

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.

Pray for priests Today (Sunday 8th May) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please say a prayer for all those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life in our Archdiocese. If you think you may have a vocation, please speak to Fr Jamie. You can also have a chat with the Archdiocesan vocations directors Fr Andrew Garden [0131 663 4286](tel:01316634286) | vocations@staned.org.uk or Sister Mirjam Hugens [0131 623 8902](tel:01316238902) | religiousvocations@staned.org.uk. As always, please keep Fr Jamie, Fr Martin and Deacon Kenneth in your prayers as they serve God and the people of our parish.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE and UKRAINE There will be EUCHARISTIC ADORATION from 10.45am until 6.15pm on Friday 13th May, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The Holy Rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary at beginning of each hour for peace and Ukraine.

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.

UCM The next meeting is on THURSDAY 12 May at 2pm when there will be a talk on "Trek to Kilimanjaro" and another on RNLI. All parishioners are very welcome. Please note change of day for this meeting only.

Garden Restoration and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). We may be familiar with the regeneration and restoration of natural habitats in the Highlands (e.g. at Glen Feshie <https://treesforlife.org.uk/glenfeshie-reborn/> and Ben Lawers <https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/bees-and-ben-lawers/>). By allowing seeds and saplings to grow, e.g. by reducing grazing pressure, habitat regenerates, and the animals, birds and bees return. Something similar can happen in our gardens, if we remove paving, tarmac and gravel. Our gardens are important for wildlife and our wellbeing. Together, they provide wildlife corridors, flood prevention and a common good for our community. For Christ, gardens are places of prayer and Resurrection. This Easter season, with Resurrection in our hearts, we could remove our hardstanding, allowing regeneration in our gardens and ourselves.

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

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>

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 at St Margaret's in Dunfermline this weekend and then at St Machan's in Lennoxton next weekend (14/15 May). Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

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.

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).

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 to join the medical team. Contact Claire Banks, chief nurse, on [07930 928489](tel:07930928489) 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

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

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: Please Pray for: Nancy Timmins, Christine McAteer, Sean Byrne, John Marshall, Ellen Dougan, Carmela Pozzo, James Lynn, Mary Winters, Catherine Wood, Jay, John Docherty, Jessie Notorangelo, Gerry Pollock, Helen O'Connor, Catherine Mailer, Rev. Cannon J.C. Ward, Catherine McGuire, Hugh McMorrow, Scott Fraser, Lily MacFarlane, Paul Augustine Frank Barry, Mary Neish, Anne Fotheringham, Christine McLeish, Patricia Silcock, Mgr. W. Drobina, Devasia Thomson, Charles Enyi, William Farrell, Nan Nixon, John Peter Scalan, Nora Parker, Agnes Cullen, Edward Travers, George Beattie, Elizabeth Fullard, Brian Redding. **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: £1798. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.

Sunday 8 th May <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</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, 9 th May	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 10 th May	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 11 th May	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 12 th May	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confession	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 13 th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 14 th May <i>St Matthias</i>	09:30am 10:00am 10:30am 5:45pm 6:30pm	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.