

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 26th June 22, 13th Sunday, 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.

Wednesday is the feast of St Peter & St Paul – A holiday of Obligation.

Corpus Christi Procession. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Corpus Christi procession last Sunday such a huge success.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 1st July at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

School Uniform Exchange- The uniform exchange will take place at the end of July – Drop off on 23rd / 24th and collection the following weekend. In the meantime, please gather good quality used school clothing.

Youth Summer Day Out: Monday 25th July St Francis Xavier's will be joining with children from other parishes for a summer day out to Aberdour beach. The day will involve a short walk along the Fife Coastal Path to the historic St Brigid's chapel, followed by group games and activities and concluding with Fish and Chips on the beach. Open to children in P4 – P7. To secure a place for your child please return the consent form (available at the back of the Church) with £10 cost as soon as possible. For full details please see the consent form. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part in these activities!

Peter's Pence A second collection will take place this weekend. It is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission of the universal Church and the entire world. It contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need. Please give generously.

Refugees and Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). When the Disciples wanted to send the crowds away to find food, Jesus asked them to give what they had themselves and fed 5000 people. Jesus wants us to help the hungry, the poor, the traumatised and fearful. Today marks the end of Refugee Week (<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>). We can show our solidarity with the poor and those deprived of human rights, work for the common good, and share Our Common Home (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*). Catholic Bishops have been speaking out against sending refugees to Rwanda (<https://scottishcatholic.com/>; <https://paxchristi.net/>). What could we do? We could write to our MP or sign a petition. We could pray for refugees: [https://justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/portals/0/refugee week 2022 reflections.pdf](https://justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/portals/0/refugee%20week%202022%20reflections.pdf).

Ordination The priestly ordination of Deacon Josh Moir will take place at Our Lady & St Andrew, Galashiels, on Tuesday 28 June, 7:00pm. Please keep him in your prayers ahead of this special occasion for the Archdiocese.

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 www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

40 Hours' Devotion This weekend (**26 June**) it's at St Peter's in Livingston and the following week (3 July) at Our Lady & St Andrew's, Galashiels. See parish websites/social media for details. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Festival Mass Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the Festival Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **midday on Sunday 21 August**, followed by a reception in Coffee Saints café.

Margaret Sinclair The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on **Sunday 18 September**. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

Relics of St Bernadette Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from 24 September until 2 October, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2 October. Carfin Grotto is situated in the Parish of St Francis Xavier's in the village of Carfin, near Motherwell, and is Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. The grotto is open 365 day a year, with daily Mass, Confession, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Visit <https://www.carfingrotto.org/>

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>.

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: Please Pray for: Kathie Sneddon, Margaret McPherson, Winifred Scott, Brenda Tolmie, Margaret Meade, George Bennie, Teresa Nally, James Bell, Elda Evangelisti, Mary Josephine Silcock, Fanny McGeever, Hugh Kane, John Collins, Betty Monteith, Maggie McNelis, Edward Patrick McCue, Brendan Gallagher, John Sloan, Tom Callaghan, Maureen McNelis, Isabelle Storah, Elizabeth Callaghan, Mary Coulter (McGuire), Harry Dunnigan, Bernard Gallacher, Margaret Hill, James Nesbit, John Mure, George Burt, Francis Joseph Swords, Denise Kelly, John Crawford , Margaret Duffy, Robert Bell, William Anthony Butler, Annie Hedivan. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Collection: Last week's collection: £1843. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 26 th June <i>13th Sunday of the Year C</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, 27 th June	9:30am 10:00am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 28 th June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	9:30 am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 29 th June <i>St Peter and St Paul</i> Holiday of Obligation	9: 30 am 10:00am 12: 00 pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 30 th June	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 1 st July	09:30am 10:00am 6:00 pm	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Padre Pio Devotions	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 2 nd July	09:30am 10:00am 10:30am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Mass Mass 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.