

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 22, 5<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.**

*The legal requirement to wear face coverings in churches in Scotland will be removed from **Monday 4 April**. There is no need to wear a face covering in church from this date (though you can continue to wear one if you wish). Please continue to respect the space of fellow parishioners and remember to sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving church.*

**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.

**Confession** There will be Confession at St Francis Xavier's on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am-12:00 pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm. The Archdiocese has put together a helpful guide about returning to confession if you haven't been for a while. Watch it on YouTube: [bit.ly/archconfessionvideo](https://bit.ly/archconfessionvideo)

**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.

**UCM** - Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6 April at 1pm. New members most welcome.

**Walking Group - Walk of Faith** will take place on Tuesday 12 April 2022 from St.Paul's Church Milton of Campsie to Schoenstatt. We will meet at St. Paul's for mass at 09.30 then walk along a former railway path to Schoenstatt, approx four miles. On arrival we will have a snack, visit the shrine chapel and have Stations of the Cross outdoor. We will then return walk to Milton of Campsie. Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome. You will have to arrange your transport to Milton of Campsie and bring a snack. For more information contact Neil on 07718625511 or speak to a member of the Walking Group

**Saving Money on Energy Bills and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** Our energy bills have gone up, but we can save money by using energy more efficiently, whilst also reducing our carbon footprints. For those of us over 50, Age Scotland is offering free workshops on energy efficiency, accessing benefits and financial support. To join a workshop, we would need a device, such as a smartphone or personal computer, an internet connection, and access to Zoom. If we're not confident about joining an online workshop, we may know someone who can help us. After a workshop, we can also ask for advice specific to our own circumstances. For more information on the workshops, call 0333 323 2400, or see <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/information-advice/housing-and-energy/energy/energy-advice-workshops/>.

**Event for Married Couples** A testimony and reflection event for married and engaged couples takes place this 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. Register at [bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](https://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

**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.

**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 from this Sunday at St Catherine's in Gracemount. Contact parish for details. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at [bit.ly/40hoursschedule](http://bit.ly/40hoursschedule). Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: [bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist](http://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](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22)

**Venerable Margaret Sinclair** Mass to pray for the Beatification/Canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will recommence on 5 May and continue on the First Tuesday of every month at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 12.30pm. After Mass the Novena prayers will be recited and petitions placed before her shrine. Petitions may be sent to St Patrick's directly or online at <https://www.margaretsinclair.scot/> using the 'contact' box.

**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/>

**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>

**Anniversaries: Please Pray for:** James Gallacher, Edward Kane, Thomas Kennedy, Stewart Cowell, Jacqueline Greene, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Catherine O'Brien, James Coventry, James Cochrane, David Malcolm Crooks, Anne Moscardini, Jane McLellan, Mary Coll, Thomas McNee, Bruce McLeish, Kathleen Kewell, Catherine Spink, Patrick Kane, Matthew Karwowski, Charles Mcfeat, John Hastings, Maria McLellan, Thomas McFall, Jane (Jean) MacDonald, James Henery, Margaret Muir, John Imrie, Hugh McAllister, Hugh Quinn, Jessie Walls. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

#### Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Eleanor Rice R.I.P.	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00 pm	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's
Phillip Donnelly R.I.P.	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> April 4:00 pm	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am	St Anthony's

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1957. Collection for SCIAF £2697. Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> 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, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Funeral Mass Stations of The Cross/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am  6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Stations of The Cross	St Francis Xavier's  St Anthony's St Anthony's
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Mass & Rosary Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony'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.**