

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
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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 today. Please support its excellent work assisting Catholic Schools across Scotland. For more information visit www.sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week/

Rite of Enrolment for all children preparing for First Holy Communion & Confirmation is taking place today during all Masses.

Congratulations to Mr David Short who has been appointed the new head teacher of St Andrew's Primary School. We wish Mr Short many happy, blessed and fulfilled years leading St Andrew's School.

Why the Nativity? A new feature film (from Turning Point) will take place at all Cineworld cinemas across the UK, including Falkirk, on Saturday 3rd December 10-12noon. To order your FREE tickets visit <https://whythenativity.co.uk/> or call 08000582856.

Welcome to Lily Newes-Livingston, Zuzanna Daisy Reaburn and Freya Sienna Ferguson who were baptised last weekend and congratulations to the Parents.

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 28th November at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall.

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. Friday 9th Dec 2pm, Thursday 15th Dec 1pm.

St Andrew's Night in St Anthony's, Hall will take place next 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.

Christmas Cards A wide selection of Christmas cards and gifts is now available in the stall.

ADVENT 2022

Entering Advent. Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled 'Entering Advent with Isaiah' with Fr Jamie McMorrin, 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 **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 **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

Christmas Toy Giveaway All the info you need to know! Drop off on Saturday 3rd Dec 9am – 3pm and Sunday 11am – 3 pm then, open to the public for collection on Saturday 10th December 9am – 2pm. We kindly ask that only new or nearly new goods are donated, a gift you would wish a child to receive on Christmas morning. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity.

Hogmanay Ceilidh, 31st 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 Christmas fayre on 1st December from 6-8pm. Representatives of the school will be selling raffle tickets after Masses next weekend 26/27 November leading up to the fayre so tickets can be purchased then or on the night of the fayre. Thank you for your continued support.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

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).

St Andrew's Day Celebrate the feast day of our National Patron at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. There will be adoration on Tuesday 29 November from 7pm which will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 8pm. Then on Wednesday 30 November, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at 12:45pm. *It was Andrew who, famously, brought Peter to Jesus – this feast day is your opportunity in a special way – to go to Jesus, through Andrew.*

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley Join Archbishop Cushley for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

Female Vocations Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Anniversaries: Anna Lang, William Jordan, James Lunn, Stanley Lyon, Joseph Carberry, Norma Canny, Hugh Forsyth, Joseph Grogan, Catherine Harvey, Rachel (Dolly) Woods, John Hardie, Jeremiah Callan, James Callaghan, John Meighan, Rose Marie Watson, Michael Kelly, Rodney Moore, Dominic Toye, H. Wilson, J. Roy, Mary Kane, Maureen Relf, Sr. Mary David, John O'Connor, Jim McElroy, Margaret Jackson, James Lunn, Jacqueline A. Robinson, Charlie McGhee, Eugene Cox, Isabella Burt, Clare Welsh, Annie McGhee, Janet McFadden, Thomas Cowell, William Byrne, Jacqueline A. Robertson, Peter Swords. **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
Jeannie Connor R.I.P.	Monday 5 th December 6:00pm	Tuesday 6 th December 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Isobell McRorie R.I.P.	Tuesday 6 th December 6:00pm	Wednesday 7 th December 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

Collection: Last week's collection: £2207. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 20 th November <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</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, 21 st November <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 22 nd November <i>St Cecilia</i>	10:00am	Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 23 rd November	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 24 th November <i>St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions</i>	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 25 th November	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 26 th November <u>Our Lady</u>	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).