Prayer service will be held at Christ Church at 2.00 pm and at Brightons Parish Church at 7:00 pm on Friday 4th March. All welcome.

The Highway Code and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Feeling unsafe sometimes puts us off walking or cycling, but the Highway Code has been changed and clarified, to make walking and cycling safer. We can see the changes and clarifications at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022/>, but here are a few examples. When pedestrians are crossing or waiting to cross at a junction, traffic should give way. Cyclists are not allowed on the pavement. On the road, they are allowed to keep at least 0.5 m from the kerb edge, and to cycle in the middle of the lane on quiet roads, in slow-moving traffic, approaching junctions, and where roads narrow. Cyclists can also overtake slower-moving traffic, on the right or left. We can check out the responsibilities of walkers and cyclists on this web link, too

Lent – Stations of the Cross The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7:45pm. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

Vacancy St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is looking to employ a facilities manager. The job is 21 hours per week (£16,200 pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 4 March. Job description and how to apply at <https://www.s1jobs.com/job/facilities-manager-52764122>

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

Online Retreat The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is hosting an online retreat in Lent. Each day features an episode from the life of St Ignatius, music, art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Details at <https://iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>

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: Catherine Irwin, Joe McGeever, Pat McGlynn, Baby Paul Gilligan, Rena McRorie, Margaret Foster, Marjory Laing, Jimmy Welsh, Winifred McGeehan Canny, Mary Catherine Lynn, Neil McKinlay, Margaret Craig, Charles Byrne, Catherine McLaughlin, Daniel Doherty, Frank Doherty, David Silcock, Kathleen McDermott, Theresa Hamilton, Owen O'Neil, Michael Kennedy, John McCabe, Edward Mowem, Joseph Marley, John McKenna, Bob Meighan, Rosina Marley, Bill Gallacher, William F Jordan, Michael McGarvey, Matthew Collins, Jimmy McCarroll, Alice Donaldson, Edward Donnelly, Alice Reilly, John Mitchell, John O'Brien, Elizabeth Green, Edward Travers, Elizabeth Hainey, Mohrí (McFeat) McDonald, Patrick O'Donnell. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
David Cattnach R.I.P.		Tuesday 22 nd February 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1577. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 20 th February 7 th Sunday of the Year	11:00 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	12: 00 pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 21 st February	09:30 am	Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 22 nd February <i>Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	9:30 am	Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Funeral Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 23 rd February <i>St Polycarp</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 24 th February	6:30 pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 25 th February	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 26 th February	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
	10:30 am	Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
	5:45 pm	Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
	6:30 pm	Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's

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