

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.

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.

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".

Coffee Moring for Ukraine. Next Sunday 20th March we will hold a coffee morning to raise some funds for the people of Ukraine. This will take place after the 11:00 am Mass at St Anthony's and after the 10:00am Mass at St Francis Xavier's. We are looking for donations of home baking and raffle prizes. Please come along to support this important cause.

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.

Pro Life and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). People, animals and plants are dying, because of climate change. A new UN report, based on scientific data (<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/reports/>), states that 40% of our World's people are now highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Climate change has caused heatwaves, droughts and floods. It has reduced food and power production. Millions of people do not have reliable sources of food and water. Climate change is caused by emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases, so the good news is that we can act in a way that is Pro Life, by reducing emissions, e.g. by buying locally-produced goods, eating less meat, wasting less food, and using less petrol, diesel and gas.

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 continues on 15 March and will feature a reflection from Fr Paul Lee (St Agatha's, Methil). 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 14, 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

Catholics in health and social care A training day about the ethical challenges of work in the health and care sector takes place at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 19 March from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Speakers will lead discussions on assisted suicide, accompaniment of the dying and conscientious objection. This event is targeted at health/care workers and anyone motivated by their faith to care for others. Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

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*

The new Snowdrop Cafe has opened in Polmont Old Church Hall on Main St. The community cafe opens once a fortnight, and the next date is 17th March 2022 at 1 pm. All are welcome to attend for free refreshments and chat.

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 Thomas Wood, Andrew Duff, Andrew Furby, Joseph Ferry, Chris O'Donnell, Elizabeth Cooper, Sean Clune, Isobella O'Donnell, Tony Duffy, Jessica Heaver, Bryan O'Donnell, Phillip McLaughlin, Mary Sim, Hilda MacKintosh, Catherine Wilson, Bridget McKinlay, Colin Monk, Dannie Halpin, Tony Duffy, George Jenkins, David Main, Joseph McGinlay, Thomas Moan Jnr, Bridget McNelis, Patrick Hanlon, William Hunter Jnr, Marion Fitzpatrick, Eric Burno, Campbell Rich, Lee Cochrane, Maria Gunn, Margaret McPeake, Elizabeth Miller, Primo Pellegrini, George Devlin, Daniel Kane, Irene Maud Toye, Patrick Lynach, Tom Harvey, Rosie & John Burgoyne, Patrick Gorman, Frank Allison, Ruth Armstrong McDonald Cameyon, Helen McCabe, Gerry McGleave. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Kathleen Smith R.I.P.		Monday 14 th March 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
James Bell R.I.P.		Wednesday 23 rd March 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1968. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 13 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	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, 14 th March	09:30 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Funeral Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 15 th March	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 16 th March	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 17 th March <i>St Patrick</i>	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Stations of The Cross/Confession	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 18 th March	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	St Anthony's
Saturday, 19 th March <i>St Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary</i>	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
	10:30 am	Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
	12:00 pm	UCM Mass	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.