

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 7th August 22, 19th 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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK.

Fr Jamie will be on holiday till 17 August.

Parish Secretary will be on holiday 8-17 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 28th August at St Anthony's.

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

Altar Servers' Day: Saturday 3rd of September A special day for children who altar serve in our parish is set to take place on Saturday the 3rd 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.

Re-using Things and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). We want to make ourselves rich in the sight of God, and not store up possessions instead. God's Creation was made to replenish itself, so we are always provided for. But we're destroying this sustainability. We're wasting resources when throwing things away, using more resources in new things, and causing climate change and loss of biodiversity as a result. The good news is that if we take that thought into everything we do, we can make better choices. We can mend things, use things friends and family no longer want, and buy things second-hand. We can also respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on a circular economy (<https://scotlink.org/materials-matter-have-your-say-on-a-circular-economy-for-scotland/>).

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 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

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 September, from 11am to 3pm. Register at 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

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

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: Catherine Swords, John White, Jan Juszcak, John Smith, Margaret McFarlane, Damien Ward, Alexander Strathie, Agness McGlynn, Michael McGoff Snr, Gerald Coughlan, James Forsyth, Nan O'Fee, Sarah McCabe, Jimmy Cowan, Thomas Kane, Jean McGhee, Mary Harvey, Elysabeth Dolan, Dureen Fitzpatrick, Martin Weir, William Burns Dougan, John Francis Collins, Elizabeth Murray, James McKay, James Allison, Sylvia Lorimar, Hugh O'Fee, Helen Cafferty, George Crow, Alan Goldie, Greta Kieschnick, Annie Dickson, Helen Scott, John Shiels, Mary Dolan, Jose Ross, Moira Anderson, James Sharp, Francesca Rossi. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Betty Payne R.I.P.	Wednesday 10 th August 6:00pm	Thursday 11 th August 1:00pm	St Francis Xavier's
Monique Bostock R.I.P.	Sunday 14 th August 6:00pm	Monday 15 th August 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Richard Welsh R.I.P.	Tuesday 16 th August 6:00pm	Wednesday 17 th August 12:00pm	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1868 Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7 th August <i>19th 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, 8 th August <i>St Dominic</i>	10:00am	Mass & Rosary	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 9 th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9:30am 10:30am	Mass Divine Mercy Prayer	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 10 th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 11 th August <i>St Clare</i>	1:00pm 7:00pm	Funeral Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 12 th August	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 13 th August	10:00am 10:30am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's

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