

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,**

**Sunday 17th April 22, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, 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 Easter! We wish each and everyone of you a joyful and blessed Easter. Thanks, as always to everyone who helps keep our parish going throughout the year and especially during the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

Fr Martin- will be taking a few days break until next Sunday.

SCIAF WEE BOXES – if you have not already done so, please hand in your SCIAF boxes as soon as possible so that they can be counted and sent to SCIAF.

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. With the new tax year approaching, this is an ideal time to consider registering for Gift Aid. For more information, please contact Parish Office. Leaflets available at the back of the church.

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.

Easter and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Christ is risen, alleluia! After giving thanks and sharing our joy prayerfully, we will be celebrating with special meals, cake and egg hunts. We may also have an Easter tree, but maybe we could do something different this year and plant a living tree. Christ was crucified on a tree and that tree became a symbol of His death and resurrection. During winter, our trees seem dead, but come to life in spring, a reminder of our living Christ. Trees are life-giving, fighting climate change and supporting bees, butterflies, birds and squirrels. Trees like blackthorn, hawthorn, hazel and rowan can be kept small in gardens (<https://woodlandtrust.org.uk/>), but if we don't have room, we could have one planted in the Caledonian Forest (<https://treesforlife.org.uk/support/plant-a-tree/>).

Vacancy St Paul's bookshop, run by the Society of St Paul, is set to open next to St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh and is looking for a manager to run it. The job is full-time and the role holder will have experience working in retail/customer service. To apply, submit your CV and a covering letter to morag@forthhr.co.uk by 5pm, Monday 18 April. Search 'bookshop manager' at www.goodmoves.com for a full job description.

Pro-Life Rosary with Archbishop Cushley Join Archbishop Cushley to pray the Rosary for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions at 10am on Saturday 23 April at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. This event precedes Scotland's national Pro-Life Chain which takes place on nearby Lothian Road at 11am.

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. It continues at St Mary & St David Hawick, from Friday 29 April to Sunday 1 May. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hourschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Lourdes Pilgrimage The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back! 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

Catholics in health and social care If you work in health and social care and are interested in learning about the ethical challenges, register now for Catholics in Health and Social Care. It's a Zoom event and is ideal for those who missed the same event which took place recently at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It takes place 11:30am-4:45pm on Saturday 14 May. Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

Confirmations- The timings for Confirmations on 21st May are as follows: 11:00 am St Bernadette's Larbert and P7N St Andrew's. 2:00pm P7M St Andrews and St Francis Xavier's. Each child will be allowed 5 guests each plus the child's sponsor.

Wedding Anniversaries Archbishop Leo will celebrate a Mass for Married & Engaged Couples on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. All married and engaged couples are welcome on the night but if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, the Archbishop would like to send a personal invitation. Please submit the names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne: vemarriage@staned.org.uk, 0131 334 1693.

Event for Married Couples (poster attached – pdf file for print, png file for online) The Archdiocese is hosting an afternoon retreat for married couples at 3pm Sunday 8 May at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It will be led by Brian & Maureen Devine, a Catholic couple from England renowned throughout the UK for hosting inspiring retreats. Register for this free event at bit.ly/ArchEvenbrite or register by phone at 07833 208 211.

Xavier Society for the Blind Do you know someone who would benefit from having readings, prayers and responses to Mass in Braille or large print? Visit Xavier Society for the Blind online at xaviersocietyfortheblind.org. It has provided free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired people worldwide since 1900. Email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: Mary Martin, Emanuela Araredida Catarino, David Nevin Kileen, Mary Furby, Robert Garvie, Madge O'Donnell, Charles Gallagher, Alexander Bell, John Joseph Korda, Catherine Mary Boyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Duncan McDonald, Willie Elliot, Patrick Lynagh, Catherine Boyle, William McGenily, Agnes McNiven, J. Minski, P. Sheils, Margaret Dunnigan, Victor Fernandes Delrio, Peter Swords, Beth Nelson, Robert Gorman, Jessie Doherty, Catherine MacFarlane, John Geoghegan, Agnes Thompson, Christine Marshall, Martha Hendrea, David Corrigan, Gino Gonella, Cathie O'Donnell, Jean Gillespie, Francis McAllister. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

An Easter prayer

Dear Lord, may I realize afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Thomas Lumsden R.I.P.	Wed 20 th April 6:00 pm	Thursday 21 st April 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1993. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE. There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Sunday 17 th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	11:00 am 10:00 am 12: 00 pm	Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 18 th April	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 19 th April	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 20 th April	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
Thursday, 21 st April	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Funeral Mass Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 22 nd April	10:00am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 23 rd April	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.