

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
Parish Newsletter, 25th
Sunday 8th November 2020, 32nd Sunday of Year A
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LAUDATO SI, OUR COMMON HOME – Watch this space for our first Laudato Si Circle date. You can learn more about Laudato Si and what the Pope says about care for the planet here: <https://youtu.be/BF2fzPypsy8>

Alpha Online – both groups are now up and running. Please pray for all involved, the guests and the teams.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults –we have seven Seekers this year so far. If you know anyone interested in exploring the faith, please ask them to contact office@falkirkcatholics.org.

Attending Mass Please continue to book online for weekend Masses at www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking . Booking closes 4 hours before Mass. We thank everyone for continuing to book with consideration of others.

Our **phone ministry** to the elderly and housebound continues. Please let us know if someone would like to receive a phone call on office@falkirkcatholics.org

Toy Exchange, Good quality items (no soft toys please) can be dropped off at the church halls on the 11th and 14th November between 10:30 and 12 noon and 7-8:00 pm on 11th November. Once everything has been sorted, we hope to open to young families in the community on 28th November.

Deaths: Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Rosa Bertolini. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Rosa's funeral Mass will take place on Monday 15th November at 12pm in St Francis Xavier's.

Anniversaries Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Peggy McKenna, Melanie Costa Bir, Susan McQuade, 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, B. Kewell, Ena Rossi, David Allan, Susan O'Connor, Sandra Sharp, Una McLuckie, Nicholas McFeat, William Hunter, William Byrne, Peter McBride, Joe Healy.

Event for Grandparents

If you're a grandparent please register for 'Grandparents: Our Mission'. This Zoom event is led by Catherine Wiley of the Catholic Grandparents Association. She will present a vision of grandparents' ministry which includes sharing the faith with grandchildren and building a sense of mission in today's Church. It takes place [at 7pm on Wednesday 04 November 2020](#). Register at bit.ly/GrandparentsEvent.

In God's Image

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland would like to hear from you if you wish to propose any changes to 'In God's Image', the safeguarding policy manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland. They state: "We want to hear from lay people, as well as from clergy and religious. Above all, we are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the church can plan to ensure sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns." Closing date is [30 November](#). Please go to bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2.

1st Holy Communions

1st holy communions will continue be celebrated over the next two Saturdays. These will be private events for the children and their families only. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November, we are encouraged to pray for all the faithful departed. Our annual memorial service will take place at 7:00pm on Thursday 19th November. This event will be online only, as we cannot accommodate all the bereaved in the church. We have celebrated over 75 funerals in the past year.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis began his Wednesday General Audience noting that the event must “unfortunately” be held once again in the library of the Apostolic Palace without the presence of the faithful.

He called it a reminder of the importance of respecting the directives laid out by political and health authorities. He also invited everyone to pray for those who are ill with Covid-19 and for the medical personnel working hard to treat them. "Let us offer the Lord this distance between us, for the good of all," he said. "And let us think often about the ill, those who are already considered left behind. Let us think about doctors, nurses, volunteers, and the many people who are working with the sick right now, who risk their lives but do it out of love, their vocation, and love for their neighbour. Let us pray for them."

Pope Francis, General Audience Nov 2020

The Archdiocese is offering an online Diploma in Catechetics. It is aimed at lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children’s liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and perhaps become more involved at parish level.

We would encourage as many people as possible to take part. Accompanying others is a huge part of our faith and this course will really help parishioners feel sure about what they are sharing. The cost is very reasonable – only £100. Please speak to one of the priests if you’d like to do the course, and can commit, but finance is an issue.

The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan and will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each, taught in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). Assessment will be oral, a short interview via Zoom at the end of each module. The course will be taught by a variety of religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters.

There will be an **introductory online session for anyone interested in finding out more about the Diploma on 24 November 2020** and the course will begin officially on **12 January 2021**. Details will be published on the Archdiocese’s social media and website. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Sr. Anna Marie at sranna.marie@staned.org.uk Sr Anna-Marie will also be presenting a **talk on prayer** for the deanery on **Monday 9th Nov at 2:0pm & 7:30pm** online. Please email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk to register for the 2 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. session.

Finance - Offertory Collection November 1st £1634.59 / Standing Orders £ 300 (avg)

Weekly Schedule Day /Date	Feast	Time	Church	
Sunday 8th November	<i>32nd Sunday, Year A</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am 12 :00 pm 1.30 pm 7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass
Monday 9th November	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Rosary & Benediction
Tuesday 10th November	<i>St Leo the Great - Memorial</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 11th November	<i>St Martin of Tours- Memorial</i>	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 12th November	<i>St Josephat – Memorial</i>	9.30am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Novena and Benediction
Friday 13th November		10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 14th November		9.30am 10:00 am 12.00 pm 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass 1 st Holy Communion Mass Vigil Mass