



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell, ML1 5AJ



30th October 2022

Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

This week you are invited to celebrate

MON	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Shona Campbell in the Parish church
TUE	10.00am 6.45pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass in the Parish church <i>Our Lady & St Francis school attending.</i> Evening Prayer of the Church Holy Mass in the Parish church
WED	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Mass in the Parish church Holy Mass in the Parish church
THU	10.00am 7.00pm 7.50pm	Requiem Mass for Denis Harvey in the Parish church Exposition of Blessed Sacrament CONFESSIONS from 7.00—7.50pm Night Prayer of the Church
FRI	10.00am	Holy Mass in the Parish church <i>Our Lady & St Francis school attending.</i>
SAT	10.00am 4.15pm 5.00pm	Holy Mass in the Parish church <i>Torridon CSC Deceased Members Mass</i> CONFESSIONS from 4.15—4.50pm Vigil Mass of the Sunday
SUN	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass in the Parish church Holy Mass in the Parish church

This week there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.15am until Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday & Saturday only, and from 7.00pm Thursday as usual.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK
Loose plate & GiftAid £ 1,322.00



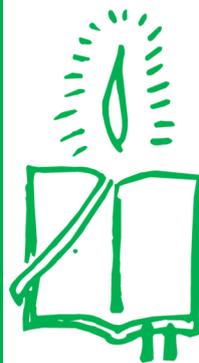
Many thanks for your generous donations to Missio's annual appeal, which totalled **£1,133.50**. If you would still like to donate, details of how to do so, along with copies of Missio's magazine are free to take from the porch.



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

This feast honours all those holy men and women who now live in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, we celebrate all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass this day, as on a Sunday, and as far as possible to keep the day holy by prayer and rest. **Masses here on Tuesday at 10am and 7pm.**



The WORD this WEEK

The **FIRST READING** is taken from the book of Wisdom, a rich source of spirituality. In this passage, we are assured that God will have mercy on us always. We are reminded that God created all that is, and loves all that he created!

St Paul writes to the community in Thessalonica from which the **SECOND READING** is taken, praying that they may be faithful to the message preached about Jesus Christ. He addresses the rumour in the community that Christ would be returning soon, a common belief in the early years of the Faith. He urges them not to be agitated by this rumour, but to go on living their lives faithfully.

In the **GOSPEL** account of the encounter between Our Lord and Zacchaeus the chief tax collector, we see Jesus' compassion and sense of justice reach a peak. He demonstrates his love of the sinner by eating with them, something that would have been seen by his detractors as very out-of-place for a rabbi such as Jesus. But as usual, he persists and teaches a valuable lesson: take in the outcast and sinner first and they will later be healed.

EVITA

Our Lady's Musical Society present 'Evita- the Musical', 1st-5th November, Motherwell Civic Theatre; Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; Lyrics by Tim Rice. **Members of our own Carfin Choristers of Our Lady and St Francis Primary are singing in this production.**

TICKETS from Chris Kelly on 01698 733502; Email: chriskelly17@icloud.com or buy online by visiting: www.ourladyopera.org.uk

OCTOBER HOLY ROSARY

At 8pm each night during October, people have gathered to recite the Holy Rosary at the Massabielle Shrine. Monday is the last day of the month, and so the final opportunity to participate. Thank you to everyone who has taken part so far, particularly the students from our High Schools who, along with their teachers, led the prayers on various nights:

Cardinal Newman High, Bellshill
St Ninian's High, Kirkintilloch
St Ambrose High, Coatbridge
St Aidan's High, Wishaw
Trinity High, Rutherglen
St Andrew's and St Bride's High, East Kilbride



DIALOGUE MEETINGS

Father Charles Coyle is appealing to anyone interested in dialogue between the Catholic Church and other Christian communities (Inter-Christian) or other religious traditions (Inter-Religious) to participate in the following meetings, which will take place in the Xavier Centre:

Inter Religious Dialogue— Monday 31st October, 7.00pm
Inter Christian Dialogue— Monday 7th November, 7.00pm

'THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC'

The fortnightly magazine is available for purchase from the church porch, priced £2.

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Recently Deceased: Mick Carroll, Peter Kelly, Mark Grant, Anne Marie McFarlane, Elizabeth Reagan (Wishaw), Catherine Russell, Frank Doherty, Shona Campbell, Jack Sneddon (Birkinshaw), Margaret Hughes

Anniversary: Carol O'Neill, Francis McAlavey, Bill Connelly, Kevin Roy

Months Mind: Alicia Gallacher, Caroline Clinton, Aileen Smith, Frankie Roy, Joseph Roy, Martin Roy, Paul Todd, The O'Neill Family, The Roy Family

Sick: Elizabeth Lunny

Birthday Remembrance; Robert Miller (60 years), Jim Paterson, Pat Plunkett

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



ALL SOULS DAY & THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Commemoration of the Faithful departed on Wednesday 2nd November expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory, "who have been buried in their human imperfection." **Masses here at 10am and 7pm.**

This remembrance continues throughout the month of November, where daily mass will be offered for those names entered on the 'November Lists'. Please place completed lists with an offering, in an envelope and then in the box at the back of the church.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CEMETERY PRAYERS

During the Month of the Holy Souls, special prayers will be led in our local cemeteries:

Bothwellpark

Sunday 6th November, 2.00pm, by Fr Gerry Bogan.

Bothwellhaugh

Sunday 13th November, 2.00pm, by Fr Stuart Parkes.

St Patrick's, New Stevenson

Sunday, 20th November, 2.00pm, by Fr Michael Brown.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam is the title of a musical reflection on the Holy Souls, given by The Diocesan Choir in Motherwell Cathedral on Friday 11th November, at 7.30pm. The programme will include the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré and a number of traditional Holy Souls hymns not often heard nowadays. Admission is free and all are invited to participate in this event, which honours the memory of the faithful departed.



BERNADETTE RELICS

This week's BBC *Sunday* Programme hopes to feature an item about the visit here of the Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous, as their tour of the UK makes its way to Wormwood Scrubs prison. It is wonderful to have a chance to discuss the experience of hosting the relics here in Carfin Grotto, particularly during this centenary year. The programme, broadcast on Sunday 30th October at 7.00am on BBC Radio 4, can be heard via the BBC Sounds app through the week.

