

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Parish Newsletter,  
Sunday 24th April 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy), 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.**

Fr Jamie will be on holiday from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. John Morrison who died on Wednesday afternoon. May he rest in peace.

**SCIAF WEE BOXES** If you still have a SCIAF box please pass the payment to SCIAF.

**Divine Mercy Devotions-** today at 3pm at St Francis Xavier's church, led by Fr Martin Eckersley and Fr Leszek Wiececzek. There will be opportunity for the confession.

**Confirmations-** The timings for Confirmations on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**AGM:** St Francis Xavier Credit Union will hold its AGM in the church hall on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm. There are some big decisions to be made about the future of the credit union and this is your chance to be heard.

**Divine Mercy and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** Central Scotland has a history of destruction of the natural environment, but the Green Action Trust (<https://greenactiontrust.org/lionthorn/>), Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (<https://innerforthlandscape.co.uk/projects/project-explorer/>) and Central Scotland Green Network (<https://centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/>) are regenerating our area for nature and for communities, with social and environmental justice working hand-in-hand. This week, maybe we could reflect on the fact that our ever-living Christ is present in all creation, and that in mercy for the planet is mercy for ourselves and others. How could we show the mercy of God to others, through our care for our planet? *Dear God, help us to open ourselves to Your mercy, to allow resurrection to happen in our hearts, and to allow mercy to flow from us to others.*

**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/40hoursschedule](https://bit.ly/40hoursschedule). Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: [bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist](https://bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist)

**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>

**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](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22)

**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](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk), 0131 334 1693.

**Event for Married Couples** 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](http://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](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org). It has provided free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired people worldwide since 1900. Email [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)

**Anniversaries: Please Pray for:** C. Minoki, Sarah Dooner, Daniel Campbell, Daniel Kane, Margaret Lynski, William Smith, Arthur Brannan, Giovanni Batista Caramando, John Gallagher, Richard Hume Ironside, Helen Stremiau, Tim Nolan, Catherine Henery, Janis Taylor, Bobby Kay, Rosemary Docherty, Andrew Thomson, Kevin F. Jordan, Ian Hendry, Mary Marvcidass, Sarah Attacta Sudiskas, Isa Forsyth, Sarah Hughes, Fr. Willie Henery, Robert Donaldson, Frank Richardson, James Buchanan, Gerard Summers, Bridget McAllister, Theresa Kane, C. Black, Theresa Callaghan, Agnes Gorman, John Short, Peter Brady, Maureen Allan, George Wilson, Anna Sarzynski. **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
John McKean R.I.P.	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00 pm	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £2276. Good Friday collection for Holy Places £626. SCIAF boxes £1700  
Thank you for your continued financial support.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.**

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i>	11:00 am 10:00 am 12: 00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Mass Divine Mercy Devotions Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April <i>St Mark</i>	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April <i>St Catherina of Siena</i>	10:00am	Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> 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.**