

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
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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 is on holiday until 5th May.

Very many congratulations to Joe and Bridgetta Quinlivan on the occasion of their Diamond wedding anniversary! Please be assured of our prayers for you both as you celebrate 60 years of Christian marriage.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 6th May at 6pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

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

RCIA Sunday 8th May the RCIA team will be highlighting their work at all Masses. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic or know someone who is, contact Fr. Jamie as soon as possible to discuss joining meetings when it begins in August.

Confirmations - The timings for Confirmations on 21st 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.

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.

Elections and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Our local elections take place on Thursday, giving us the opportunity to vote for those who hear the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth. On Earth Day, Pope Francis Tweeted that governments, businesses and individuals need to stop the destruction of our Common Home and to restore nature. By choosing who is in government, we influence the actions of government. We can read the policies of the candidates, reflect, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to vote to care for vulnerable people, reduce pollution and encourage biodiversity. Local action could make a considerable difference to our communities. From local change, we can start to change the World. Search e.g. <https://whocanivotefor.co.uk/> and <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/> for election information.

Open Evening (online) -MA in Applied Catholic Theology. The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the key skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at the online Open Evening on Tuesday 17 May, 6-7pm. Register at bit.ly/smu_openevening

Mass for Vocations The monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 2nd May at St David's Church, 41 Eskbank Road, Dalkeith. Please pray that more young people respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life in our Archdiocese.

Safeguarding vacancies The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is looking to appoint a Director of Safeguarding and a Head of Safeguarding Training. Details at <https://www.scsafeguarding.org.uk/News/Vacancies>

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>

African & Caribbean Mass This monthly Mass takes place at 1pm on Sunday 1st May in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh. All welcome!

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 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: Please Pray for: Bridget Harvey, Duncan Cram, Bernard McElroy, Agnes Donnelly, Joseph Nally, Bridget Boyle, Martin C. Spain, Myra J. Spain, Peter Sneddon, Ann (Shera) McMorrow, Hugh Fawcett, Hugh Fawcett Jnr, Jean Fawcett, Fr. Herbert Herrity, William Welsh, James Byrne, Annie Maguire, James Smith, James Buchanan, Bridget Brown, Michael Martin, Bridget O'Donnell, Jim Campbell, Peter Clark, Anne Marchi, May O'Brien, Edward Gray, John Wood, Hannah Power Wood, Tom Wood, Georgie Wood, Bernard Joseph Shields, Mary Shields, Bridget Power, Thomas Power, George Wood, Mary Lamont Wood, Mary McGlynn, John Fleming, Rosemary Docherty, Jean Gogan, Bridget McCartney, Edmund Powlowski, Annie Kane, Thomas Monteith, James Lynn, Thomas Ferrier, Agnes Cairns, Betty Struthers, Patrick Grogan, William Lilley, Tom Callaghan, John Sludden. **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 th May 6:00pm	Monday 16 th May 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1912. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.

Sunday 1 st May	11:00 am	Mass	St Anthony's
2 nd Sunday of Easter	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Divine Mercy	12: 00 pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 2 nd May	10:00 am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
St Athanasius			
Tuesday, 3 rd May	10:00 am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
St Philip and St James			
Wednesday, 4 th May	09:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
Thursday, 5 th May	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00 pm	Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 6 th May	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
	6:00pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 7 th May	09:30am	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.