

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 25th September 22, 26th 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 14th October. For catering purposes please add your name to the list at the back should you wish to attend. **Planning meeting for Fr Jamie's social will take place tomorrow, Monday 26th September from 7-8pm in St Francis Xavier's Church hall. If you would like to contribute/ help out in any way, please come along.**

Hogmanay Ceilidh, please save the date 31st December, more details to follow.

Tots and Toddlers St. Anthony's is looking for anyone interested in being part of the Tots and Toddlers Team. Pre covid it ran every Wednesday 9.30-11am for babies to pre schoolers. We have a cupboard full of toys and offer of support to get this special group up and running again. If we have no interest then we plan to gift toys by end of October. Please contact Laura Wilson on 07809472848 or John Redding to discuss.

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. **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 contact parish office.**

Family Planning - God's & Nature's Way The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with no side effects. This method is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving. For more details Fertility Care Scotland at email info@fertilitycare.org.uk or www.fertilitycare.org.uk

Season of Creation and Care for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). This is a time for encouraging the ecological conversion Pope Francis asks of us. Ecological conversion means more than learning things we need to do about the climate and biodiversity crises. It is a turning towards Christ, allowing change in our hearts. Where our hearts are, our minds follow, bringing us into relationship with God, creation and each other. What could help us to fall in love with God and creation? Maybe we could look with wonder at geese migrating, willow herb 'on fire', birch leaves floating on a river, or soft tufts of thistle down released to the wind. Maybe we could spend time with river meditation, or an Earth Day prayer service (<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/07/11/resources-for-the-season-of-creation-2022/>).

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

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/eic

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 (25 Sep) it is on at St Kessog's, Blanefield, and St Patrick's in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. Next week it is on at St Theresa's, St Andrew's and St Philip's (East Calder/Livingston). See parish websites/social media for details. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Choral Scholarships The Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, Edinburgh, is offering eight new choral scholarships to students in education, age 16+ to postgraduate. Auditions are on Thursday 29 September. More information at edinburghjesuit.org.uk/schola-cantorum

Invitation to webinar: Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm GMT** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, **please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment**

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 **29th September**.

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 Next Pre-Baptism course will be on Monday 26th September at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Anniversaries: Hary McCue, Ethel Carr, Fr John Hooper O.F.M., Joe Allison, Francis McGuire, Roderick Coull, Adelina Jannetta, Peter Kane, Nicol Campbell, Gerry Carbury, Nan McDonald, Jean Cummings, John Bradbury, Caroline Gorman, Cathy Cullen, John McGeever, Patrick McNelis, Rosemary Quinn, Peter Healy, Sarah (Sadie) Johnaston, Tadeusz Cieslar, Patrick Connell, Peter Renella, Helen Malecka, James Flanagan, James Holleran, Theresa Kerr, Margaret Wallace, Margaret McKee, Maureen Murphy, Gordon Court, Saul John Elliot, Martin McAllister. **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
Charles Crossen R.I.P.		Wednesday 28 th September 9:30am	St Anthony's
Aileen Young R.I.P.	Monday 3 rd October 6:00pm	Tuesday 4 th October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Theo Lumsden R.I.P.	TBC	TBC	St Francis Xavier's
Geoffrey Carlin R.I.P.	TBC	TBC	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1842. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 25 th September <i>26th Sunday of the Year C</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, 26 th September	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 27 th September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 28 th September	9:30am	Funeral Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 29 th September <i>SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
	7:00pm	Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 30 th September <i>St Jerome</i>	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 1 st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10:00am	Confession	St Anthony's
	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

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).