



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



16th January 2022

Second Sunday of the Year

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	NO MASS TODAY	FRI	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass
TUE	7.00pm Holy Mass	SAT	10.00am Requiem Mass for Liz Cogan 5.00pm Vigil Mass
WED	10.00am Requiem Mass for James Kearney	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass		

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

This weekend there will be a collection for the Justice and Peace Society and for all the work that they do to further justice and peace in our country of Scotland.

ENGAGED COUPLES



I look forward to meeting the couples who have asked to be married in Saint Francis Xavier church at different points this coming year. As arranged we shall meet on Tuesday the 25th of January at 8:00pm in the Bernadette suite (Xavier Centre).

Please bring along a fresh copy of your baptismal certificate unless you are baptised in Saint Francis Xavier church in which case this is not necessary.

MASSES THIS WEEK will be in the church. The workers are taking a very short break from completing the niche due to a delay in receiving the building materials.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES

to the families of James Kearney, (Culzean Drive) and Liz Cogan (Inveraray Gardens) who passed away recently. James' funeral will take place on Wednesday at 10:00 am and Liz' funeral on Saturday 10.00am

May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS



Confessions on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 7.50. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer and will end the 'Holy Hour' by praying Night Prayer.

COMING TO HOLY COMMUNION

Follow the Altar Servers, please.



Please begin the **Communion Procession** from the back seat by following on immediately behind the altar server (if there is one). Many thanks for your cooperation.

ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY the amount donated to the society came to **£535.**

May God bless you for your generosity to this worthy cause.

FIRST CONFESSION

I will be happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness ('First Confession') with those children in primary 4 preparing to receive their First Holy Communion later this year. My proposal is that parents should bring their children along to confession on the following dates Thursdays 27th of January and also 3rd and 10th of February – all from 7.00pm to 7.45pm. There is a sheet at the back of the church so that they can put their name down with regards to the time they will bring their children along the following dates are being offered.

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

Before putting your child's name forward on the sheet, please ensure that your children are prepared, knowing 'what to say' and 'when to say it'. Thank you.

BAPTISMS 2022

If you are planning a baptism of your child this coming year, then please **bear in mind the following dates planned for Baptisms.**

- ◆ Sunday **February** 27th, 1.00pm
- No Baptisms during Lent**
- ◆ Saturday **April** 23rd, 12.00noon
- ◆ Sunday **May** 29th, 1.00pm
- ◆ Sunday **June** 26th, 1.00pm
- ◆ Sunday **July** 31st, 1.00pm
- ◆ Saturday **August** 27th 12.00noon
- ◆ Saturday **September** 24th, 12.00noon
- ◆ Sunday **October** 30th, 1.00pm
- ◆ Saturday 26th **November**, 12.00noon
- ◆ Sunday 18th **December**, 1.00pm

READERS NEXT WEEKEND

5.00pm Liz McMahan
Sun 9.00am Elaine Haldane
Sun 11.00am Aileen Muir

For the foreseeable future, the Reponsorial Psalm will be **SUNG** at all the weekend Masses. Also, readers can uplift the Bidding Prayers from help them prepare, the ambo before Mass. **Thank you**

REQUESTS re. BAPTISM, MARRIAGE etc

Please keep in mind that all requests with regard to the Sacraments, Baptisms, Marriages, First Communion etc should be made to in person to Fr. Jim after the Sunday Masses. The parish e-mail address is not the place to make such requests and neither should anyone try to arrange such events via the Admin. assistant. **PLEASE NO E-MAILS, NOR PHONE MESSAGES. All arrangements are made DIRECTLY and IN PERSON with Fr Jim. Thank you.**

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Sick: Thomas Ward

Recently Dead: Liz Cogan, James Kearney, Mary Hughes, Agnes McFarlane, Peter McEnecey, Catherine Devine (Carluke), George Love (Shotts), Maria Morrison, Mark McGuire (Craigneuk), Margaret Kane (Motherwell), Eddie Drummond (East Kilbride), Eleanor Reid, Cathie Rennie (Mossend), Eileen McQuade, James Welsh, Maria Morrison, Susan O'Neil, Fr. James Doherty,

Anniversary: Margaret Mary Mays, Jimmy Currie, Frank McMahan, John & Mary McShane, Jim McShane, Rosemary & Ronald MacIntyre, Frank, Agnes & Desmond McMahan, John Tamburrini, Margaret Howley, Gary Bell, Margaret Bell, Rose Cullen (Connelly), Martin Roy, Eric Williamson, Jockey Allan, Alex Brown, Gary Bell

Months Mind: Frankie, Joseph & Kevin Roy, Paul Todd, The O'Neill Family, The Roy Family, Theresa Williamson, John McCormack Snr, Teresa Sweet, George Glackin

Birthday Remembrance: Caroline Clinton, Jim Dobbins, Baby Antonia Davidson, Karen Davidson, John McDonald



CHOIR PRACTICE

tomorrow Monday 7.30pm. **It was wonderful to have a full attendance at last week's practice.** Kevin was much encouraged by your enthusiasm.

As always, NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS.

THE GROTTO

I respectfully request that any who may have placed Christmas wreaths or Christmas decorations on or around the benches of their loved ones, to retrieve them as soon as possible. I am anxious to give the grotto a bit of a 'Spring clean' so after a week or two, I will arrange for them to be taken away. It would be good also if as many of the 'memorabilia' placed on or around the seats could be removed, so allowing people to use the benches.

THE GLASS CHAPEL

During this centenary year of the grotto (1922 - 2022), I would like to enhance the Glass Chapel. I think that one of the ways to do so would be to install proper pews, with kneelers, giving people the opportunity to pray on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament. I have looked into this with an Irish Church seating company with whom I have dealt before. I like to go ahead with this project but I will need some financial support.

Over the almost last two years since I arrived here, I have been asked repeatedly about installing more marble benches in memory of people's loved ones. This practice was discontinued before I arrived - one of the reasons being that the person who provided the benches being no longer able to do so.

I have to confess that I was content with that decision since I thought for many years that the growing number of such benches was changing the focus of the grotto to something akin to visiting a cemetery. I have no desire to hurt or offend any who purchased these marble benches in good faith and out of genuine love and devotion to their loved ones, many of whom were great devotees of the grotto themselves. I honestly think that at the outset of this project most people would not have reckoned that in the course of time the grotto would take on a faintly different ambiance.

However, I acknowledge the disappointment of families who have not been able to install a marble bench in the grotto. So, I'm offering them and any others, the opportunity to donate towards any new benches in the glass Chapel. I shall have a little brass plaque screwed along each bench which will say something like the following.

**As you kneel here, please offer a prayer for
JOHN DOE
whose family helped donate this pew.
Requiescat in pace.**

These pews will be here for many many years and your loved one will be remembered at every Mass and service which will take place in the Glass Chapel in the years to come.

When the marble benches were first installed many years ago, I'm told donors were asked for £900. A number of years later, I think that a realistic donation for the pews should be around £1,500 +.

This is only an idea just now but if enough people were interested in making donations then I would progress this project. **I'd be happy to hear from any who are interested in donating.**

WATCH THIS SPACE

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL FAMILIES PREPARING FOR THEIR CHILD'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

I want every family who have asked the Sacrament of the Holy Communion for their child to take part in the Offertory procession at some point between now and the First Holy Communion.

In a week or two days time I will have a sheet at the back of the church and I request every 'First Communion family' to put their name down for a particular Sunday and a particular Mass where they will bring down the bread and wine with all their children especially the child making his or her first Holy Communion.



altar servers, we will all process out through the church at the beginning of Mass.

As the child and his/her parents and brothers and sisters bring the gifts of bread and wine forward, I will announce the child's name and ask everyone to pray for that child and his/her family.

This was the practise in my last parish. It was an integral part of the families' preparation for their child's First Holy Communion and was very well received by the parishioners. I hope that it will be equally appreciated by the parishioners here in Carfin.

The plan is is that the family should come to the sacristy before Mass and that together with the

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini
Kevin Keil

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God,
heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord
Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on
us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-
lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. A - men.

The music for the Gloria, opposite, might help you to join in singing this great hymn of praise in honour of the Most Blessed Trinity.



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



'THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC'

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

This week's articles include

Young Catholics on the Church they want
The Pope versus Pets
A beauties of a Borders church
What make a great Catholic teacher?

Interested in being part of a new music group which will lead the singing every fortnight or once a month at the Vigil Mass?

You don't need to be able to read music. You don't need to be a budding Pavarotti or Kiri Te Kanawa

Kevin is very approachable and is happy to chat after Mass or, if you are interested, please contact Kevin on kevjamcam@gmail.com or phone the parish.

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the call of God. However it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. **THANK YOU FOR TURNING OFF YOUR PHONES.**

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1310

Standing Orders £ 247

Total £ 1557

