

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 17th July 22, 16th 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.

Grandparents & the Elderly World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly is on Sunday 24 July. Next Sunday's 10am Mass will be dedicated to them to show gratitude for their gifts and contribution to parish and family life. We warmly invite all grandparents, the elderly and their families to join us for this special Mass.

Please note the change of Mass time on Wednesday

School Uniform Exchange- The uniform exchange will take place at the end of July – Drop off on Saturday 23rd July 10am-1pm/ Sunday 24th July 1pm-3pm and collection the following weekend.

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.

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.

Hospitality and Sharing Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). As we heard in the parable of the good Samaritan, people we don't know and who seem as if they might be different from us are our neighbours, and God wants us to love them and be hospitable to them. Today, we hear that Abraham *ran* to provide hospitality to the men who arrived at his tent, sharing the food and shelter God created for all of us in Our Common Home. Our neighbours who come to our country hoping for refuge and hospitality are just like us - made in the image and likeness of God. We can help them by challenging beliefs people may have about those they see as 'other' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NX5ttEDN90&t=5s>), remembering that what we do to our neighbours we do to Christ.

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: bit.ly/freetopravjuly; Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm: bit.ly/freetopravaugust

Youth Pilgrimage The National Pilgrimage for young people aged between 16-30 takes place on Saturday 24 September in Dunkeld, Perthshire. It includes walks to holy sites, talks and 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.

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 (17 July) it takes place at St Agatha's in Methil and St Mary Star of the Sea in Leith. The following weekend it's at Our Lady & St Ninian's, Bannockburn. 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: Thomas Gorman, George Devlin, Annie Harress, James Conlon, Flora Dennis, Anne Hainey, Patrick Travers, Kathleen Byrne, Margaret McFadden, Jeanie Scobbie, Mary Ann Murray, Patrick Winters, Annie Boyle, Mary Crawford Horn, Maud Baird, Richard Ironside, Jane Healy, James McGurk, Edward O'Connor, Gavin Young, Patrick McGlynn, Veronica Pender, Elizabeth Bessie Miller, James Scott, Daniel Welsh, Sam McDonald, Bill Allan, Michael Green, Therese Parker, Matthew Marley, Peter Fotheringham. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Tom Scott R.I.P.	Tuesday 19 th July 6:00pm	Wednesday 20 th July 09:30am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1577. Sea Sunday collection £930. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 17th July <i>16th Sunday of the Year C</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, 18 th July	9:30am	Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 19 th July	9:30 am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 20 th July	09:30am	Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 21 st July	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 22 nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier'
Saturday, 23 rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	09:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	10:30am	Confessions	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.