



St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML15AJ



20th June 2021

Twelfth Sunday - Year B

Job 38:1, 8-11

The author of Job uses the image of a whirling storm to portray God speaking. Job does not understand why terrible things have happened to him. Through the questions God asks Job about control of the sea, Job realizes that **GOD IS IN CONTROL**. The reading selects the creation of the sea, with its assertion of God's authority over it thus preparing for the Gospel reading about the stilling of the storm.

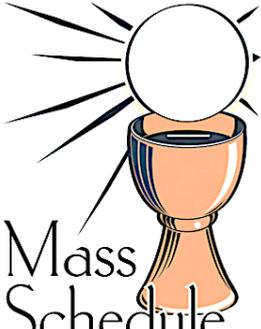


Psalm:

In Psalm 107 four different groups of persons are invited to give thanks to God. The fourth group consists of those who have been rescued from a storm at sea. Thus, the psalm matches the first reading and the gospel.

Mark 4:35-41

The might of the sea is used in today's Gospel to show Jesus acting in the power of God. After Jesus calms the storm and the sea, the disciples are astonished. **IN JESUS, GOD BRINGS THE NEW CREATION TO BIRTH AND DEFEATS THE POWERS OF SIN AND DEATH.**

MON	10.00am OLSF School Leaver's Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle <i>Fr Grant unavailable after this Mass</i>	SAT	5.00pm Vigil Mass at the grotto
TUE	<i>Fr Grant unavailable until the evening Mass</i> 7.00pm Parish Mass	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass at the grotto
WED	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church		 Mass Schedule
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church		
FRI	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church 7.00pm First Holy Communion Mass		

'Take the knee!'



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, REMEMBER TO GENUFLECT BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

To paraphrase an old Latin idiom, ("*lex orandi, lex credendi*") **'if you wish to know what I believe, then watch how I pray'**. To acknowledge the true presence of Jesus reserved in the tabernacle by genuflecting as you enter and leave the church.

We express what we believe by the way we pray.



"Come in, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us."

DATE	TIME	FINAL FIRST COMMUNIONS for 2021	FIRST CONFESSIONS
Fri 25th June	7.00pm	Ashton Potter, Lucas Robertson, Jessica Watt, Jude Campbell, Kerri McCourt, Dennis Murray, Marco McNally	Wednesday 23 rd June 6.00pm and 6.30pm



Let us remember in prayer



Sick: Raymond Magdinel, Irene McLean, Rose Reilly

Recently Dead: John McDevitt, Jim McKenzie, James Reynolds, David Beck, Mary Reynolds, Isabell Linden, Margaret Kearney

Months Mind: Alicia Gallacher, Joseph & Kathleen Hughes, Michael & Gwyneth Clark, George & Susan Ilgunas

Anniversary: Jeanette McLachlan, David Dickson, Phil Milne & Frank, Henry McAvoy, Annie Hughes, Katie Giblin, Patrick & Alec Cullen, Dorothy Cullen, Joe McGurk, Frank Masson

Father's Day Remembrance: John McShane, Jim McShane, Frank McMahan, John Canning, Thomas Taylor, Jim Grant, Andrew Lees Snr & Jnr, Thomas Lees, William Wardrope, Thomas Postlethwaite

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose & GiftAid	£ 2380
Standing Orders	£ 117
Total	£ 2497
Contactless (<i>Grotto</i>)	£ 25

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	5.00pm	Kathleen Gilgunn
Sun	9.00am	Alan Wilson
Sun	11.00am	Kathleen Miller

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION DIRECTLY ON THE TONGUE

I am very conscious that there are a number of people who have found it extremely difficult during this time of pandemic to adhere to the Bishop's instruction that Holy Communion must only be received in the hand. For those who find themselves in such a predicament and would prefer to receive the Blessed Eucharist on their tongue, then I invite you, as you leave the church, to make your way to the former 'Blessed Sacrament chapel', wait there and I will be more than happy to accommodate your wishes by giving you Holy Communion directly on the tongue. The Bishop of our diocese has sanctioned this.



WELCOME to our newest parishioners who will be baptised this afternoon; Jude John Grehan and Ollie Scott Marzella. May their parents be not only the first but the best of teachers in the ways of faith.

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners, Rebecca Weir and David... who were married in the Glass Chapel last Saturday. May their married life be long and happy.

IN THE GROTTA TODAY - 3.00pm Motherwell Diocesan Hospitalite Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal

IN THE STALL Sleeping St Joseph statues have, at long last, arrived. Price £10.

PETER'S PENCE There will be the annual **Peter's Pence** collection at all of the Masses next weekend. This money is for the Holy Father to use to pursue the goals to which he has committed himself and the Church.

PRAYING WITH OUR BODIES

I couldn't help but notice in the church, last weekend, the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) how many people entered and left the church without any acknowledgement of the Blessed Sacrament. I am sure no disrespect or intentional lack of reverence was intended but it did occur to me to mention what you see on the front of this bulletin, and to reinforce again the importance of expressing our beliefs in the way we pray –



including using our bodies. I am sure that this is a message to which I shall return when the holy water stoups are allowed to be used again. It is amazing how quickly people get out of practice at some things they would have done without even thinking. No doubt, I will feel obliged to mention the Catholic practice of blessing ourselves with holy water upon entering and leaving the church. (On that note, am I the only one who thinks it a bit bizarre that we are now allowed to swim freely in a swimming pool but not permitted to dip a few sanitized fingers into a holy water stoup? Yes, I appreciate that swimming pools have chlorine and all sorts of chemicals, but just the



same...)

Anyway, since there is ample space in this week's bulletin, I thought it would be a good idea to remind ourselves that we pray as much with our bodies as with our tongues. This is a message that I have been trying to get over to the Primary school children coming to Mass on weekdays.



Nowhere is this more relevant than when we speak of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Over the last two weeks when I have been returning to the church with the Blessed Sacrament after the Masses, I specifically asked for Christopher to ring the bell announcing to all in the grotto that the Blessed Sacrament was passing by. Some did fall to their knees or stand quietly, but just as many carried on their conversations and one young person even chose to answer his mobile phone just as I was passing in front of him. The phrase "*they know not what they do*" seems apt, for there is no intentional disrespect. The much more casual way we can now receive Holy Communion (i.e. standing and on the hand) has had an unfortunate side-effect of lessening the reverence which used to characterise our approach to Holy Communion and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament Himself.

So, for better or worse, here is some guidance as to what is required of us by the Church and Catholic tradition.

It is part of our Catholic tradition to KNEEL:

- Whenever we come into the church—we kneel in humble adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Upon returning from Holy Communion, we kneel to give thanks to God for his great gift of the Eucharist.



ALSO

This was re-emphasised when the new translation of the Mass texts were introduced in 2010, but alas, has had limited success in most parishes.

BEFORE receiving Holy Communion we are invited to **GENUFLECT or BOW or make a SIGN OF THE CROSS.**

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REMEMBER