

St Francis Xavier Church

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C - 22nd September 2019

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Mass Times and Confessions

Monday - Friday: Mass	10.00 am
Saturday: Mass	10.00 am 5.00 pm
Sunday: Mass	9.00 am 11.00 am
Confessions: Saturday	4.15 - 4.45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the Glass Chapel

Monday to Friday	10.30 am to 4.00 pm
Saturday	10.30 am to 4.00 pm
Sunday	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The Xavier Centre

For enquires contact 07581 239872 or email:
xaviercentre@gmail.com

Parish Collection

Many thanks for your for your generosity to last week's parish collection which totalled £1905 and £1055 for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

Novena to the Little Flower

The Novena continues on Wednesday of this week at 7 pm. The devotions will include the Litany of Saint Thérèse, the Novena Prayers, veneration of the Relic and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots

The Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots will begin on **Wednesday 9th October at 7.00 pm** for nine weeks to conclude on Wednesday 4th December.

Contacting the Parish

It is unlikely that any telephone calls to the parish will be answered so, if you can, please speak to Deacon Jim after one of the Masses or, in case of urgency, telephone him on 07886 314866.

Project Gambia : People Feeding People

Working with a range of partners both in the UK and in The Gambia, Project Gambia has, since 2007, established a range of projects in schools, villages, and farms to provide education, support, and funding to enable people to find a sustainable solution to poverty. **There will be a short appeal, followed by a retiral collection, at all Masses this weekend.**

Vincentian Family Day

On Saturday, 28th September, we host the Vincentian Family Day at Carfin when hundreds of members of the wider Vincentian Family come together to celebrate the life of St Vincent de Paul with a Rosary Procession at 1.00 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 2.00 pm. All welcome.

Baptised and Sent

During October, in response to Pope Francis' chosen theme for the month, ***Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World***, the Diocesan Mission and Evangelisation Team will, over the four Thursday evenings in October from 3rd to 24th from 7.15 to 9.00 pm in the Xavier Centre, reflect on the biblical themes "Created, Called, Made Holy, Sent". No need to book; just come along.

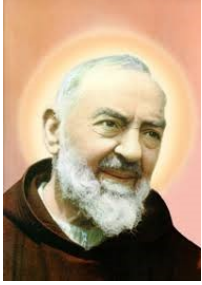
Mrs Anne Leslie

Mrs Anne Leslie would like to thank parish clergy, Sherry Funeral Directors, Virgin Trains staff, friends, neighbours and all involved in any way in her son Colin's funeral for their flowers, cards and prayers. Holy Mass will be offered for all.

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina - 23rd September

St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. His parents were peasant farmers. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God.

Fortunately, his parents were also very religious and supported his Catholic development. His family attended daily Mass. Francesco served as an altar boy at his local parish. In 1897, after three years of schooling, Francesco expressed to his parents that he wanted to become a friar but he was too young at that time and needed further education. At the age of 15, Francesco was ready and he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars at Morcone. He took the name of



"Pio" in honour of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel. Brother Pio became a priest in 1910.

On September 20, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands and feet. He noticed the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was painful. Bleeding occurred. The wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected. Doctors who later examined the stigmata were amazed at their perfectly round shape.

By 1919, word began to spread about Padre Pio's stigmata and people came from far away to examine him. His popularity became a source of concern for the Church and the Vatican began to restrict his activities to minimise public interaction. A Church investigation into his stigmata concluded that his condition was not faked.

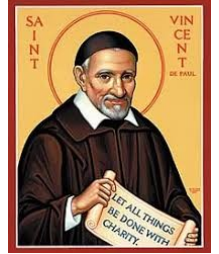
By 1934, the Vatican began to change its attitude towards Padre Pio and he was again allowed to perform public duties. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. His funeral was attended by over 100,000 people.

He was canonised by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002.

Saint Vincent de Paul - 27th September

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.



St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelise and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

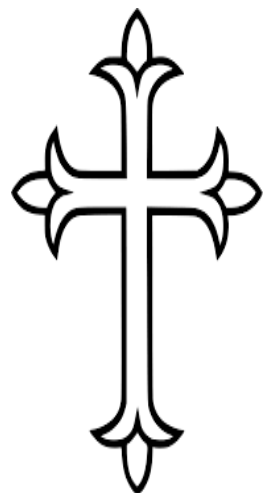
He was canonised in 1737 by Pope Clement XII.

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 – Colin Leslie, Margaret Prior, Andrew McCusker, Rosemary Foley, Peter Kennah, Brian McCluskey, Maria Hart, Loretta Leggatt, Jim Graham, Raymond McNeilly, David Scott, Patrick Connelly, Pat Dunn, Rose Reilly, Pat Corcoran, Wilma Lappin, John Watters, Ann Coyle, Stephen Travers, Neil Tierney, Debbie Woods, May Donoghue, Gerry Laird, Betty Hillferty, Ellen Quadrelli, John Dunn, Alexander Kennedy, Ann Ferguson, Frances Houlichan, Adam Buggy, Mavis Cairns, Anne Murray, James Timmons, Edward Power.

The months minds and anniversaries of those we wish to especially remember – Mrs Agnes Byrne, William and Mary Doherty, Mary Therese Hattie, Peggy Campbell, Betty O'Donnell, Ellen Harvey, Peter Dean, Mary and Tommy Lee, Alicia Gallacher, Gerry Mitchell, Elizabeth McKee, Esther Garrity, Ron Cousins.



All intimations should reach the Chapel House or emailed by 7 pm on Thursday evening