

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.

Coffee Moring for Ukraine. Today after the 11:00 am Mass at St Anthony's and after the 10:00am Mass at St Francis Xavier's we hold a coffee morning to raise some funds for the people of Ukraine. Please come along to support this important cause.

Confirmation There will be a meeting for parents of children who have not yet registered for Confirmation on Monday 21st March at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's hall.

First Confessions. Please pray for the children who will making their first confession on 31st March (St Andrew's pupils) and 1st April (St Francis Xavier's pupils). The children will attend 10:00 am Mass and thereafter celebrate the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to come along to the Mass to support and pray for their child as they take an important step on their journey of faith

Pizza night for youth A chance for the youth of our parish to gather and chat. All young people from P7-S6 are invited to join us for a pizza night in St. Francis Xavier's church hall this Thursday, 24th March 7-8.30pm. in order that we can cater for the numbers, please email stfxyg@gmail.com to let us know you are coming, or speak to Helen or Siobhan.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Francis - Friday, 25th March. There will be EUCHARISTIC ADORATION from 10.45 until 6.15 pm on Friday 25th March (Feast of the Annunciation). The Holy Rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary at beginning of each hour for peace in Ukraine.

Dealing with Suffering and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). We see so much suffering, because of war and climate change. This leads us to live more compassionately, but we also need to find all that is good in the World. Miracles are all around us in Creation, but when we feel despair, we may no longer notice them (Thich Nhat Hahn). We tend to take refuge in consumption, but this can "baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment" (Pope Francis). Instead, we could turn our attention to the nature around us, as "Earth's crammed with Heaven and every common bush afire with God" (Elizabeth Barrett Browning). God is with us in the daffodil and the robin's song, as well as in our suffering.

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/> If you are not able to donate online please hand in any donations to the church house marked "Ukraine".

Housebound. We are updating our housebound list. Communion Ministers, please collect the form for people who you visit. If you know of anyone who's housebound and would like the visit, please collect the form from sacristy.

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. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

Lent with St Paul The Archdiocese is hosting *Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent*. It's a 30 minute talk at 7:30pm on 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Lourdes Pilgrimage The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back! Demand is expected to be high for this popular and life-enhancing trip so booking now is recommended. **It takes place from 8-15 July and will be led by Archbishop Cushley.** All the details you need are at www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22

A prayer for peace in Ukraine: *O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen*

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 Dr Edward Mc Kay, Helen Kennedy, Joseph Compapiano, John Nagle, John Francis Noble, Rachel Burn, John O'Connor, Agnes (Nan) McQuade, John Mohan, Margaret Ann Travers, Hughes Family, Fred Walsh, Tommy Winter Jnr, Renata Wantuch, Cormac McNelis, Philip Kelly, Walter Marshall, Lianda Nottarangelo, Thomas Hendrie, James Hailey, Maureen Anna Young, John Brady Cullen, John Cumming, Annie Quigley, Roger McPeake, Sarah Herron, Christine Murphy, John Waugh, Isa Hughes, Gerald Walshe, Elizabeth (Moira) Strain. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Christine Herriot R.I.P.	Mon 21 st March 6:00 pm	Tue 22 nd March 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
James Bell R.I.P.		Wed 23 rd March 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
James Reiley R.I.P.		Wed 23 rd March 1:00 pm	Crematorium
Jack Gordon R.I.P.		Wed 30 th March 1:30 pm	St Anthony's Church

Collection: Last week's collection: £1970. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 20 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	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, 21 st March	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 22 nd March	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Funeral Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 23 rd March	10:00 am	Funeral Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 24 th March	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Stations of The Cross/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 25 th March <i>The Annunciation of our Lord</i>	09:30 am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of The Cross	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's
Saturday, 26 th March	09:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Mass & Rosary Confessions UCM Mass Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's

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