

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 6th November 22, 32nd 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 Michael 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!

Welcome to Luca Giovanni David Paoli who was baptised last weekend and congratulations to his parents, brother and sister.

Baptisms Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to 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:

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.**

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

All Saints and All Souls- many thanks to all those who turned out in great numbers to the Masses in both these days. Special thanks to the Bereavement Group for all their work in the church and hospitality offered in the hall during and after the 7pm Mass on Wednesday.

Prayers for Holy Souls- our Remembrance Book and November Lists are on display next to Our Lady shrine and will remain there for the remainder of this month.

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 17th November 1pm, Friday 9th Dec 2pm, Thursday 15th 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.

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.

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!

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.

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 -22nd November at 7:30pm beneath our Gold Leaf Version.

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**.

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 18th November 12:30-4:00pm at Callander Square Shopping Centre. Advice on: energy, benefits, debt, food, etc. See notice boards for further details.

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

Anniversaries: Gino Gonella, Jackie Cheape, Eddie Strain, Mary Ferrie, Bridie Raymond, Francis Harvey, Joe Winters, Mary Smith, Jessie Cannon, James (Jimmy) Doyle, Robina Dougall, James Maartin Gallagher, Elaine Lynch, Margaret McKenna, Melanie Costa bir, Susan McQuade, Peggy McKenna, Mary Heanue, Mary Callaghan, Janet Hunter, Helen Stirling, Mary Keenan, Neil O'Donnell, Annie Strathie, Catherine Cameron, Donald Cameron Burt, Helen Crossley, James McGuire, James McGlade Snr., John McGuire, Helen Harvey, Marion Fitzpatrick, Patrick Coyle McGlade, Peter MacDonald. **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 th November 6:00pm	Monday 14 th November 10:00am	St Francis Xavier’s
Sarah Jane Welsh R.I.P.		Tuesday 15 th November 9:30am	St Anthony’s

Collection: Last week’s collection: £1809. Thank you for your continued financial support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 6 th November <i>32nd 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, 7 th November	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Tuesday, 8 th November <i>Blessed John Duns Scotus</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Wednesday, 9 th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s
Thursday, 10 th November <i>St Theo the Great</i>	09:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Novena/Confessions	St Anthony’s St Francis Xavier’s St Francis Xavier’s
Friday, 11 th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier’s
Saturday, 12 th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	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).