

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 28th August 22, 22nd Sunday, Year C
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My Dear Parishioners, On Monday I will move from St Francis Xavier's to take up my new appointment as Parish Priest in Stirling. I would like to take this opportunity to express my immense gratitude for all your love and support over the past eight years. Over that time there have been many challenges -the closing of St Mary of the Angels, the Covid 19 pandemic and many other difficult decisions that had to be made. On the other hand, there have been many joyous occasions as well. I think of the many Baptisms, weddings, parish social events, pilgrimages and latterly the very successful Corpus Christi procession. In recent years we have really made an impact on the local community through the Toy Give-away, the School uniform exchange and feeding the Ukrainian refugees, to name but a few. Every time we ask for help people are always willing to come forward and put their faith into action. I wish to thank everyone who contributes to the life of our parish community. As I move on, I hope and pray that some of these initiatives will continue and that you will welcome and support Fr Daniel in the same way you have welcomed and supported me. May God bless you all in abundance. Fr Jamie

Matthew our seminarian also leaves us this weekend as he prepared to return to Rome to continue his studies for the Priesthood. We thank him for his presence with us and assure him of our ongoing prayers.

The Parish Fun Day is on Sunday at St Anthony's. There will be a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Children's Entertainer at 1:30pm lots of fun games, tea, coffee & home baking. The fun begins at 1:00 pm. Please make an effort to come along and support this parish event. Please hand in home baking on the day. No nut products please.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 2nd September at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

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.

Pope Francis implores us, "In the name of God..." Care for Our Common Home. The Season of Creation starts on Thursday, with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This year's theme is "Listen to the voice of creation." Pope Francis says, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation...on the one hand...a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home," so "we must repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems..." <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/message-of-his-holiness-pope-francis-for-the-celebration-of-the-world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation/>. For some Season of Creation events to inspire us, see <https://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk/>.

Annual Caritas, 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, 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

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 10th September, from 11am to 3pm. Register at bit.ly/myfaithscotland

Safeguarding Training All parish volunteers who work with children and/or protected adults require annual safeguarding training. This is provided by the Archdiocese and available courses can be found in the safeguarding section of the Archdiocesan website: www.archedinburgh.org

Children’s Liturgy Day Those who lead/volunteer with parish Children’s Liturgy, or who are interested in finding out more about it, are invited to take part in a day of training, guidance and support at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, at 10:45am on **Saturday 10 September**. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgyevent

Red Mass The annual Red Mass will see members of Scotland’s legal fraternity come together for Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh at midday on **Sunday 18 September**. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a reception will follow in Coffee Saints café. All welcome.

Relics of St Bernadette The relics of St Bernadette are on tour and come to Carfin Grotto from 24 September to 1 October. The Archdiocesan Day is being held there on **Thursday 29 September** and it includes a Mass for schools at 1pm, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley, a torchlight procession at 8pm, and Mass at 9pm. All welcome.

Season of Creation The Season of Creation is on from **1 September** to 4 October. This year’s theme is ‘Listening to the voice of creation’. Find out more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. Please consider reading Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si,’ on caring for our common home – it is freely available online by searching ‘Laudato Si’.

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: James Montague, Jack McGuire, Neil Mochan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Catherine Ward, John Gentleman, Helen O’Fee, John McFeat, Canon Thomas Hanlon, Nora Kelleher, David Scofield, Theresa Gallagher, Joseph Lemetti, Rev. Fr. Walter P. Crampton, Edward Walsh, Mandy McKeever, Alexander Lynn, William McGlynn, James Scott, Walter Murison, John McGarr, Helen Mitchell, James Scott, Seán O’Farrell, Mary Mochan, Tom Struthers, Catherine (Wine) Johnman, Bill Manderson, Cathleen Johnmaan, Ellen Leslie, Mary McCane, Anthony Pastuch, Jimmy Bell, Frances McCafferty, John Francis Clarkin, Patrick Little. **Please Pray for 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
Derek McCauley R.I.P.	Sunday 28 th August 6:00pm	Monday 29 th August 10:00am	St Francis Xavier’s
Mary Gow R.I.P.		Thursday 1 st September 2:15pm	St Anthony’s

Collection: Last week’s collection: £2066. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE.

Sunday, 28 th August <i>22nd 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, 29 th August	10:00am	Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier’s
Tuesday, 30 th August	10:00am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier’s
Wednesday, 31 st August	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier’s
Thursday, 1 st September	10:00am 2:15pm 7:00pm	Funeral Mass Funeral Service Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier’s St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Friday, 2 nd September	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass & Adoration Padre Pio Devotions	St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Saturday, 3 rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	10:00am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Communion Service Confessions Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s

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

Mass & Dolor Rosary every Monday 9:30am at St Anthony’s (September).