



# St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



2nd January 2022

## Feast of the Epiphany

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

<b>MON</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>FRI</b>	10.00am Requiem Mass ( <i>Margaret Graham</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	7.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church	<b>SAT</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the Parish Church 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 5.00pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Church
<b>WED</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary (Glass Chapel) 10.00am Holy Mass (Glass Chapel)	<b>SUN</b>	9.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 11.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church
<b>THU</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary (Glass Chapel) 10.00am Holy Mass (Glass Chapel)		

### Thank you

Christopher and myself would like to thank the many kind people who sent us Christmas cards, gifts and expressed their appreciation of anything we are doing in the parish. Your kindness, generosity and support toward me as your priest, both throughout the year and at Christmas, is very much appreciated and certainly never taken for granted.



Our parish celebrations don't just happen, there is an enormous amount of planning, preparation and work goes into making the church and the liturgy so beautiful. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked so hard many behind the scene, for the beautiful celebration of Christmas. Many thanks to the cleaners who faithfully and willingly clean the church each week, to those who erected the crib, polished up the brass and silverware for the celebration of Mass; Derek, our organist, choirs and cantors, readers, the extraordinary ministers, the altar servers, the sacristans; to those who run our parish stall.

*May God reward each and everyone of you.*

**Christopher and I wish you a wonderful new year. Christopher will begin an extended 'parish placement' in St Columbkille's, Rutherglen.**

### 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.

### ALTAR SERVERS

I would like to meet with the altar servers to go over a few bits and pieces and then to have a very small informal 'party' - some sweets, crisps and juice and etc. I'm proposing that we do this the day before you go back to school—Tuesday at 11.00am. This would be the opportunity, also, for any new recruits (**from P 6 and upwards**) to come along.



### RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT CARFIN

It has now been confirmed that Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from 24th September until 2nd October 2022, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. 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. I asked the Bishops' Conference of Scotland to formally and officially declare the Grotto to be '**The National Marian Shrine of Scotland**'. They will do so at the centenary Mass.

## SINCERE SYMPATHIES

to the families of Margaret Graham who died on Christmas Eve and to John Devine who died on Christmas Day. Their funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ◆ **Margaret Graham** Friday 7th January at 10.00am.
- ◆ **John Devine** Tuesday 11th January at 10.00am

*Reception of Mortal remains for both will take place immediately before Holy Mass.*

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

## 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 **January** 9th, 1.00pm
- ◆ 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

## END OF YEAR STATISTICS

As always at this time of the Year, I am required to submit some parish statistics to the diocese. You may be interested in them

Baptisms	11
First Holy Communions	76
Confirmations	43
Marriages	9
Funerals	20

## 'THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC'

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

**THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION WILL NOT BE REINSTATED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generous contribution to the Christmas collection which amounted to £3400.



## LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

**Sick:** Liz Cogan, Francis Kerr

**Recently Dead:** Aileen Smith, Pat O'Rourke, Ann Ward, Margarita Hernon (nee Reynolds), Margaret Graham, John Devine, Catherine Devine (Carluka), Rose McGlone, Anne Ward, Jim McCorry, Catherine Byrne, Thomas Naughton, Maureen Burt, Domineque Davies (McKee)

**Anniversary:** Gerald McMorrow

**Months Mind:** Elizabeth Carr

**Birthday Remembrance:** James Keenan

**Christmas Remembrance:** James & Norah Keenan, John Con Jim Keenan, Tom & Patrick Keenan, Tommy Mullan, Jimmy & Mary Kelly, Jimmy Burns, Catherine Davidson, Carl Davidson, Bobby Davidson, Martin Davidson, Margaret Rose Davidson, Karen Davidson, Antonia Davidson, John Ferguson, Margaret Ferguson, Kate Long

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

## READERS NEXT WEEKEND

5.00pm K Gilgunn  
Sun 9.00am A Wilson  
Sun 11.00am K Miller

## COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1165  
Standing Orders £  
Total £ 1165