

St Francis Xavier Church

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C - 21st July 2019

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Mass Times



Monday—Friday	10.00 am
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Saturday	10.00 am 5.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am

Confessions

Monday to Thursday
1.45—2.00 pm
Saturday
4.15 - 4.45 pm



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the Glass Chapel

Monday to Friday	10.30 am to 6.00 pm
Friday	10.30 am to 4.00 pm
Saturday	10.30 am to 4.30 pm
Sunday	12 noon to 4.30 pm

The Xavier Centre

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Parish Collection

Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection which totalled £1450.

Feasts this week

Tuesday 23rd

St Bridget

St Bridget as born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. She founded the Bridgettine Order,

Thursday 25th

St James

James was the son of Zebedee and brother of John. He is also known as James the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa in 44AD, the first of the apostles to die for Christ.

Friday 26th

St Joachim and St Anne

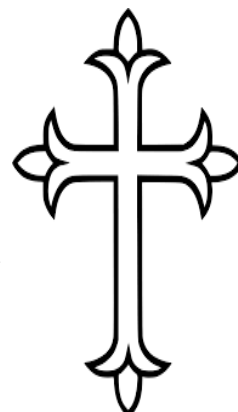
The parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus, a tradition going back to the earliest days of the Church.

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick – Please remember all those in our parish and community who are ill or in hospital.

Those who have recently died – Jack Meechan, Susan Callaghan, Mary McKeown, Robert Boyle, William Canning, Jack Gardner, Ann Marie Thomas, Margaret Ann McColl, Jim Muldoon, Elsa Tague, Joe Fitzpatrick, Gerry Clarke, Stewart McCormick, Connell Boyle, Mrs Tomicki, Joe Keenan, Anne McBride, John Rodgers, Mary Meechan, Rita James Toner, Susan Callaghan, Isobel Gaughan, Chrissie Kelly, Bill Briody, Michael O'Grady, Jean Smith, Hugh Meehan, Peter Logue.

The months minds and anniversaries of those we wish to especially remember – Eddie McMahon, Bernadette Keenan, Paul McAllister, Mr Hendry, Mrs Hendry, John Fagan, Jim Burns, Alicia Gallacher, Catherine Duffy, Roseann Carr, Margaret Hassan, Maurice McMonagle, Peggy Campbell, Rhonda Shannon Watson, Sarah Shannon, Annie Higgins, the Hendry family, the Napier family, the Moore family, Irene Timmons, Hugh McKechnie, Matthew Phee.



CLERGY CHANGES

Bishop Toal recently announced the following clergy changes.

- Fr Charles Coyle will be Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride.
- Fr Kieran Hamilton will be Assistant Priest at St Patrick's and St Thomas' Wishaw.
- Fr Mark O'Donnell will be Assistant Priest at St Joseph's and St John Ogilvie's, Blantyre, in September.
- Fr Kenneth Campbell, in addition to being Parish Priest at St Barbara's, Muirhead, will be Administrator at St James the Greater in Coatbridge with Fr Kevin Lawrie as Assistant Priest
- Fr Ghislain Bakikure Mulumanzi is appointed as Parish Priest in St Monica's in Coatbridge when Fr Bernard Zulu returns to Zambia.
- Fr James Thomson, presently Parish Priest in St Mary's in Lanark, St Isidore's in Biggar and St Mary Magdalene in Forth, will be Parish Priest in St John Bosco in Easterhouse
- Fr Thomas Doyle, presently Parish Priest in St Bride's in Bothwell, will be Parish Priest in St Mary's in Lanark, St Isidore's in Biggar and St Mary Magdalene in Forth.
- Fr Brian Lamb, in addition to being Parish Priest at St Joseph and St John Bosco in Blantyre, will also be Parish Priest at St Bride's in Bothwell with Fr John-Paul McShane ministering in the parish of St Bride's.
- Fr Bruce McPhail will be Assistant Priest in St Andrew's in Airdrie and reside in the parish.
- Fr Paul Denney will be Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish in Motherwell.

WHO'S UP THERE?

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.
But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.
There stood the boy from primary school
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbour
Who never said anything nice.
Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.
I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.
'And why is everyone so quiet,
So sombre – give me a clue.'
'Hush, my child, they're all in shock'.
No one thought they'd be seeing you..'

FAREWELL AND THANKS

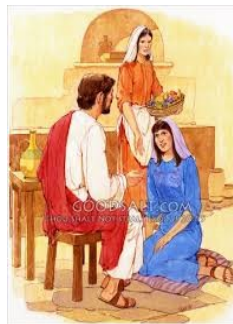
Many thanks to Fr Parkes for supplying in the parish for the past three weeks. We hope that you enjoy your holiday in the Dolomites before you return to Scots College in Rome.
Fr McGachey returns on Wednesday.

MARTHA OR MARY - WHICH ARE YOU?

In today's gospel from Luke, we meet Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus who we know from John's gospel are very good friends of Jesus but we don't hear of Lazarus in Luke. Here, Jesus visits their home and, whilst Martha is left with all the work to do, Mary prefers to just lie at his feet listening to him speaking. This annoys Martha who asks Jesus to remonstrate with Mary but Jesus just says that *Mary has chosen the better part*.

I would imagine that most of us would side with Martha in that it seems very unfair for her to be left with all the work to do while Mary seems to be loafing about. But is it the case that we have to be one or the other?

From the story we can imagine that Martha is a worker, a perfectionist, a grafter; the sort of person without whom nothing would get done. She is a concerned person, but concerned about so many things that are of little importance that she could miss out on the important things in life.



Martha is a good person. Martha is you and Martha is me. Most of us are Martha-people, busy with the affairs of the world. In fact, without Martha-people, nothing much would get done in the world. Many of the things we take for granted would be missing. Alas, the world would not survive just with dreams or dreamers.

But we have to make times in our life when we deal with the eternity of our lives, when we put our love and service to God first, that we make sure we listen to the words and the teachings of the Lord, in our prayers, in the Gospel and in our Eucharist, for the message the Lord is giving to us. There are times when we need to be like Mary.

Deacon Jim