

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Parish Newsletter,  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 22, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

**School Uniform exchange.** – is open today from 11:00 am till 3:00pm at St Francis Xavier's hall.

**Fr Jamie** will be on holiday 3-17 August.

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

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** service takes place in the church on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

**Parish Fun Day** is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August at St Anthony's.

**RCIA** will begin later this year, after Fr Daniel's arrival.

**The Family of the late Thomas (Tom) Scott** would sincerely like to thank Fr Jamie, Fr Martin, Deacon Kenneth and Charlie for the beautiful celebration. Also thank you to Kathleen for beautiful music, UCM for the tea, Bereavement Group for support, Legion of Mary for Rosary said and all Friends and Parishioners who attended the service. Mass will be offered in your intentions. The contribution to Cancer Research was £250.

**Clean Beaches and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** If we're heading for the beach, we might want to think about what, other than loo paper, we're flushing down our loos! When we flush things, especially wet wipes, they can end up in our rivers, seas and beaches. Wet wipes block sewers, so the sewers overflow. Wipes then clog our beaches, but most also contain plastic, which contaminates the natural environment and harms the creatures that live there (<https://mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/campaigns/>). What can we do? Put wet wipes in the bin (<https://www.yourwateryourlife.co.uk/nature-calls/>). Stop buying wet wipes that contain plastic. Cleanse with reusable materials. Ask our MP to support the Bill to ban plastic-containing wet wipes at its 2nd reading in September 2022.

**Feast of St Ignatius Loyola** The Jesuit-run parish of Sacred Heart, Lauriston, Edinburgh, will celebrate the Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, on Sunday 31 July. They invite everyone, especially former students of Jesuit schools and universities, to the 7pm Mass that day and to witness the reconsecration of the church and their ministry to the Sacred Heart. There will be a glass of wine afterwards to celebrate.

**Abortion Bill** The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a two-page briefing on Gillian Mackay, MSP's proposal to introduce buffer zones around abortion facilities in Scotland. The briefing provides details on the proposal, highlights some concerns and shows how people can respond to the consultation, which closes on **Thursday 11th August**. Find it at <https://rcpolitics.org/>

**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. Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm: [bit.ly/freetoprayaugust](https://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](mailto: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](http://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 (31 July) it takes place at Our Lady & St Bridget's, West Calder. The following weekend it is at St Joseph's in Peebles and The Sacred Heart, Lauriston, Edinburgh. See parish websites/social media for details. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: [bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist](http://bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist)

**Festival Mass** Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the Festival Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **midday on Sunday 21 August.**

**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](http://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](mailto:baptism@falkirkcatholics.org)

**Anniversaries: Please Pray for:** John Hylands, Mary Grogan, Betty Crawford Korda, Peter McGuire, Dennis Brennan, Jean Cowie, Catherine Gallagher, Condyl McGeehan, John McGinlay, Christoher Noel McCormack, Charles Connolly, Annie Connell, Mary Hendrie, Barry Maley, Felix Quinn, Stella Sophia Marcinkiewicz, Eleanor Jordan, Esther Kelly, Walter Johnstone, Veronica Claudia Beattie (Gladys), Maiaie Gallagher, Moira Anderson, Thomas Murphy, Thomas Taylor, David MacFarlane, Philip Roncone, Fred Walsh, George Marchi, Alexander Risk, Rosalene McCormack, Danny Gallagher. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

**Funerals**

| Name                   | Reception                             | Funeral Mass                           | Church              |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Monique Bostock R.I.P. | Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 6:00pm | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 10:00am | St Francis Xavier's |
| Betty Payne R.I.P.     |                                       | To be announced                        |                     |

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £2016. Thank you for your continued financial support.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE**

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| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July<br><i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C</i> | 11:00am<br>10:00am<br>12:00pm<br>1:30pm<br>7:00pm | Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass<br>Polish Mass<br>Mass                         | St Anthony's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's |
| Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August<br><i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>               | 9:30am<br>10:00am                                 | Mass & Rosary<br>Mass & Rosary                                      | St Anthony's<br>St Francis Xavier's  |
| Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August   | 9:30am<br>10:00am                                 | Mass<br>Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer                                  | St Anthony's<br>St Francis Xavier's  |
| Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August   | 10:00am   | Mass  | St Francis Xavier's  |
| Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August<br>St John Mary Vianney                    | 10:00am<br>7:00pm                                 | Mass<br>Novena/Confessions  | St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's   |
| Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August<br><i>SS Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>      | 10:00am<br>6:00pm                                 | Mass & Adoration<br>of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Padre Pio Devotions | St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's   |
| Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August<br>The Transfiguration of the Lord         | 10:00am<br>10:30am<br>5:45pm<br>6:30pm            | Mass<br>Confessions<br>Confessions<br>Vigil Mass                    | St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's<br>St Francis Xavier's                 |

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