

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 30th October 22, 31st 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.

This weekend Fr Daniel will be looking after the Sunday Masses at St Mary's, Bo'ness.

Thank you As the clocks go back for winter, can we give a big Thank You to all those who look after God's garden and grounds in both churches. Many visitors comment very positively how well our grounds looks. Well done and very much appreciated!

Thank you for all those who have come along to the Rosary on Monday and Wednesday evening during October. Special thanks to members of the Legion of Mary who have led us so prayerfully. Well done!

And thank you to our organists and choir members who came to the Archdiocesan Music Day last week at the Gillis Centre. Your contribution to the day was greatly appreciated.

All Saints Day- Tuesday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are duty bound to attend Mass. A day when we remember in a special way all those who have went before us, and who lived an exemplary life. Please note the extra Masses that are offered today in both parishes, the school and the clergy will also look after St Mary's, Bo'ness.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed- All Souls Day- Wednesday 2nd November. On the day following our celebration of all the saints in heaven, we commemorate the dead who are in purgatory, awaiting their entry to heaven. It is a day of remembrance and of prayer for them, as well as of Masses offered especially to God for the 'holy souls in purgatory'. Today, if possible is a special occasion for visiting our local cemeteries and praying for our dead at their graves. Please note the extra Masses we are offering on this special day, please try and make a special effort to come along to one of them.

All Souls Day 7pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's. At this Mass we will remember in a very special way all those who have died over the past twelve months. Invitations have been sent to family members of the deceased to attend. A special candle will be lit for each of the deceased. A reception will follow Mass in the hall.

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.

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.**

UCM Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2 Nov in Martha hall at 1.30. New members very welcome.

Mission Month and World Mission Sunday Thank you for responding to Missio Scotland's World Mission Sunday Appeal last weekend. Together as a parish we raised £1628.92 Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide. Furthermore, your example, like that of our missionaries all over the world, will serve as an inspiration to others to live out their Baptismal mission and play their part in the universal Church. Thanks to your generosity, Missio Scotland has been able to send much-needed funds totalling millions down throughout the years to support a great number of projects across the five continents. Thank you!

Welcome to Abby Harley, Kendal Steen, Isabella McDonald who were baptised last weekend and congratulations to their parents.

Padre Pio Prayer Group service takes place in the church on Friday, 4th November at 6pm and every First Friday of the month. All invited to join in prayer and petition

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

Baptism Preparation Class will take place on last Monday of every month except December. **Next class- tomorrow, Monday 31st October at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall.** Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to baptism@falkirkcatholics.org

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 and will speak at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, at 11am on Saturday 5 November. He will give a morning talk titled 'Family relationships and personal identity', then in the afternoon a talk titled 'To Promise and to Forgive: Establishing and Healing the Bond between Persons.' Then follows a Q&A, with Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Michael John Galbraith joining the professor. 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.**

Catholics: Faith and Engagement in Scotland What does the work of the Scottish Catholic Media Office (SCMO) and Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office (SCPO) involve? Find out in *Catholics: Faith and Engagement in Scotland*, a webinar featuring Peter Kearney of the SCMO and Anthony Horan of SCPO. Two optional dates: 1-2pm Wednesday 2 November, register at <https://bit.ly/webinar2nov> or 7:30-8:30pm on Thursday 3 November, register at <https://bit.ly/>

Vacancy – administrator The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is full time (Mon-Fri) and the annual wage is £21,000 per annum. Full details at bit.ly/archadminjob To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by **Monday 7 November**.

St Andrew’s Night in St Anthony’s, Hall will take place on Saturday 26 November at 7pm. Vigil Mass at 7pm followed by an informal gathering in the hall with food and music. Please contact Janis 07742166765 or Ann 07894537362 to place an order, for either a small fish supper or vegetarian pizza, if you would like to come. Cost £6. **BYOB**.

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.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week’s message.

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!

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. Many thanks to all those who signed the petition. Please also consider writing to our MSP expressing your disapproval of this proposed bill.

Anniversaries: Mary Paterson, Ann McFadden, Kathleen Mary Darling, John O’Brien, William McCabe, Ann McFadden, Alec Lynn, James O’Donnell, John McKee, Margaret Kilbride, Charles G Malley, John Finn, Phil McDermott, Mary McGuire, Stella Karwowski, Placido Do-Rego, Catherine Gallagher, John McKillop, Patricia Hanrahan, Rosa Bertolini, Walter Wood, Marjorie Nutley, John Devlin, Eleanor Malley, Maria Kane, Giorgio Onori, Catherine Torrance, William Hardie, Elizabeth McEwan, Michael McElroy, Teobald Swierklansv, Janus Flis. **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
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.		Wednesday 2 nd November 3:15pm	Crematorium

Collection: Last week’s collection: £2138. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 30 th October 31 st <i>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, 31 st October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Funeral Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Tuesday, 1 st November <i>All Saints</i>	9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Wednesday, 2 nd November <i>All Souls</i>	7:00am 9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Francis Xavier’s St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Thursday, 3 rd November	09:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Friday, 4 th November	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Padre Pio Devotion	St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Saturday, 5 th November	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 Holy Souls** Rosary **before Mass** on Monday (November).