

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.

Many happy returns to Fr Jamie who celebrates his Birthday this Sunday.

The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 26th May is the Holyday of Obligation. Please note changes to Mass schedule.

Corpus Christi We still need more people to volunteer as stewards for Corpus Christi Procession.

Special Collection for the Catholic Communication Commission will take place next weekend during all Masses.

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.

UCM. The next meeting is on Wednesday 25th at 1pm . It is our AGM and it would be good if as many members as possible could attend.

"Ceilidh dance and World music event" in collaboration with Hope Community church and Friends of Scottish settlers will take place on Friday the 27th May in St Francis Church Hall at 7pm. There are a few tickets still available from Angela Marr and Kathy Onori at £3 each. Get your dancing shoes on for what should be great fun

Laudato Si week 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.

Laudato Si' Week (22nd to 29th May) and Caring for Our Common Home. *Laudato Si' Week* is an exciting opportunity for us to journey together in responding to the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth. Here are a few suggestions for being involved each day, with our families, parish, or global community. **Today: pray the *Laudato Si'* Rosary in the garden at St. Anthony's.** **Monday:** give something we own to someone in need. **Tuesday:** walk or use public transport instead of driving. **Wednesday:** have a meat-free day. **Thursday:** switch off something. **Friday:** have time out with God in nature, or in a quiet place in our home or garden. **Saturday:** plant wild flowers for the bees. **Sunday:** attend a *Laudato Si'* prayer gathering online (<https://www.laudatosiweek.org/allevnts/>).

Corpus Christi Procession As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19 June** at 3pm. Gather at the Bandstand in High Street before processing to St Francis Xavier's Parish (around 20 min walk). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and should be a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

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. Next weekend (**29 May**) it's at St David's in Dalkeith. Contact parish for dates/times. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Special Collection - Day for Life (5 June) The Day for Life collection this year will be used to help protect and care for our families and friends as they near the end of life. The collection supports quality palliative care to provide dignity to the dying while valuing life to its natural end, as well as organisations working to protect the disabled from changes in the law. A special collection will take place at Mass. Alternatively, donate direct to bit.ly/archdayforlife

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. To apply, please submit your CV and a covering letter outlining your relevant experience and suitability for the role to morag@forthhr.co.uk by 5pm, Friday 27 May.

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

Family Afternoon A Family Afternoon at the Gillis Centre takes place on **Saturday 25 June, 2.00pm-5.00pm**. It will include separate sessions for adults and children focusing on *The Eucharist: Source of Family Love*, family prayer time in St Margaret's Chapel and family games. This event coincides with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome. Details and registration at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

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

National Safeguarding Conference This takes place on **1 October** at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. It provides an opportunity for all those responsible for Safeguarding in the Church to gather together again and to 'refresh' their understanding of, and commitment to, safeguarding. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/39dsFPq>.

Anniversaries: Jack Downie, Terrance McAteer, Mary Conroy, Annie Molloy, Margaret Paterson, Patrick Cumming, Margaret McCrorie, Audrey McGuinness, Anne Fotheringham, Michael J. Coughlan, Fred Murray, Janet Heggie, Anna Docherty, Baby Seamus Fitzpatrick, Kunjamma Verghese, Tom Sudiskas, John Docherty, Caroline Moen, Violet Stewart, Tom Callaghan, Ruth Forsyth, Adam MacKintosh, Ruth, Alan Beattie, Annabella Carr, Peter Hughes Snr, John Corrigan, James Looker. **Please Pray for: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
John Semple R.I.P.	Thursday 26 th May 6:00pm	Friday 27 th May 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Peter Docherty R.I.P.	Monday 30 th May 6:00pm	Tuesday 31 st May 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £2048. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE.

Sunday 22 nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00am 10:00am 12: 00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 23 rd May	09:30am 10:00am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 24 th May	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 25 th May	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 26 th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	09:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 27 th May	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 28 th May	10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 5:45pm 6:30pm	1 st Holy Communion Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass 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.