

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 10th July 22, 15th 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.

Clergy Moves The Archbishop has indicated the following clergy moves, to be effective from 3rd September 2022. Rev Jamie Boyle to Stirling (St Mary's) as parish priest, and as lead chaplain to Stirling University and to St Modan's High School. Very Rev Daniel Doherty VE to Falkirk (St Francis Xavier's) as parish priest
More information about clergy moves can be found on <https://archedinburgh.org/clergy-moves-announced/>

Special Collection – Sea Sunday will take place this weekend during all Masses.

Fr Martin is on the Lourdes Pilgrimage till 16th July.

Tithely – in order to streamline things for Fr Daniel, I would be grateful if those who donate to the parish using Tithely could move their donations to a direct standing order to the parish. Please contact the office for more details.

Laudato Si circle meeting. Our next meeting will be held, in person, on Wednesday 20th July at 7pm in the church house at St Anthony's Rumford. We meet to pray, reflect and take action to help care for our precious planet. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Fun Day is on Sunday 28th August at St Anthony's.

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.

Praising God and Caring for Our Common Home. "*Laudato Si'*", mi Signore", means "Praise be to you, my Lord". We can find these words in a hymn called "The Canticle of the Creatures", by St. Francis of Assisi (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEyDOP4sHxM>). St. Francis invited all of Creation to praise God. All created things praise God by being what He created them to be, whether planet, star, water, fire, air, mountain, animal or plant. Everything has a unique position within the interdependent relationships of Creation. Different animals and plants also praise God in different ways, because they experience the world differently (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m0018nnv>). By protecting species, through Caring for Our Common Home, we can help Creation to praise God.

Free2Pray The Scottish Parliament is considering a Bill which would ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics. Catholics concerned for freedom of speech and right of assembly are asked to respond to this proposed Bill. The Archdiocese is hosting an online session to help you do this. Free2Pray takes place on Zoom and lasts 30 mins. Register for one of the following dates: Monday 18 July 7:45pm – Register at bit.ly/freetoprayjuly; Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm. Register at bit.ly/freetoprayaugust

Youth Pilgrimage The National Pilgrimage for young people 16-30 takes place on Saturday 24 September in Dunkeld, Perthshire. It includes walks to holy sites, talks and Holy Mass. A bus will leave from the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh at 9:30am (£10). To book your place email yi@staned.org.uk.

Marriage Preparation If you're preparing for marriage please speak to the parish priest, giving at least six months' notice. A marriage preparation course is a requirement for those wishing to be married in the Catholic Church. You can register now for one of the courses hosted by the Archdiocese. Please visit <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/marriage-preparation-courses/>

MA in Applied Catholic Theology Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology. It 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. 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 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. This weekend (10 July) it takes place at St Cuthbert's in Edinburgh, next weekend at St Agatha's in Methil and St Mary Star of the Sea in Leith. See parish websites/social media for details. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Schola Cantorum sings MacMillan This recital takes place at **7:30pm on Monday, 15 August**, at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. The event will include composer Sir James MacMillan discussing the relation between faith and music with Michael Ferguson, Director of the Schola Cantorum. For details, visit <http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2022.html>

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

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: Donald Rock, May Silcock, Jamie Ironside, Francis Mitchell, William Boyles, Ann Dewar, Alexander Bell, Neil Molloy, James Scott, Peter McGleave, James Spink, Bill McGuffe, Neil Crombie, Henry White, Jean McKenna, Alexander (Sandy) Bell, Wanda Wotoch, May Harvey, Dorothy Marshall, Herbert Cullen, Theodor Kosoris, Barbara McGuire, John Gillies, Tim McBride, Hugh Lindsay, Hugh O'Connor, George Walsh, James Somerville, Peter McCluskey, Betty Monteith, Modestino Cifelli, Edward Harkins, Mary McKenna, Joan Murray, Anthony Hanlon Smith, Charles Sheils, Mary Wylie. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Collection: Last week's collection: £2108 Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 10th July <i>15th 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, 11 th July <i>St Benedict</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 12 th July	9:30 am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 13 th July	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 14 th July	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 15 th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier'
Saturday, 16 th 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.