

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 15th May 22, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 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.**

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

**First Holy Communion** A reminder that each child will be allocated one row per family (Approx. 8 people) for First Holy Communions. Other guests are welcome however we can't guarantee a place. All the services will be live-streamed.

**Youth event** Following on our recent successful youth outings, we are planning an evening of games in the park. Thursday 19th May. Meet 7pm in church hall car park. Pick up there at 8.30pm. Bring a jacket as we will be outdoors. Young people from p7-S6 all very welcome. For more info email [stfxyg@gmail.com](mailto:stfxyg@gmail.com)

**Laudato Si week** runs from Sunday 22nd May until the 29th May and is a global celebration of the work of the Laudato Si Movement to care for our Common Home. To pray for the success of Laudato Si week you are invited to pray the Rosary outside in the grounds of St Anthony's church with tea and cake to follow at 3pm on Sunday 22nd May. Everyone is invited.

**Thank you.** Bridgetta and Joe Quinlivan would like to thank the many Parishioners who sent Mass cards, gifts, flowers and telephone calls on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Holy Mass will be offered up for your intentions.

**Loving one another and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** We want to love each other, but it is difficult, always to see the loving thing to do. In our technological world, we do not see issues that can be caused by our actions. The good news is that Pope Francis has written us all a letter (*Laudato Si'*), in which he helps us to understand what loving each other in the 21<sup>st</sup> century means. It is about what we don't do, as well as what we do. For example, we could leave our car at home, so we don't contribute to pollution that leads to illness and hunger. Perhaps we can journey together to being more loving, during *Laudato Si'* week (22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May) (<https://www.laudatosiweek.org/>)

**Corpus Christi Procession** As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year, led by Archbishop Cushley, you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19 June** (time tbc). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

**New Dawn event** New Dawn in Scotland host a day-long spiritual event at St Mary's Church, Upper Bridge Street, Stirling on Saturday 21 May. It includes Holy Mass, Confessions, Testimonies, Workshops, a healing service and more. No registration required, just turn up on the day. More details at [www.newdawninScotland.com](http://www.newdawninScotland.com)

**Queen's Jubilee Celebration** Archbishop Leo will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Noon on Sunday 5 June to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. This will be a lovely and joyful celebration and will finish with a champagne reception after the Mass. All welcome.

**Job vacancy: Bookshop Manager** A full-time Bookshop Manager is sought to setup and manage the St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh. Salary: £20,384. Full job description at [bit.ly/STPB-Manager](http://bit.ly/STPB-Manager). To apply, please submit your CV and a covering letter outlining your relevant experience and suitability for the role to [morag@forthhr.co.uk](mailto:morag@forthhr.co.uk) by 5pm, Friday 27 May.

**World Meeting of Families** This is a big event taking place in Rome 26-29 June to celebrate the role of the family in the Church and wider society. Pope Francis has written about the importance of family in his encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Want to know more? The Archdiocese has posted three talks on its YouTube channel. View the playlist at [bit.ly/ArchFamily2022](http://bit.ly/ArchFamily2022)

**Mass in Italian** There will be Mass in Italian at 3pm on Sunday 29 May at St Mary's Monastery in Hatton Road, Kinnoull, Perth, followed by a May Procession in the grounds of the Monastery. If you want to attend, please contact Pierluigi Carena [pcarena750@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:pcarena750@dundeeschools.scot)

**Lourdes** If you're a nurse, please consider taking part in the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 8-15 July. The pilgrimage committee is looking for a night nurse (full funding available) and nurses to join the medical team. Contact Claire Banks, chief nurse, on 07930 928489 for more info. There is also still space for assisted pilgrims who will have 24hr care on the pilgrimage. Helpers and hotel pilgrims are also welcome. More info at [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)

**Venerable Margaret Sinclair** The monthly Mass to pray for the canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm (7 June) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate. The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on Sunday 18 September. More details will follow soon. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at [www.margaretsinclair.scot](http://www.margaretsinclair.scot)

**National Prayer Breakfast** Join Archbishop Cushley and Christians from across Scotland at the National Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday 1 June at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh. Tickets available at <https://www.npbscotland.org.uk/>

**Anniversaries: Please Pray for:** Annie Williamson, Fr. J. Tweedie, Peter Tilley, Anthony Evangelisti, Hugh Grogan, Mai Hickey, Frances Clafferty, Cathy McBride, Susan Coyle, Franciszek Waclawski, John Lavens, Lilly McFarlane, Pearl Swords, Gloria Cannon, Joseph Robinson, Hugh Lindsey Jnr, John Docherty, Anne Welsh, Maria O'Holloran, Fr. Norman Copper, James Campbell, John Kennedy, William Blair, William Lawrence, Fr Norman Paul Cooper, Sister Maureen, Michael Bell, Thomas Keane, Mary Smith, John Corrigan. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

#### Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Ian Downie R.I.P.	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
James Lyons R.I.P.		Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1:45pm	Crematorium

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1695. Second collection for Ecclesiastical Students Fund £1412. Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### MASS SCHEDULE.

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	12:00pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30am	Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Funeral Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	12:00pm	UCM Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Novena	St Francis Xavier's
	7:30pm	Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
	10:30am	<b>No Confessions</b>	St Francis Xavier's
	5:45pm	Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
	6:30pm	Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's

