

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 23rd October 22, 30th Sunday, Year C
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At parish of St Francis Xavier's, we are a very holy, joyful, inclusive community on fire with the love of God, each growing in our personal relationship with Christ. As His missionary disciples, inspired by the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist, we use our talents freely to serve others and take the life-changing message of the Gospel into the world.

Thank you to all those who came along to Fr Jamie's Presentation last Friday, it was a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to those who set-up and cleared the hall. Greatly appreciated!

Sacraments for Children. Sacramental preparation for children is very important and we wish to share with parents our plans for the children who will be celebrating the Sacraments next spring. The Parents' Meetings will all take place in St Francis Xavier's church hall as follows:

P3 and above - Reconciliation, 31st October at 7pm.

P4 and above- First Holy Communion, 7th November at 7pm.

P7 and above- Confirmation, 14th November at 7pm.

Registration forms available in both church porches.

Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer you the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor, and remind us the revitalising that is at the heart of our faith. The World Mission Sunday collection ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to our work in mission countries and territories and are an effective way by which you can support the universal Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Archbishop Parish Letter. Additional copies available in both church porches.

Special talk on family life Professor Stephan Kampowski is a world-renowned expert on marriage and the family in a Catholic context. He is visiting the Archdiocese from Rome next month to give a series of talks. He will speak at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, at 11am on Saturday 5 November. Register for this event on the Archdiocesan Eventbrite page: bit.ly/archeventbrite. **There is a sheet in the porch for those who would like to travel together by coach. The coach will leave at 9:30 and return by 4:30pm. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.**

November Dead List- envelopes can be found in both church porches. Please list the names of your deceased loved ones on a sheet and place envelope in the basket. Mass will be offered throughout the month for all the faithful departed.

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

St Andrew's Night in St Anthony's, Hall will take place on Saturday 26 November. Further details next week.

Bingo in St Francis Xavier's Hall on 30 November. Further details to follow.

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

Baptisms 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.

Christmas Card Workshop You are warmly invited to a Christmas Card Workshop where you can make beautiful, unique cards using a variety of techniques with the help and support of artists in our parish. Sat 12th Nov 10am-12noon, Martha Hall £5 for individuals, £10 for families. All profits for SVDP. Numbers are limited so please sign up on sheet in porch asap to avoid disappointment. Families are welcome but younger children must be supervised. Bring a friend!

The Christian Institute Scotland Tour are holding several talks throughout Scotland on the theme *Fighting for the Family*. There will be one tomorrow, Monday, at 7:30pm in the Free Church, Beaumont Drive, Carron, FK2 8SN.

Dates for choir practices at St. Francis Xavier's. All welcome. Thursday 27th October 1pm, Thursday 17th November 1pm, Friday 9th Dec 2pm, Thursday 15th Dec 1pm.

Liturgy of the Word at St Francis Xavier's are looking for volunteers who would be willing to join others to read at the Sunday Vigil at 6:30pm and Sunday 7pm Masses. If you can help, please contact the parish office by email or telephone. Thank you.

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

Oppose Assisted Suicide Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide. This bill risks undermining the provision of palliative care and efforts to prevent suicide. It may make the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel like a burden. The current law is the safeguard - it prohibits assisting someone's suicide and/or killing them by euthanasia, but the new law will eliminate this safeguard. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing. **PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION IN THE PORCH TODAY.** Alternatively, sign online at www.carenokilling.scot

The Letter (Laudato Si), A Message for our Earth, starring Pope Francis and environmental leaders representing youth, the poor, indigenous peoples and nature has been viewed on YouTube <https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BI> at least 6 million times. See website for further details.

Anniversaries: Graeme Duncan, Bill McJadden, Br. Philip, Kathleen Breman, Mary Burke Breman, Nicandro Caramando, Denis Pius Gallagher, Sarah Little, Frank Carr, Patrick Geoghan, John Young, Ann Van Hulssen, Laurence O'Neill, Rose Clarke, Theresa McQuade, May Lynda, Isabella Doherty, Michael McCrorie, Bridget Martin, John Hughes Forsyth, The Hoffman Family, Harriett (Rita) Hampshire Quinn, Bridget Martin, Mary Byrne, Andrew Harley, Christina Marshall, Mary Duncan, V. Rev. Rodger Canon Gallacher, Bernard McGurk, Sandy Carr, John Dick, Hugh McFeat, James Gormley, Fr Anthony Debkowski, Andrew Bannan, John Connor, Gordon Rutherford, Corrine Blackhall. **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
Margaret Carberry R.I.P.		Monday 24 th October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Robert Brown R.I.P.		Friday 28 th October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Wotherspoon R.I.P.	Sunday 30 th October 6:00pm	Monday 31 st October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
William Griffin R.I.P.		Thursday 3 rd November 3:15pm	Crematorium

Collection: Last week's collection: £1725. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 23 rd October 30 th Sunday of the Year C	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, 24 th October	10:00am	Funeral Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 25 th October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 26 th October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 27 th October	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 28 th October St Simon and St Jude	10:00am	Funeral Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 29 th October	10:00am 10:30-11:15am 5:45-6:15pm 6:30pm	Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	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, Friday, and Saturday. **ST ANTHONY'S** Rosary **before Mass** on Monday.