

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.

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

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 3rd June at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

That We May Be One and Care for Our Common Home. Jesus said, "May they all be one," but we may wonder what being one looks like. Pope Francis' letter to us (*Laudato Si'*) helps us to understand our interconnectedness with people all over the World, and with the whole of Creation. Hearing the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth shows not only our love of God and neighbour, but God working in and through us in our oneness. We could think about changes we could make to increase our commitment to loving in oneness, whether by reducing our contribution to climate change and poor air quality, or by encouraging biodiversity and better treatment of people. Here's Alice's *Laudato Si'* journey for inspiration: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/the-beginning-of-a-seven-year-journey/>!

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

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 (FK1 1YD) 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).

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.

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

African & Caribbean Mass This monthly Mass takes place at **1pm on Sunday 5 June** (Pentecost Sunday) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate.

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>.

Justice & Peace event An event titled *Caritas, Justice and Peace – a Synodal Way Forward* takes place on **Saturday 25 June, 10:00am-3:30pm** at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn. It's a chance for everyone who sees Caritas, Justice and Peace as integral to their Catholic faith to participate in shaping the agenda of the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace over the next two years. All welcome. Details and registration at bit.ly/justiceandpeaceevent

Joiner, Plumber, Painter or Electrician? Could you volunteer some time to help a new pregnancy support service open its doors? Stanton Healthcare is getting ready to welcome mothers and babies in need of help in our Archdiocese. It is looking for volunteers to help make the new centre in Edinburgh an attractive and welcoming place where women can receive support. Find out more from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk or **0131 623 8917**.

Baptisms If you wish to have your child baptised, please arrange an appointment with one of the priests or Deacon Kenneth. Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to baptism@falkirkcatholics.org

Anniversaries: John Sloan, Zdzislaw Lewandowski, Fr Gerry Prior, Thomas McIlroy, Anne Welsh, Roman Szumski, Jane Rintoul, Peter Visocchi, Jadwiga Krawczyk, Pearl Swords, Violet Stewart, Noel McAllister, Pauline McGoff, Margaret McPaul, Margaret Ashe, Maria Liza Flores, Tom Sudiskas, John Martindale, The Rankin Family, Helen Mary Barry, Henry McAllister. **Please Pray for: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Peter Docherty R.I.P.	Monday 30 th May 6:00pm	Tuesday 31 st May 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Annie Haxton R.I.P.		Friday 3 rd June 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1891. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE.

Sunday 29 th May <i>7th 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, 30 th May	09:30am	Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 31 st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Funeral Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 1 st June <i>St Justin</i>	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 2 nd June	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 3 rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
	6:00pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 4 th June	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	1 st Holy Communion Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	12:00pm	1 st Holy Communion Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	5:45pm	Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
	6:30pm	Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's

Morning Prayer starts at 9:30am Monday-Saturday.