

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 22, Pentecost , 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.**

**Fr Martin** will be on his retreat 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June.

**Special Collection - Day for Life** will take place this weekend during all Masses. 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. Alternatively, donate direct to [bit.ly/archdayforlife](https://bit.ly/archdayforlife)

**40 Hours adoration at St. Francis Xavier's.** On the afternoon of Corpus Christi, after the procession, there will be 40 hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To facilitate this event we will need people to sign up to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

**Pentecost and Caring for Our Common Home.** Today we hear of the gift of tongues, but the Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts. We are all different parts of the same body and the Holy Spirit gives us different gifts. The fruits of the Holy Spirit, such as love, joy, kindness, gentleness and peace happen when we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, hearing the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth. Today is UN Environment Day (<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>) and Wednesday is UN Oceans Day (<https://worldoceanday.org/>). We could ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to know what actions to take to protect Our Common Home. Working together with our different gifts, we could "live sustainably in harmony with nature," on our one and only Earth.

**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 midday on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh 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 are 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](http://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](https://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](https://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:baptism@falkirkcatholics.org)

**Anniversaries:** James Noel McAllister, Kevin Hanlon, Laura Corigins, Wilhelmina Lindsay, Tom Kenna, Elizabeth Barr Moore, Eleanor McLaughlin, Owen Gormley, Margaret Jack, Helen McCarron, Elizabeth Cumming, Patsy Murray, Lindsay Gentleman, Martin Dominic Kelly, William Gentleman, Eddie Gallagher, Frank Kotrys, Joseph Harvey, William Ferrie, Peter Harris, Peggy Gray, Margaret Smith, Mary (Moore) Skrukwa, Mary Currie Allison, Anne-Marie Taylor (Smith), Thomas Leslie. **Please Pray for: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

**Funerals**

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Irena Bylo R.I.P.		To be announced	St Francis Xavier's

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1786. Special Collection for the Catholic Communication Commission £1004. Thank you for your continued financial support.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE.**

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June Pentecost	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, 6 <sup>th</sup> June The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	9:30 AM 10:00am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30 am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June <i>St Columba</i>	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass (With Pope Francis Award Pupils) Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
<i>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June</i>	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June St Barnabas	10:00am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Mass Confessions Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's

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