

The Parish of St Francis Xavier's

St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Parish Newsletter,

Sunday 6th June 2021, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year B

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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.

View from the Sanctuary

Over the next seven weeks we will be doing a preaching series on the Sacraments of the Church. This will be an opportunity for us all to reflect and deepen our understanding of the sacraments and the vital role they play in our Christian journey. We begin this week looking at the great gift of the Eucharist- The Summit and source of the Christian life. Next week we will be looking at Baptism – the gateway to the sacraments.

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that they will always treasure this precious gift.

Now that we are in Level 1, congregational singing at Mass will gradually be reintroduced. We will start off with the Mass parts and slowly introduce hymns in the coming weeks.

BOOKING FOR MASS

The arrangements for Sunday Mass booking are as follows: Please visit <https://www.falkirkcatholics.org/booking> where you will see a list of upcoming Masses. Click the mass you wish to attend and register each person including children. Please note the change that all children must now be booked in. Thank you.

Meeting for Parish Readers

We would like to invite all those who currently exercise the Ministry of Reader in both churches to a meeting at St Francis Xavier's on either Wednesday 9th June at 7:00pm or Saturday 12th June at 11:00 am. This meeting will help us to reflect on this vital ministry in the life of the parish as well as offer some practical help so that the Word of God may be worthily proclaimed. Anyone who is not already a reader in the parish would be most welcome to come along and consider offering your services. We especially need more readers for the Saturday Vigil mass.

Communion to the Sick & Housebound

Now that we are in level 2, Communion Visits to the sick and housebound can resume. All ministers should ensure they follow Covid- 19 safety protocols when visiting. There be a meeting for Communion Ministers on Monday 28th June at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier's.

Anniversaries

Please Pray for: Wilhelmina Lindsay, Eleanor McLaughlin, Helen McCarron, Eddie Gallagher, William Ferrie, Mary Currie Allison, Pat Gallagher, Tom Kenna, Owen Gormley, Elizabeth Cumming, Frank Kotrys, Peter Harris, Anne-Marie Taylor (Smith), Lauren Bain, Elizabeth Barr Moore, Margaret Jack, Patsy Murray, Joseph Harvey, Peggy Gray, Edmund Summers, Lindsay Gentleman, Margaret Smith, Martin Dominic Kelly, Mary (Moore) Skrukwa, William Gentleman, Noel McAllister. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen**

St Anthony's – Book of Remembrance / Anniversaries list. We would like to create a Book of Remembrance for St Anthony's and create an anniversary list for the parish newsletter. Please use the link below to add the names of family members or fellow parishioners. It would be a great help if the names can be submitted on behalf of those who struggle with technology. Alternatively, please submit a list in writing with the following details: Name, date of death, place of burial / cremation. Thank you. <https://forms.gle/L9XNDAnPHF8Ae4xb9>

Safeguarding Training

If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults please ensure that you register for the Induction Part 1 & 2 safeguarding training. All the details you need can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training/>

Mental Health event

The Archdiocese is hosting an event titled 'Mental Health and the Pandemic: How can we respond?'. It takes place on Monday 7 June, 7:30-8:30pm and features Fr Tony Lappin and Professor John Crichton (Zoom webinar). Register now at bit.ly/MentalHealth_Webinar

Use of Church Halls

In preparation for the reopening of the church halls for group use, we require each group to provide a risk assessment as well as Covid- 19 safety protocols. At present we are still bound by 2M social distancing rules. Also due to social distancing, groups that previously used the house will need to be relocated to the sacristy or the hall. At this stage I don't expect the halls being back in use for groups until after the school summer holidays (subject to everything being safe).

School Uniform Exchange

We will be running our successful School Uniform Exchange again this year. Drop off will be on Friday 2nd July between 5pm & 7pm and Saturday 3rd July between 10:30am and 1:30pm. Collection on the 10th & 11th July. If you would like to help either with collections, sorting or distribution please contact the parish office. Thank you.

St Francis Xavier Credit Union will open to the public again on Wednesdays between 11am - 12.30pm There is a one-way system in place and social distancing will be observed. We are delighted we will be able to see and serve our members once again.

The Eucharist - Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." CCC1324

Collection: Last week's collection: £1249 Special Collection: £288 Thank you for your continued financial support.

If you have Envelope no: 75 could you please speak to Fr Jamie? Thank you.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 6 th June 2021 2021 <i>Corpus Christi</i>	11:00 am 10:00 am 12: 00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Monday, 7 th June	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 8 th June	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 9 th June <i>St Columba</i>	10:00 am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 10 th June	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Novena / Confessions	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 11 th June <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 12 th June	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Mass Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's