

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 4th September 22, 23rd 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.

Today we welcome Fr Daniel Doherty, our new Parish Priest who is looking forward to starting his priestly ministry at St Francis Xavier's. Fr Jamie took up his new role as Parish Priest in Stirling, we wish him every blessing in his new Parish.

UCM. Our next meeting is on Wed 7th when Mairead from CHAS (Childrens Hospices across Scotland) will give us a talk. All parishioners very welcome from 2:00pm.

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. Starts Thursday **8th September**.

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.

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.

Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October) and Care for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). The Season of Creation (<http://www.seasonofcreation.org/>) gives us a special opportunity for listening to Creation, in contemplation, worship, repentance and action. This year's logo is the burning bush. Climate change is not only causing death and destruction through drought and flooding, but also through fire, so the logo reminds us to hear the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor. The burning bush also reminds us to show reverence for God's presence in Creation, and that the Holy Spirit will help us to help the poor and the Earth. We could each ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us what we need to give up, and to help us to take up our crosses and follow Jesus.

Annual Caritas, 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, 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 10th September, from 11am to 3pm. Register at bit.ly/myfaithscotland

Safeguarding Training All parish volunteers who work with children and/or protected adults require annual safeguarding training. This is provided by the Archdiocese and available courses can be found in the safeguarding section of the Archdiocesan website: www.archedinburgh.org

Children’s Liturgy Day Those who lead/volunteer with parish Children’s Liturgy, or who are interested in finding out more about it, are invited to take part in a day of training, guidance and support at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, at 10:45am on **Saturday 10 September**. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgyevent

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 and a reception will follow in Coffee Saints café. All welcome.

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. All welcome.

Season of Creation The Season of Creation is on from **1 September** to 4 October. This year’s theme is ‘Listening to the voice of creation’. Find out more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. Please consider reading Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si,’ on caring for our common home – it is freely available online by searching ‘Laudato Si’.

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: Irene Silcock, Barbara Halpin, Elizabeth Short, Mary Hoggan, Sarah Anne Wright, Rosina Brannan, Patrick O’Connor, Claramma Thomas, Gordon Bain, Eileen Rafferty, Marion C. Jack, Teresa Welsh, Margaret Simpson, Domenico Giannandrea, Catherine Mowen, Mary O’Donnell, Terence Kelly, Molly Fletcher, Rose McCaul, James Gallagher, Joachim McMorro, Isobel Johnston, Madaline A. M. Vitesse, Leonard J. Wilkie, Madaline O’Brien, Rev. Joseph McMahon, Marion Johnstone Campbell, Joy Geoghagan, Mariamma Koshy, Margaret Maguire, Sarah Anne Waclawska. **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
Dennis Westfield R.I.P.		To be announced	St Francis Xavier’s

Collection: Last week’s collection: £1909. Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE.

Sunday, 4 th September <i>23rd 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, 5 th September	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony’s
	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier’s
Tuesday, 6 th September	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony’s
	10:00am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier’s
Wednesday, 7 th September	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier’s
Thursday, 8 th September <i>The Nativity of Our Lady</i>	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier’s
	7:00pm	Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier’s
Friday, 9 th September	9:30am	Mass	St Anthony’s
	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier’s
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Saturday, 11 th September	9:30am	Mass	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).