

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Parish Newsletter,  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 22, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Social for Fr Jamie** A gentle reminder that yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church should you wish to donate to Fr Jamie's presentation, which will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. For catering purposes please add your name to the list at the back should you wish to attend.

**Parking at St Anthony's** Just a gentle reminder that the carpark at St Anthony's Church operates a one way system. To help keep traffic flowing safely can we request that the driveway up to the chapel house is kept clear of parked vehicles. We know parking is tight but this helps keep the traffic flowing at the end of Holy Mass, and allows access for emergency services. Thank you for your cooperation!

**UCM** Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st September when Ian Scott our historian will give a talk. All parishioners very welcome from 2pm.

**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-Thursday **22nd 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@stanned.org.uk](mailto:yi@stanned.org.uk).

**Novena to St Bernadette** in preparation for the visit of her relics to Scotland. This begins this Thursday and concludes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. A few seats still available, please add your name to the list.**

**41<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:forthvalley41@outlook.com)

**Season of Creation and Care for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** In today's Gospel, a steward is dismissed for being wasteful with his employer's property and sets about inviting debtors to pay back some of what they owe. Pope Francis says that we owe an ecological debt, because we have been wasteful with the Earth's resources. The suffering in the World feels overwhelming, but Pope Francis says we can all do something to solve the problems, and that we shouldn't underestimate the power of small actions. This Season of Creation, as we listen to the voice of Creation, we could think about how we could be less wasteful, and donate to charities who are helping those most badly affected by the climate and biodiversity crises (e.g. <https://www.dec.org.uk/>; <https://caritas.org/>; <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/>).

**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. Registration from 10:30am. 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](http://bit.ly/readersevent)

**Red Mass – cancelled** Please note that the annual Red Mass scheduled to take place St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh this Sunday 18 Sep has been cancelled.

**Season of Creation event** An Integral Human Development SCIAF workshop takes place at SS Ninian & Triduana church hall, Marionville Road, Edinburgh, 7pm-8:30pm on Tue 27 September. To take part contact Carole Herbstritt on 07757 352433.

**Edinburgh Jesuit Centre: ‘An ever more united Christian voice in the land’** Archbishop Leo Cushley speaks on the recent landmark commitment of friendship and unity between the Catholic Church in Scotland and the Church of Scotland (the St Margaret Declaration). This event takes place in-person and online at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh on Wednesday 21 September at 7pm. Details at [edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc](http://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc)

**Edinburgh Jesuit Centre: Faith & Politics** This term, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is running a series of conversations with people whose work combines faith and politics. On Wednesday 28 September at 7pm, Fr Adrian Porter SJ will be in conversation with Alistair Dutton, Chief Executive of SCIAF. In-person and online. Details at [edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc](http://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc)

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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 (18 September) it begins at St Teresa of Lisieux, Craigmillar. The following weekend it is on at St Kessog’s, Blanefield, and St Patrick’s, the Cowgate. See parish websites/social media for details. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: [bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist](http://bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist)

**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:** Bernadette McNeily, Kay McKendrick, Patrick McElroy, Rosina McIntyre, John Stirling, Rose McGinley, Mary Theresa Ferguson, Catherine Coyle, John Kennedy , Grace Doddo, Kazimierz Sobolewski, Michael Francis, Elizabeth Howe, Daniel Ward, Ann Turnbull, Kathleen Duffy , Michael Moore. **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.	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 6:00pm	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 10:00am	St Francis Xavier’s
Janet (Jenny) Crooks R.I.P.	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 6:00pm	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 10:00am	St Francis Xavier’s

**Collection:** Last week’s collection: £1851. Thank you for your continued financial support.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE.**

Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September <i>25<sup>th</sup> 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, 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Funeral Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companion</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September <i>St Matthew</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Funeral Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> 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).