

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 22, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK.**

**Fr Jamie** will be on holiday until 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**Parish Secretary** will be on holiday 8-17<sup>th</sup> August.

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

**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.

**Altar Servers' Day: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September** A special day for children who altar serve in our parish is set to take place on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September in the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The event will include games, prayers, and is a great chance for our children to meet other young Catholics from around the Archdiocese. Best of all – it's free! All children who are currently altar serves or who are interested in becoming altar servers are welcome! Please see the green information and consent forms at the back of the Church and return as soon as possible to Fr. Martin or the Chapel House. Thank you for encouraging your children to explore their faith in serving Gods altar!

**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).

**Spreading the Message and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*)**. Jeremiah talked about things people weren't ready to hear and was thrown into a well. We may worry about talking about climate change, in case it brings division, or rejection for ourselves. But as children of God, we are invited to hear the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth, and to spread the message that we need to change our behaviour, to limit the suffering that climate change is causing. Maybe we could start with our friends and family, and think of Jesus for courage. We could discuss how we're going to travel to school or work this week, or check these links for ideas: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/communicating-the-climate-crisis-a-workshop-tickets-390573986307/>; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00049b1/>.

**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/>

**Schola Cantorum sings MacMillan** This recital takes place at **7:30pm on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Annual Justice & Peace Mass** This takes place at 7pm on Monday 5 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. The lead celebrant is Canon Brian Gowans, the Vicar Episcopal for the Archdiocese's Caritas Justice & Peace Commission and there will be a homily from Fr David Stewart SJ. Buffet and refreshment served in hall after. Register at [bit.ly/caritasmass](http://bit.ly/caritasmass)

**My Faith & Scotland** Is Scotland a tolerant country for people of faith? Take part in an in-depth conversation on the experience of Christians and Muslims, with guest speakers outlining obstacles and opportunities. This event takes place at the parish hall of St John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, from 11am to 3pm. Register at [bit.ly/myfaithscotland](http://bit.ly/myfaithscotland)

**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 (7 August) it takes place at St Joseph's in Peebles and The Sacred Heart in 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 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **Midday on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

**Margaret Sinclair** The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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:** Eileen Torrance, Mary McCabe, Joseph Andrew Dooner, James MacLean, Annie Blair, Frances Sweeney, Giorgina Marchi, Brigid O'Brien, D. Hughes, Thomas Keenan, Margaret Pastuch, William McGuire Jnr, Cabiriflo Sandoro, Stephen Robertson, R. Bob Cooper, Catherine McFall, Kathleen Purcell, Grace Maguire, Alison Geoc, Ruby Campopiano, Alex Hunter, Peter Conlin, Jean Theresa Lynch, Emma Pellegrini, Emily Syme, Pat O'Neill, Kevin Farrell, Dr Richard Burns, Isabella MacKintosh, Ian Pavryk, Sarah Sweeney, Elizabeth Moore, Luke Little, Mario Marchi. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, 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
Richard Welsh R.I.P.	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 6:00pm	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 12:00pm	St Francis Xavier's
Ellen Sweeney R.I.P.	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> August 6:00pm	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Derek McCauley R.I.P.	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 6:00pm	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £2166 Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11:00am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	12:00pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	1:30pm	Polish Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00am	Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:30am	Divine Mercy Prayer	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	12:00pm	Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August <i>St Bernard</i>	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.**