

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 22, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 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.**

**Happy Mother's Day-** We wish all mothers a very blessed and happy Mother's Day. We pray that they will know the love, support and appreciation of their families.

**Special Collection today for SCIAF** Today, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is SCIAF Sunday. There will be a special collection to support the work of SCIAF, not just Ukraine but throughout the world.

**Coffee Morning for Ukraine** – a huge thank you to all who helped make our coffee mornings a great success. Over £2500 was raised between our two churches.

**First Confessions.** Please pray for the children who will making their first confession on 31<sup>st</sup> March (St Andrew's pupils) and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** service takes place in the church on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

**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.

**Gift Aid envelopes** are now available for the coming tax year. Please fill in the form included in the box and return to the Parish Office.

**Mothers' Day and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** This Mothers' Day, we can celebrate and be grateful for all those who care for and nurture others. In this time of war, climate change, Covid and rising costs, it is easy to become less aware of the nurturing we receive, but if we live in awareness, we can rejoice and be joyful, because God provides for us through our sister, Mother Earth. Each evening, we could try recalling, with gratitude to our heavenly Father, all the ways in which we have been nurtured by Mother Earth, from the air we breathed, the sun that warmed us, the bread we ate, and the water we drank, to the beauty we experienced of the trees, birds and flowers.

**Event for Married Couples** A testimony and reflection event for married and engaged couples takes place on Sunday 3 April at 4pm in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The testimony comes from Anton and Angela Colella, a Catholic couple from Glasgow, who will discuss the spirituality of marriage and the importance of faith in family life, based on their own experience of 34 years' marriage. To register and find out more visit [bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](http://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

**Confession** Please take the time in Lent to go to Confession to help you prepare for Easter. Our confession times are printed in this newsletter. The Archdiocese has put together a helpful guide about returning to confession if you haven't been for a while, which addresses common fears and misconceptions about the beautiful sacrament of penance. Watch it on YouTube: [bit.ly/archconfessionvideo](http://bit.ly/archconfessionvideo)

**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 29 March and will feature a reflection from Fr Michael John Galbraith of St James' Parish in St Andrews. Pray with clergy and parishioners for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/prolifeevents](http://bit.ly/prolifeevents)

**African & Caribbean Mass** The monthly African & Caribbean Mass takes place at 1pm in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh on Sunday 3 April. It will be concelebrated by several of our African clergy and all are welcome!

**Mass for Vocations** Pray that more young people respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life at the monthly Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations. It takes place on Tuesday 5 April at 6:30pm in SS John Cantius and Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn.

**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 continuing, 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: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://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](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22)**

**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](mailto:baptism@falkirkcatholics.org)

**Anniversaries: Please Pray for:** Mary Hylands, James Cogano, Dolly McKenna, Tony Dodds, Louise McGhee, Neil Molloy, Norah Savoy, Mary Dickson, Hannah Farrell, James Bell, Frances McKean, Rosina Wallace, Jessie Allan, Teresa Rankin, Janet Cogans, David Millar, Winnie Gow, John Lafferty, Thomas Shannon, Frances McKean, John Gerard Keane, William McGuire, Francis Little, Helen Danks, Maureen Harkins, Gerry Lynagh, Mary Mohan, Bridgit Thomas, Andrew Winters, Hugh O'Donnell, Ian Gold, Annie Hussey, Richard John Murdoch, Christopher Mallet, Kathleen (Collins) Cassidy, Hugh McAllister, Juilia McCluskey, Ellen McMullan, Fred Haxton, John Cruickshanks, Alice Harley, Jean Nairne. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

#### Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Jack Gordon R.I.P.		Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March 1:30 pm	St Anthony's Church

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1674. Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> 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, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	09:30 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
	1:30 pm	Funeral Service	St Anthony's
Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Stations of The Cross/Confession	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
	6:00 pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Stations of The Cross	St Anthony's
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	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.**