



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



29th August 2021

22nd Sunday of the Year

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	<i>Fr Grant unavailable</i>	FRI	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church
TUE	<i>Fr Grant unavailable until the Novena/Mass</i> 7.00pm Novena to St Therese & Holy Mass	SAT	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass
WED	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 3.00pm Holy Mass at the grotto <i>National Day</i>
THU	10.00am Holy Mass in the church:- 7.00—8.00pm Confession & Night Prayer		

TUESDAY : NOVENA TO ST THERESE Begins with Rosary at 6.40pm

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER is Our Blessed Lady's birthday. She who was conceived Immaculate was born into this world with a special vocation conferred on her by God from all time – to be the mother of His Incarnate Son. As Mary's sons and daughters I invite you to celebrate Our Heavenly Mother's birthday at a **SOLEMN MASS CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH AT 12 NOON ON 8TH OF SEPTEMBER.**



Torchlight Rosary on the evening of 8th September we shall gather around the Grotto of Massabielle to pray and sing the praises of Mother Mary on her birthday.

A MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF MINE

On September 5th, 1931, Celtic's goalkeeper John Thomson, sadly lost his life, following a collision during a match against Rangers at Ibrox.

90 years later, a pilgrimage has been organised from Celtic Park to Cardenden in Fife, where John Thomson is buried.

Four of us (James, Shaun, Andy and Frank) are walking from Dunfermline to Bowhill Cemetery on Sunday September 5th 2021. We are walking in memory of James McDonald who was our father, grandfather, father-in-law and uncle, who sadly passed away September 2020. All funds raised from our walk will be donated to Carfin Grotto. Both Celtic and Carfin Grotto held a special place in James' life. Please feel free to sponsor us. Thank You.

<https://www.justgiving.com/>

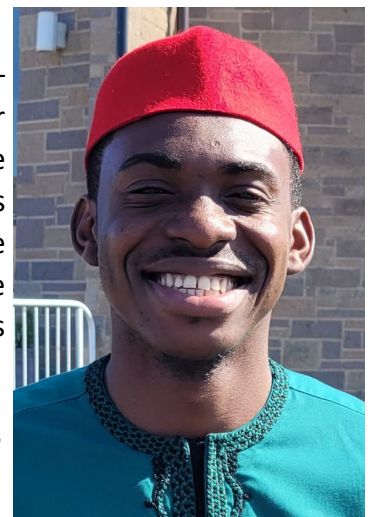
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THIS WEEKEND WE SAY FAREWELL to Christopher Igwe who has been with us since October last year. Christopher begins his studies for the Priesthood in Oscott College, Birmingham this coming Wednesday. We thank him for all that he has done during his time with us in Carfin and we

wish him every best wish for his studies. Please God we shall see him at Christmas when he returns from Oscott for the Christmas break.

THANK YOU CHRISTOPHER FROM ALL OF US AND THE VERY BEST OF LUCK



Scottish Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto

The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto takes place next Sunday with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the occasion this being the year of Saint Joseph the pilgrimage this year is in honour of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

Ahead of the pilgrimage I would love to tidy up the grotto so that it looks its very very best for the many visitors who will come here next Sunday afternoon can

I INVITE ANYONE WHO IS FREE ON SATURDAY MORNING TO COME DOWN TO THE GROTTA AROUND 11:00AM AND HELP TIDY UP AROUND THE GROTTA OF MASSABIELLE AND THE GROTTA IN GENERAL.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose & GiftAid £ 1960
Standing Orders £ 232
Total £ 2192

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5.00pm Angela Glover
Sun 9.00am Alan Wilson
Sun 11.00am Kenny Muir

GROTTO DONATIONS

The QR code below is an easy way of donating towards the maintenance of the grotto. If you have a smartphone, all you need do is take a picture of the QR code with your camera and follow the link. Otherwise download a free QR reader app.



The Mass this year will take place at the grotto of Massabielle. This is a rupture from the more recent tradition of holding Mass down at the Glass Chapel. As you know I have celebrated Sunday Mass and other Masses at the grotto and it is very much my preferred location when we do have Holy Mass in the grotto. I anticipate a good crowd of people for Mass on 5th September which means we need to utilise all the marble benches in and around that area – and in the grotto in general.

One of the tasks to be accomplished ahead of the National Pilgrimage will be to clean the benches, accordingly, I have something I wish to share with you regarding these benches.

It is a genuinely lovely gesture to provide seating for pilgrims to the grotto, however, I have thought for many years that the escalating number of

such benches was changing the focus of the grotto to something akin to visiting a cemetery. Though the primary purpose of the benches was to provide seating in the grotto, there are now many benches where it would be impossible to sit given the amount of memorabilia placed on or around them. I am respectfully inviting those who have placed memorabilia on or around the benches to consider removing them so that they can be used for their original purpose – seating for pilgrims, which will hopefully be much in demand on September 5th.

At the same time, I would like to encourage pilgrims who use the benches as a seat, to say a little prayer for the person(s) on whose bench they are sitting.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Brian Breen, Brian McBride

Recently Dead: Mary Theresa Brannigan, (Airdrie), Thomas Millsop,, Joseph Roy, Robert Chambers, Peter Little, Jackie Donnelly, Janie Downie, Sr Claire Reynolds (Lanark), Evelyn O'Leary (Lanark), Tommy Welsh, Wilma Grady, Matt Hepburn (Barrhead), Thomas Brown, Rosemary McCafferty, Sr Joseph (Poor Clares, Bothwell)

Months Mind: Caroline Clinton, Elizabeth Carr, Christine Doak, Jimmy Collins

Anniversary: Elspeth Mathieson (nee Ward), Mary Currie, Cathie Hughes, Bobby Davidson, John Ferguson, Carl Davidson, Canon Niall Hayes, James Flood, Helen Grady (Flood), James Cassells, Elaine Doak, Mick Donnelly, Richard & Catherine Mullen, James Christie, The Christie Family, Kenneth Hart, Maria Hart

My sincerest apologies to Brian Breen, his wife and family for the error in last week's bulletin Unfortunately Brian's name was published among the recently dead. Although Brian is ill he is very much alive. I ask you please to continue to keep Brian in your prayers and apologise once again for any distress caused to Brian and his family for this unfortunate mistake.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES to the family of the late Joseph Roy who was buried from our church last Thursday.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of SKYLAR RAE McCANDLESS who was baptised last Sunday.

HOLY GHOST FATHERSAUTUMN FAYRE & CAR BOOT SALE

on **Saturday 11th September**, 10 am - 2 pm, in their car park and hall opposite Carfin Grotto. Bouncy Castle, Bottle Tombola, Charity Shop, Refreshments, and much more. **Entrance free.** Please come along and support our mission! To book a pitch (cost £12) please call 07491 975167. **There are also some indoor pitches with tables supplied in our Little Flower hall for £15.**