

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's**  
**St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches**  
**Parish Newsletter,**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 22, 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Anthony's Rosary**- every Monday before Mass (9:10am).

**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.

**Many thanks to all those who came along to St Anthony's** last Sunday to support the Coffee Morning for the Macmillan Nurses/Care Support.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> December, more details to follow.

**Baptisms** Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to [baptism@falkirkcatholics.org](mailto:baptism@falkirkcatholics.org)

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

**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.

**The Presentation to Fr Jamie which takes place this Friday 14 October in St Francis Xavier's church hall IS FULLY BOOKED!** Feel free to arrive from 6:30pm and food will be served from 7:30pm. Please come with a good appetite! The hot menu is chicken curry, steak pie, macaroni cheese. Cold buffet is pakora, sausage rolls and variety of sandwiches. Followed by a pudding. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS.**

**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](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk) or [www.fertilitycare.org.uk](http://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 at church today. Alternatively, sign online at [www.carenokilling.scot](http://www.carenokilling.scot)

**Music Day** Join fellow musicians and singers from across the Archdiocese for a Music Day at 10:30am on Saturday 22 October at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The event is for anyone interested or involved in music in the liturgy. It features workshops on choir singing & organ/keyboard, sessions on planning music in your parish and a panel where you can ask your questions of the experts. The day is led by Michael Ferguson, Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and James Greechan, Choral Director for the Diocese of Motherwell. Light lunch provided. Free parking onsite. Register now at [bit.ly/musicday2022](http://bit.ly/musicday2022)

**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.

**Talk with Archbishop Cushley** The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre at Sacred Heart Parish in Lauriston, Edinburgh, is hosting a series of conversations with people who work at the interface of faith and politics. On Wednesday 12 October at 7pm, Fr Adrian Porter SJ will be in conversation with Archbishop Leo Cushley about the work.

**Divine Mercy** The annual Divine Mercy Conference takes place at St Augustine's, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ, on Saturday 29 October from 9am-6pm. Register online at [www.divinemercy.scot/conference2022](http://www.divinemercy.scot/conference2022)

**Aquinas & The Fourth Way** A lecture titled Aquinas & the Fourth Way takes place on Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm in Room G.04, 50 George Square, Edinburgh. The speaker is Fr Ambrose Little OP, from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington DC. The talk will last around 45 minutes followed by Q&A. Register at: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/upcoming-events/a-lecture-on-the-fourth-way>

**Workshop: The Psychology of Flourishing** A workshop on the psychology of flourishing, faith and spirituality will be led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ at The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre at Sacred Heart Parish in Lauriston, Edinburgh, on Saturday 22 October 10am to 4.30pm. Register at [edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc](http://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc)

**Anniversaries:** Frances McGuckin, Catherine McCormick, Sadie McAteer, Charles Callaghan, Charlie Flynn, Michael Harvey, Agnes Bishop, Pamela Stephen, Rosina Kaane, Patrica March, John McBride, June McGuire, Charles Boyle, Margaret Russell, George Fyvie, Catherine Haggerty, Robert McGuinness, Barbara Turner, Patrick Doherty, James Allison, Helen Koszary, James Grogan, Catherine McArdle, John Auchinclosa, Alexander (Sander) Sim, Georgina Mullan, Helen (Ella) Dick, Edmund Cybulski, Catherine Rooney, William Judge, Monica Harvey, Mary O'Hara, John Martin, Helen Bell, Andrew Crosbie, Paul Reid, Joseph Skrukwa, Maureen Marshall, Mary Evenden, Barney McBride, Bella Collins, James Joseph McPaul, Nana Murtagh, David Bell and Richard Doherty. **Please Pray for Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

**Energy Costs and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*).** This is a worrying time, as the cost of our gas is linked to the World gas price, which is very high. The cheapest energy is generated through renewable sources and we have made progress with these. Unfortunately, for the Earth and the poor, we haven't yet replaced fossil fuels like gas as sources of power (and gas is used to generate electricity). We still need to campaign for all of our energy to come from renewable sources. Right now, though, for advice on keeping up with costs, try: <https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/energy-bills/>; <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/consumer/energy/energy-supply/>; or for over 50s, <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/information-advice/energy/> (helpline: 0800 12 44 222).

#### Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
John Cockburn R.I.P.	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 6:00pm	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £2046. Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 9th October <i>28<sup>th</sup> 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, 10 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	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** Rosary **before Mass** on Monday.