

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
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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.

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

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. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part in these activities!

Holidays, rest and Caring For Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). We can find ourselves very busy, and feeling unable to take time out, but holidays and breaks in our working day, especially those connecting us with nature, make us healthier, less stressed, more efficient and more creative. We need time to rest, and to let go and let God work things through. Taking time resting in God replenishes and refreshes us. Meeting God in stillness and silence, we become aware that this stepping out is actually a stepping in, connecting us with all that is, and leading us to a more compassionate life. This week, maybe we could spend 10 minutes each day in nature, in silence or stillness. For those who are exhausted, a blessing: <https://wordsoftheyear.com/tag/john-odonohue/>.

Synod Report The Archdiocesan synod report has been published and submitted to the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Read it at bit.ly/oursynodreport

Ordination The Archdiocese has a new priest - Fr Josh Moir who was ordained to the priesthood at Our Lady & St Andrew, Galashiels, on Tuesday. He will return to the Pontifical Scots College in Rome to complete a final year of studies. Please keep him and all priests in the Archdiocese in your prayers.

Abortion The Bishops of Scotland have issued a statement on abortion following recent public debate on the issue. They remind us that "if we are to be the caring and compassionate society we aspire to be, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human life must be the foundational principal upon which that aspiration rests". Read the statement on the news section of the Scottish Catholic Media Office: <https://scmo.org/>

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 it takes place at Our Lady & St Andrew's, Galashiels, and is then at St Cuthbert's in Edinburgh (10 July). See parish websites/social media for details. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Pro-Life Pilgrimage A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, takes place at Walsingham National Shrine in Norfolk, beginning at midday on Saturday 6 August with Bishop Philip Egan. For details visit <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

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

Relics of St Bernadette Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from 24 September until 2 October, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2 October. Carfin Grotto is situated in the Parish of St Francis Xavier's in the village of Carfin, near Motherwell, and is Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. Visit <https://www.carfingrotto.org/>

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>.

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: Desmond Kelly, Mary Clarkin, John McElroy Shanks, James Fallon, Rodger Byrne, Thomas Michael Kennedy, Mary Flaherty, James McLaughlin, Franco Mitchell, Francis Joseph Lawrence, Ellen McCue, Karen Frances McGuffie, Elizabeth Clune, Hugh Hart, Susan Docherty, Peter Couthie, James Kine, Anna Lemmetti Sandro, Joseph MartinMcMorrow, Hugh Lindsay Snr, Fanny McLearey, Margaret Sutherland, George Robb, Sr. Mary Patrice, Francis O'Donnell, Edward Kubala, Mary Jane Hanlon, Hugh Callaghan George Thomson. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Collection: Last week's collection: £1463. Peter's Pence collection £1121. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 3 rd July <i>14th 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, 4 th July	9:30am 10:00am	Mass & Rosary Mass & Rosary	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 5 th July	9:30 am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 6 th July	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 7 th July	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 8 th July	09:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier'
Saturday, 9 th July <i>Our Lady of Aberdeen</i>	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.