



St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML15AJ



7th March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent (Year of Mark)

Jesus – the New Temple

The Word of God Today

EXODUS The Ten Commandments outline the characteristic relationships with God and with neighbour. **The first four of the Ten Commandments** govern their relationship with God. Jesus later summed up this relationship as the greatest commandment: *“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind”*. **The final six of the Ten Commandments** define boundaries for healthy human relationships. Jesus summed up these human relational boundaries like this: *“Love your neighbour as yourself”*

PAUL Many Jews thought the Messiah would be a conquering king accompanied by signs and miracles. Not only had Jesus not restored David’s throne as they expected, but he was executed as a criminal, and how could a criminal be a saviour?

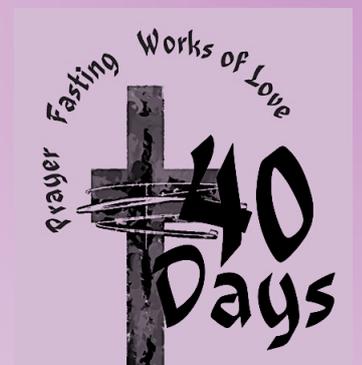
The Good News of Jesus Christ still sounds foolish to a society that worships power, influence, and wealth. Jesus came as a humble, poor servant, and he offers his kingdom to those who have faith. This looks foolish to the world, but Christ is our power, the only way we can be saved.

JOHN For Israel the temple is a sign of the presence of God. Jesus cleanses the sign because it is no longer conveying the message. Another message is added, *“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”* Jesus transfers the sign of God’s presence from the temple to his own body, raised from death.



Streamed Masses this Coming Week

Mon	7.00pm	Lighting of Candles followed by Votive Mass of St. Joseph
Tue	9.30am	Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass
Wed	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Anne Telfer
Thu	9.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church followed by Holy Mass
Fri	9.30am	Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass
Sat	-----No streamed Mass -----	
Sun	11.00am	Holy Mass, Second Sunday of Lent



SCIAF BOXES FOR LENTEN ALMS are available from the porch of the church.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION - £940
Contactless machine (Grotto) = £50

Standing Orders £858 = Total £1798

Your continued contributions to the financial support of the parish are truly appreciated. During these times of lockdown, we have no other means of financial support. I am enormously grateful to those who have diligently handed in their envelopes/cash/standing orders during these strange times. **Please keep up the good work.**

*Thank
You!*

RETURN TO COMMUNAL WORSHIP

Clarity is still being sought with government with regard to the proposed cap of 20. However, I am hopeful that common sense will prevail and this will not be the case and that the government will allow a greater number.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL, C/BRIDGE

The Coatbridge Irish Heritage Committee will be live streaming its annual St. Patricks Day Festival on Saturday 20th March 2021. This will include music performances on the part of some of our regular festival acts over the years as well as first-timers. The live stream includes a step into the history of the festival since 2003, as well as including poetry and messages of support from within Scotland and across the globe.

This year's digital festival will showcase several lectures on some outstanding topics, including Celtic FCs Brother Walfrid as well as one on some anniversaries involved in Irish-British relations: the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and the Irish Hunger strike of 1981. More information on the digital events and how to access these will be posted on the **St. Patricks Day Festival Coatbridge Facebook page soon.**

Wednesday is the feast of Saint John Ogilvie, Scottish Jesuit Priest and Martyr. He was born in 1580 near Keith, in Moray, into a Calvinist family. He went to Europe to continue his education. He came into contact with the Church and was received into it. He joined the Jesuits and spent several years in various Jesuit communities in Austria, the present Czech Republic and France, before being ordained in Paris in 1610. He appealed to his superiors to let him work in his native Scotland and they eventually let him go in 1613. He was arrested in Glasgow in October 1614. King James in London took a keen personal interest in his trial, and sent questions to Glasgow for him to answer to see if the saint would recognise the king's authority to decide religious matters. This was an English issue since the time of Henry VIII but it didn't really arise in Scotland. The saint consistently refused to satisfy the king (as the English Martyrs St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More had also done) and he was condemned to death.

Taylor High Virtual Pilgrimage Lent 2021

We are walking virtually to South Sudan for Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) because we are in unity with the people of South Sudan. To donate click the link below. This takes you to our Just Giving page where all donations are passed on to SCIAF.

<http://bit.ly/taylorlent21>

If you are sponsoring someone (e.g. a grandson or granddaughter) you could name the pupil and their year group and leave them a message of support (e.g. this is for Peter Smith in S2, keep on walking!) in the comment section. We will keep a note of the amount **each year group** raises to encourage a bit of healthy competition. Thank you for any support you can give and God bless and keep you all safe.

Thank you in anticipation,

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