

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 11th September 22, 24th 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.

A very welcome to Fr Michael Akintolu as he takes up his new appointment this week as an assistant priest.

All young people (Pr7-S6): Following several gatherings over the last few months, the youth group are resuming weekly meetings on Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm in St Francis Church Hall. All young people are very welcome. It's a relaxed atmosphere with a range of games and activities. Come along, bring a friend and make some more. Next meeting-Thursdays **15th September**.

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.

Novena to St Bernadette in preparation for the visit of her relics to Scotland. This begins this Thursday and concludes on Friday 23rd September. We are encouraged to say this privately or join the parish who will say it at the end of the daily public rosary. Copies of novena available in the porch.

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. If you would like to travel by the transport provided, please sign-up on the blue sheet in the porch. Coach will depart from St Anthony's at 4:30pm and St Francis Xavier's at 4:45pm. Should return by 10:30pm.

European Day of Prayer for Peace, especially for Ukraine takes place on Wednesday 14th September, Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. As a parish we will say this at the end of Mass, and if you cannot manage to Mass, try to say privately. Copies of the prayer are in the porch.

41st St Francis Xavier's Scout Group All sections, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts have now resumed after summer holiday. We currently have spaces in Beavers for 6-8 years on a Tuesday from 6pm-7pm in the Church Hall. Enquires to: forthvalley41@outlook.com

Season of Creation and Care for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Like the younger son in today's Gospel, we in developed countries have squandered our inheritance. As a result of our lifestyles, we are experiencing more extreme weather, drought, flooding and fire. In other parts of the World, like Pakistan and Africa, we are causing homelessness and famine. The good news is that like the younger son, we can come to our senses and find our way home. We could use this Season of Creation to help us to start our journeys, by listening to the voice of Creation. To help us to feel more able to listen, we could slow down, take off our shoes and walk on the grass. To help us to feel inspired, we could listen to a Season of Creation service (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001br5c/>).

Season of Creation Everyone, is invited to share our Season of Creation service on Saturday 17th September at 12 midday in St Francis Xavier church, we will celebrate our beautiful common home with singing, prayer and reflection.

Day for Readers: The Word Made Flesh: Full of Grace and Truth Do you read the Word of God at Mass? A Day for Readers takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 11am – 3pm on Saturday 8 October. It is also for anyone who wants to come and reflect on the Gospel of St John. Fr Andrew Garden of St David's in Dalkeith will be the main speaker and there will be practical sessions. The day concludes with Mass at 2:15pm. A light lunch and refreshments will be available. Register at bit.ly/readersevent. If you would like to travel by transport provided by the parish, please sign-up on the yellow sheet in the porch.

Margaret Sinclair The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on Sunday 18 September. It starts at 2pm and concludes with Mass at 4:30pm. This will be an afternoon of quiet reflection and prayer for the beatification of Margaret Sinclair. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

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.

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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 Sunday (11 September) it concludes at The Sacred Heart & St Margaret’s, Penicuik, at 11am. The following week it is on at St Thérèse of Lisieux, Craigmillar. See parish websites/social media for details. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Season of Creation events Integral Human Development SCIAF workshops take place at Ss Ninian & Triduana Church Hall, Marionville Road, Edinburgh, 7pm-8:30pm on Tue 13 & Tue 27 September. To take part contact Carole Herbstritt on 07757 352433. A Season of Creation Prayer Service takes place St Francis Xavier’s Church, Hope Street, Falkirk, at midday on Sat 17 September.

Catholic Church & Judaism ‘Two Sisters: Synagogue & Church’ takes place on Zoom from 11am-1pm on Saturday 17 September, led by Sr Maureen Cusick. Event organised by the Scottish Bishops’ Committee for Interreligious Dialogue. To register email isabel.smyth@bcos.org.uk

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: Harry McCue, James Cuthill, Flora McHardy, Agnes Cogans, James McCabe (Jnr), Patrik McGeehan, John Nutley, Gerard Ward, Margaret Silcock, Agnes Auan, Charles Donnelly, Andrew Young, Thomas Mackerel, Margaret Harris, William Hart, Nancy McIntyre, Felix Coleman, Lily Kotrys, Elvira Pawlyk, Maria McGleave, Marion Heeps, Kathleen Miller, David Blackhall, Joseph Hendren, James McKenna, Jim McGlynn, Patrick McKay, Norah McKay, John Nutley, James Aitken, Hugh Grubb, Bridget McKenna, Andrew Kier. **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
John Mullen R.I.P.		To be announced	St Francis Xavier’s

Collection: Last week’s collection: £1769. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE.

Sunday, 11 th September <i>24th 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, 12 th September	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Tuesday, 13 th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Wednesday, 14 th September <i>The Exaltation of the Cross</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Thursday, 15 th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Friday, 16 th September <i>St Ninian</i>	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier’s
Saturday, 17 th September	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Mass Confession Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony’s St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s

ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S Morning Prayer at 9:30am Monday-Saturday. Rosary after 10am Mass every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

ST ANTHONY’S Mass & Dolor Rosary every Monday 9:30am (September).