

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 24th July 22, 17th 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.

Next weekend we welcome Mathew McCaferty, a seminarian who will be joining us till end of August.

Key holders could anyone who has a key for the halls, churches or the houses please let the office know.

School Uniform exchange. – will be open next Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am till 3:00pm at St Francis Xavier's hall.

Deacon Kenneth and Marie want to express their heartfelt thanks to Fr Jamie for all the support and for offering special memorial Mass for his late mother. Special thanks too to Fr Martin and all the parishioners for their words of support, prayers, sympathy cards, Mass cards and flowers. Special thanks also to all those who attended the memorial Mass on Monday. You will all be remembered in our prayers. God bless you all.

Thank you. Ellen McGeever would like to thank all who wished her well on her 80th Birthday. Holy Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for your intentions.

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.

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

Keeping Cool and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). When it's hot, we need to drink more to stay comfortable and well. We can buy drinks in plastic bottles and recycle the bottles, but it's much better for the environment and for saving money, if we stop buying them. How can we buy fewer plastic bottles? We can reuse our plastic drinks bottles, or use long-life travel cups, water bottles or flasks. We can drink our tap water, and use water-fountains and refill stations. There are Top-Up Taps in public places, including Callendar Park (<https://yourwateryourlife.co.uk/>) and we can find water-fountains in Edinburgh Waverley and Glasgow Central. We can also fill up at certain independent and chain cafes, and there's a Refill Station at The Falkirk Wheel (<https://www.refill.org.uk/about/>).

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 the following dates: Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm: bit.ly/freetoprayaugust

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 (24 July) it takes place 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: Jean Fotheringham, Isabella Donaldson, Peter Mitchell, Dougie Bell, Maureen Given, Janet Nixon, Joseph Mitchell, Melita De Sousa, Jan Jozef Pinas, Violet Garner, Reta Marshall, Mary O'Rourke, John Kewell, David McCallum, Kathleen Colligan, Nancy McLeish, Verna Allison, Susanna Harley, Edvardas Jakubovskis, May Gallagher, William derek Cumming, James Gaerty, Roy McDade, Thomas Kelly, Ryan McGuickin, Thomas Stuart Dundas, Maria McArthur, Jessie Kane, William (Bill) Danks, George Oliver, Jean McKenna, William Fitzpatrick, Doris Ure. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Collection: Last week's collection: £1479. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 24th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year C</i>	11:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 1:30pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 25 th July <i>St James</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 26 th July <i>St Joachim and St Anne</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 27 th July	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 28 th July	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 29 th July <i>SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 30 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.