

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 2nd October 22, 27th 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.

Welcome to Niamh McAlister who was baptised in St Anthony's last Sunday. Congratulations to her Mum and Dad.

A big thank you to all those who came along to venerate the relics of St Bernadette at Carfin on Thursday. Everyone agreed how impressed we were by the prayerfulness of the Holy Hour and Holy Mass. We were also very overwhelmed by the great numbers of all ages who took part in the torch light procession, again in a very prayerful way. Many graces will be showered on us as a parish and diocese.

Last chance to book a space for the social for Fr Jamie and final opportunity to donate his presentation which will take place on Friday 14th October- yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church. For catering purposes please add your name to the list at the back should you wish to attend.

Last chance to book a space at the Day for Readers- If you would like to travel by transport provided by the parish, please sign-up on the yellow sheet in the porch. Coach will depart from St Francis Xavier's at 9:30am. Should return by 4:30pm.

The Word Made Flesh: Full of Grace and Truth Do you read the Word of God at Mass? A Day for Readers will take place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 11am - 3pm on Saturday 8 October. Registration from 10:30am. It is also open to 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

The Legion of Mary will lead the rosary and the Litany of Loreto at 6pm in St Francis Xaviers Monday's and Wednesday's throughout October.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 7th October at 6 pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition.

UCM Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5 Oct in the Martha hall at 1:30. New members very welcome.

A warm thank you to all those who joined us for the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady after morning Mass in St. Anthony's during September. For the month of October, we will be saying the Most Holy Rosary at 10am on Mondays. All are welcome.

St Anthony's Music Group We are delighted to welcome Ian & Oriana, our newest members to the music group at St. Anthony's. If you have a musical talent and would like to join us, please see Janice Evans.

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.

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 **Baptism Preparation Class will take place on last Monday of every month except December. Next class- Monday 31st October at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall.**

All Souls' Day Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery. This will take place at 10am on Wednesday 2 November (All Souls' Day) in the Mount Vernon Cemetery Chapel.

Romero Lecture 2022: The Life, Loss and Legacy of Romero The inaugural Romero Lecture will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 14 October. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan at 6pm, followed by the Romero Lecture by Fr Martin Maier SJ at 7pm, introduced by Archbishop Leo Cushley. More information at edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc

Divine Renovation Divine Renovation is a ministry that supports parishes and coaches priests in leadership and making evangelisation central to parish life. St Charles Borromeo Parish in Paisley, Union Street, invites you to join them on Saturday 29 October 2022, 10am - 5pm for a day of talks, workshops, music and prayer, delicious lunch and refreshments. Open to clergy and lay people. Tickets £20. Register: www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse.

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'). The Season of Creation ends on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis spoke of God to birds, was gentle with stone, and understood his relationship with the sun, moon and Earth, but we should beware of considering him a romantic figure. He was courageous and revolutionary, and made difficult, counter-cultural, personal choices for God and the poor. Praying with him, we may find the inspiration and strength to better hear the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, and like him, to profess our love for God, the poor and the Earth, through the examples of our lives. We could try 30 days with St. Francis through the book "*Peace of Heart: Francis of Assisi*" (available in paper or electronic form from booksellers).

Anniversaries: Martin McAllister, Mary Murphy, Sr. Benigna Harte, Joseph Kennedy, Ann Walker, Christopher Canny, Frank Clark, Catherine McLellan, Clive Thomas, Allen Donaldson, Sr. Bernadette of Jesus (Carmel Clapperton), Michael Grady, Annie Winters, Helen Corrigan, Ella McClintock, Anne Alison, Isobel McAllwood, Francis Peter, Ann Sharp, Margaret Welsh, Mary Swords, Anne Hart, Mary Ballingham, James Pow, Richard (Dick) Fyvie, Eliza Dick, Rudolph Marrett, Frank O'Donnell, Peter McGuckin, Felix Moore, Benito Nicandro Caramando, Patrick Meighan, Patricia Gallagher, Albert Redding. **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
Aileen Young R.I.P.	Monday 3 rd October 6:00pm	Tuesday 4 th October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Geoffrey Carlin R.I.P.	Tuesday 4 th October 6:00pm	Wednesday 5 th October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
John Cockburn R.I.P.	Monday 17 th October 6:00pm	Tuesday 18 th October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £1977. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 2 nd October <i>27th 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, 3 rd October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 4 th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Funeral Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 5 th October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Funeral Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 6 th October	9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 7 th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Padre Pio Devotions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 8 th October	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 & Rosary every Monday 9:30am (October).