

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's  
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches  
Parish Newsletter,  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 22, 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**Catholic Education Week: 16-30 November** A second collection will be taken up for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service next Sunday (20 November). Please support its excellent work assisting Catholic Schools across Scotland. For more information visit [www.sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week/](http://www.sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week/)

**Rite of Enrolment for all children preparing for First Holy Communion** will take place next weekend during all Sunday Masses.

**Welcome to** Orla Kathleen Cumming who was baptised last weekend and congratulations to her Parents.

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

**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:

P7 and above- Confirmation, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. **Registration forms available in both church porches.**

**Holy Souls Rosary** will be said during November at St Anthony's before Mass on Mondays.

**Prayer for the Dead** *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace Amen. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.*

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

**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.

#### **ADVENT 2022**

**Entering Advent.** Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled 'Entering Advent with Isaiah' with Fr Jamie McMorris, of St Margaret's in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place on Zoom, Monday 28 November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. Register now at [bit.ly/enteradvent](http://bit.ly/enteradvent) **OR** come to the St Francis Xavier's Hall at the same time and watch, reflect and discuss with fellow parishioners.

**Advent talks** Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a series of 30 min Advent talks at 7:30pm on Monday 5, 12, and 19 December. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: [bit.ly/adventtalks22](http://bit.ly/adventtalks22) **OR** come to the St Francis Xavier's Hall at the same time and watch, reflect and discuss with fellow parishioners.

**Light from Light: choral music for Advent by candlelight** This December be uplifted with a candlelit Advent music concert from the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. They will sing at the following churches: St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on Wednesday 7 December; St Patrick's in Kilsyth on Saturday 10 December; St Margaret's in Dunfermline on Friday 16 December. All concerts 8pm. Pay at the door on the night or get your £5 ticket (family ticket £10) at [bit.ly/3T7wRRY](http://bit.ly/3T7wRRY)

**Christmas Toy Giveaway-** drop off is the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of Dec and the collection of the community groups who know their most vulnerable families will be during that week, then open to the public on Sat 10th Dec. We kindly ask that only new or nearly new goods are donated, a gift you would wish a child to receive on Christmas morning.

**Hogmanay Ceilidh,** 31<sup>st</sup> December in St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall. For catering purposes please add your name to the list at the back of the church should you wish to attend, £12 per person.

**The Parent Council of St Francis Xavier's Primary School** is delighted to invite you to our Christmas fayre on 1st December from 6-8pm. Please see the posters at the back of the Church for some of the stalls we will have on the night and details of items we are looking to have donated. These can be handed in at the school office. There will also be a raffle so look out on the parent council Twitter and Facebook pages for sneak previews of the prizes available! Representatives of the school will be selling raffle tickets after Masses on the weekend 26/27 November leading up to the fayre so tickets can be purchased then or on the night of the fayre. We look forward to the gathering of our community again during the festive season after a difficult few years. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Seven Last "Words" of Christ** Sir James MacMillan reflects on the creative process of his Composition (Cantata) of the Seven last words of Christ on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the Gold Leaf Version above the Sanctuary at the Holy Cross, Constarry Road, Croy, G65 9JG -22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7:30pm beneath our Gold Leaf Version.

**Laudato Si** See Facebook for this week's message.

**Are you worried about raising cost of living?** We are here to help. FREE DROP IN EVENT on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 12:30-4:00pm at Callander Square Shopping Centre. Advice on: energy, benefits, debt, food, etc. See notice boards for further details.

**Bookshop** A Catholic bookshop is set to open at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Saturday 26 November. St Pauls Bookshop will have a wide range of Christian literature as well as gift items. Find your perfect stocking filler! Opening hours will be 10:00am to 5:30pm, including weekends (closed Mondays).

**World Day for the Poor** Sunday 13 November is World Day for the Poor. This year's theme is "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9). Pope Francis asks us to pray for those facing poverty in our communities and across the world. You can also show practical support by supporting a charity that serves the poor, such as the Society of St Vincent de Paul or SCIAF, which is the official aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

**Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley** Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

**Interfaith week – 13-20 Nov** The theme of this year's Interfaith Week is 'storytelling'. To find out where interfaith events are happening, check [www.interfaithscotland.org](http://www.interfaithscotland.org).

**Prisoners' Week** Prisoners' Week begins on Sunday 20 November. A launch service takes place at Bishopbriggs Community Church that day at 5pm. For full details and resources please see [www.prisonersweek.org.uk/](http://www.prisonersweek.org.uk/)

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Purcell, Molly McBeth, Mary Barrett, Daniel Toye, Margaret Woods, Grace Wotherspoon, B. Kewell, Ena Rossi, David Allan, Susan O'Connor, Sandra Sharp, Una McLuckie, Nicholas McFeat, William Hunter, William Byrne, Rose Byrne, Peter McBride, Joe Healey, Clare Catherine Welsh, Rose Byrne, Diana McCartney, Anna McFeat, William H. Jordan, Mary Alke McKenna, Joseph Dooner Jr., Catherine Harkins, Teresa O'Hara, The Crosbie Family, Rose Ann Gallagher, Christina Kidd, Mary Ruterford, Elizabeth McGlynn, Natalie McCue, Colette Carter, Winfred Gladys Alley, Helen Kosoris, Elizabeth Forsyth, John McMahon, John MacDonald, Hugh Lawrence. **Please Pray for Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

**Merrilees Family Funeral Directors**, 3 Thistle St, Falkirk have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of November.

#### Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Anne Allison R.I.P.	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Sarah Jane Welsh R.I.P.		Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 9:30am	St Anthony's
Kathleen Forsyth R.I.P.		Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

**Collection:** Last week's collection: £1845. Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November 33 <sup>rd</sup> <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, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Requiem Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am 10:00am	Requiem Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	09:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00am	Requiem Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> 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).