

**The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches
Parish Newsletter,
Sunday 21st August 22, 21st Sunday, Year C
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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.

We welcome Fr Peter Kelly and Fr Sean Bradley who will be covering the Sunday Masses at St Francis Xavier's this week. Fr Martin is taking a short break and will return on Tuesday.

The Parish Fun Day is next Sunday 28th August at St Anthony's. There will be a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Children's Entertainer, lots of fun games, tea, coffee & home baking. The fun begins 1:00 pm. Please make an effort to come along and support this parish event. Please hand in home baking on the day. No nut products please.

UCM - The new session starts on Wednesday 24 August in St Martha's hall from 1pm to 3 pm. New members are very welcome.

Altar Servers' Day: Saturday 3rd of September A special day for children who altar serve in our parish is set to take place on Saturday the 3rd of September in the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The event will include games, prayers, and is a great chance for our children to meet other young Catholics from around the Archdiocese. Best of all – it's free! All children who are currently altar serves or who are interested in becoming altar servers are welcome! Please see the green information and consent forms at the back of the Church and return as soon as possible to Fr. Martin or the Chapel House. Thank you for encouraging your children to explore their faith in serving God's altar!

Youth Pilgrimage The National Pilgrimage for young people aged between 16-30 takes place on Saturday 24 September in Dunkeld, Perthshire. It includes walks to holy sites, talks and Mass. A bus will leave from the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh at 9:30am (£10). To book your place email yi@staned.org.uk.

Personal Action and Caring for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*). Pope Francis asks each of us to work against the climate and biodiversity crises. Maybe we doubt that individual action could have an effect. For inspiration, we could think of Mahatma Gandhi, who campaigned against injustice and for India's independence. In encouraging simple, peaceful, individual action, such as making salt and cloth, and walking with others, he showed the power of people. Last week, India celebrated 75 years of independence. We could reflect on Gandhi's words: "The future depends on what you do today" and "You must be the change you wish to see in the World." We could take peaceful action for Creation - see <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> for ideas.

Annual Justice & Peace Mass This takes place at 7pm on Monday 5 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. The lead celebrant is Canon Brian Gowans, the Vicar Episcopal for the Archdiocese's Caritas Justice & Peace Commission and there will be a homily from Fr David Stewart SJ. Buffet and refreshment served in hall after. Register at bit.ly/caritasmass

My Faith & Scotland Is Scotland a tolerant country for people of faith? Take part in an in-depth conversation on the experience of Christians and Muslims, with guest speakers outlining obstacles and opportunities. This event takes place at the parish hall of St John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn, on Saturday 10th September, from 11am to 3pm. Register at bit.ly/myfaithscotland

Margaret Sinclair The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on **Sunday 18th September**. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

Baptisms If you wish to have your child baptised, please arrange an appointment with one of the priests or Deacon Kenneth. Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to baptism@falkirkcatholics.org

Anniversaries: Please Pray for Margaret Rock, James Mochan, Concetta Caramando, Charles Campbell, Brenda Watrensfooh, Michael Hanlon, Bernard Harkins, Nancy Robb, Stella Marcinkiewicz, Anne Herriott, George Herriott, Marion Cram, Ruth McRorie, Jeanie Oliver, John Boyle, Jen Welsh, Elizabeth Vlahos, Margaret Politowski, Alexander Strathie, Mary Teresa Sweeney, Kevin Harvey, Eddie Morven, Elizabeth Matyszkowicz, Christine Anderson, Margaret Gentleman, Darren MacLean, Francis Little, Michael Schofield, Tessie Clarkin, Alice Elliott, Tommy Winters Snr, Margaret Peters, Helen (Lena) Dobbie, Alexander Downie, Francis Little, James Harley, James Sneddon, Denis O'Donnell, Andrew Coyle, Ann Frame. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Ellen Sweeney R.I.P.	Wed 24 th August 6:00pm	Thursday 25 th August 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Derek McCauley R.I.P.	Sunday 28 th August 6:00pm	Monday 29 th August 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Mary Gow R.I.P.		Thursday 1 st September 2:15pm	St Anthony's

Collection: Last week's collection: £2417 Thank you for your continued financial support.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 21 st August <i>21st 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, 22 nd August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Tuesday, 23 rd August	9:30am 10:00am	Mass Mass & Divine Mercy Prayer Group	St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's
Wednesday, 24 th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	10:00am	Mass	St Francis Xavier's
Thursday, 25 th August	10:00am 7:00pm	Funeral Mass Novena/Confessions	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's
Friday, 26 th August	10:00am	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis Xavier's
Saturday, 27 th August <i>St Monica</i>	10:00am 10:30am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Mass Confessions Confessions Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's

Morning Prayer starts at 9:30am Monday-Saturday.