



# St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



19th December 2021

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

<b>TUE</b>	6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Glass chapel 7.00pm Holy Mass in Glass chapel	<b>FRI</b>	♦ Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6:00 pm ♦ First Mass of Christmas at 9.00pm
<b>WED</b>	9.30am Rosary and Morning Prayer in Glass chapel 10.00am Holy Mass in Glass chapel	<b>SAT</b>	♦ Christmas morning Mass at 10:30am
<b>THU</b>	9.30am Rosary and Morning Prayer in Glass chapel 10.00am Holy Mass in Glass chapel	<b>SUN</b>	10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 12.00noon Holy Mass in the Parish Church

TONIGHT I will expose the Most Blessed Sacrament on the altar at 6.00pm and be available for Confession until 6.45pm. At 6.45pm, we shall pray *Evening Prayer* and conclude with a simple Benediction.

*Wednesday - Saturday*



### EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

in the Glass Chapel 9.00am - 10.00am

- ♦ Holy Rosary at 9.30am
- ♦ Morning Prayer at 9.50am
- ♦ Holy Mass at 10.00am

### WELCOME BACK, CHRISTOPHER

This weekend, we welcome Christopher Igwe back to St Francis Xavier's. Christopher is on holiday from Oscott College. In January, he will be on pastoral placement in St Brendan's, Motherwell.

### RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT CARFIN

During the week, I received a phone call on behalf of the Scottish bishops, informing me that they would like the grotto to host the relics of St Bernadette in Autumn. It is envisaged that the relics would be here for around seven days. It will be the only Scottish venue to receive the relics of St Bernadette. I am hoping that this will coincide with the centenary of the grotto on 2nd October. I am hopeful also that all the bishops of Scotland along with the Papal Nuncio will celebrate the centenary with us.

**NEXT JOE'S DEVOTION on Monday 20th December at 7pm. Venue: Glass Chapel.**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

- ♦ Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm
- ♦ First Mass of Christmas at 9.00pm  
*with Blessing of the crib*

Christmas Day

- ♦ Christmas morning Mass at 10:30am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day)

*Feast of the Holy Family*

Masses at 10.00am and 12.00noon

N.B. No vigil Mass

**THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION WILL BE REIN- STATED FROM SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY.**

## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

There was an exceptionally generous response to the food bank collection last week. Thanks most sincerely to the many who brought along bags of groceries and other items. Thanks also to Sancta Familia Media for organising this.

## CARFIN GROTTO CENTENARY CALENDARS

are now available from the stall. You can also purchase them from the church porch and leave your £3 pounds in an honesty box on the table in the porch.

## UPDATE ON CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The company charged with removing the old heating system finished their work, slightly ahead of time, on Friday. I think you will agree with me, that, even although, there are some radiators still to be put in place, the church is nevertheless, cosy and warm.

There is simply not enough time to complete the 'cosmetic' work where the heaters once were. I intend to make decorative arch shaped 'niches' where the statues will be sited on their oak plinths.

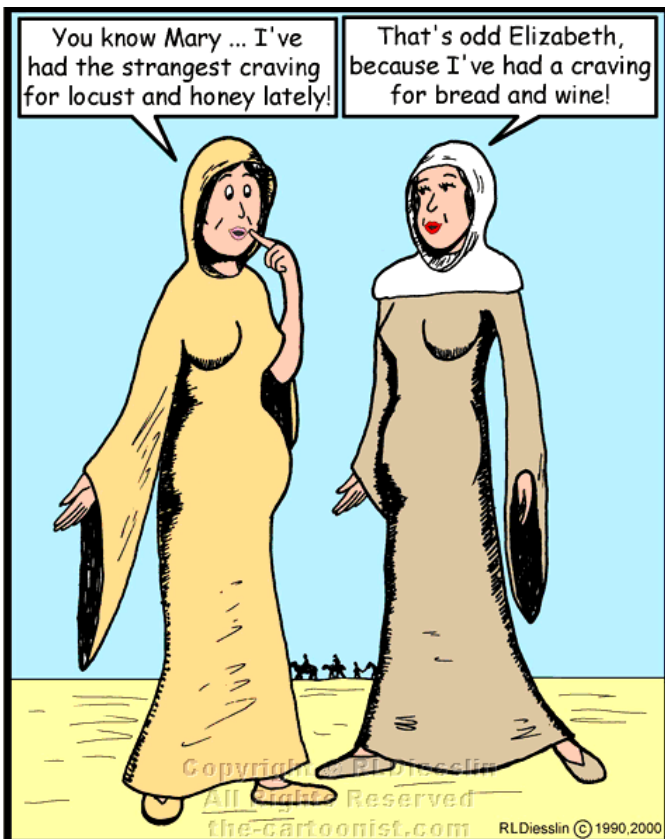


The remainder of the work will be completed in January. This should also include a lick of paint for the walls which are particularly dirty.

Of course it would be my intention to eventually paint the ceiling which is badly in need of a clean. This, as you will undoubtedly appreciate, will be a much more tricky (and expensive) operation, but most necessary, as you will have noticed. However, the priority next year will be the grotto, in preparation for the centenary celebrations in October.

On top of all that, the Xavier Centre badly needs freshened up with a coat of paint. Hopefully this will take place in January.

**To allow the other workers to continue with the work, Masses on Tue and Wed will be in the glass chapel.**



## LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

**Sick:** Francis Kerr

**Recently Dead:** Anne Ward, Aileen Smith, Pat O'Rourke, Michael Meehan, Thomas Kane (New Stevenson), Jane Curran (Bellshill), Bernard Gallagher (Coatbridge), Mary Blair (Cleland), Donald Havern, Sr Mary Benedicta, Eileen McQuaid

**Anniversary:** Joseph Wilson, Margaret Johnston (Connolly), Hugh Reynolds, Eleanor Mallon, Sadie Tague, Joe Ferrie

**Months Mind:** Catherine, Charles & Tracy Devine

**Birthday Remembrance:** Ellen Mullen

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**Christmas Remembrances will be included in the bulletin over the Christmas weekend.**

**I would greatly appreciate it if intimations could be handed in by WEDNESDAY 8.00pm Thank you**

### 'THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC'

The fortnightly magazine is available for purchase from the church porch. Priced £2.00.

**READERS ROTA** Copies available from the porch.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

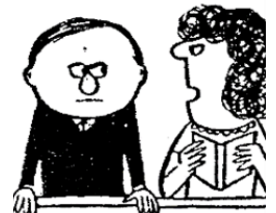
The final choir practice before Christmas will be held in the church on Monday evening at 7.30pm.

### ANN WARD R.I.P.

Anne's funeral is set to take place on Wednesday 29th December, 10.00am Mass and reception of her mortal remains before Mass.



Don't leave  
it to others  
to do all  
the work.



C'MON NOW,  
EVERYBODY  
SINGS

### READERS NEXT WEEKEND

No vigil  
Sun 9.00am Jim Gibson  
Sun 11.00am Willie Collum

### COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid	£ 1490
Standing Orders	£ 157
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1647</b>