



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

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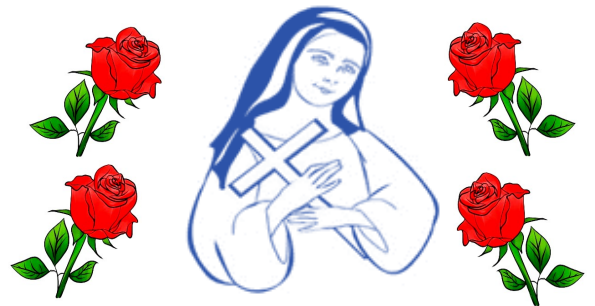
26th September 2021

26th Sunday of the Year

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	<i>Fr Grant unavailable</i>	FRI	FEAST OF THE LITTLE FLOWER Solemn Mass at 7.00pm see below
TUE	<i>Fr Grant unavailable until the Novena/Mass</i> 7.00pm Novena to St Therese & Holy Mass	SAT	NO MORNING MASS DURING OCTOBER 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 8.00pm Torchlight in honour of the Little Flower
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church 7.00pm - 8.00pm Holy Hour with Confessions		

Friday 1st Oct - Feast of THE LITTLE FLOWER



Friday 1st October

Solemn Mass at 7.00pm

Music led by the Diocesan Music Group

Followed by short procession
after Mass to gather at the

Little Flower statue in the grotto.

Sunday 3rd October

'Little Flower Sunday'

Torchlight Procession at 8.00pm

in honour of the Little Flower

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

Joe's Devotion at Carfin Grotto

For those inspired or touched by the words and life of Joe Wilson and to pray for his intercession. This will consist of the Rosary, Joe's prayer and a reflection.

Wednesday 29th September 7.00—7.45pm



WELCOME this weekend to representatives of Mary's Meals who have asked to come along and share something of their work.



C'MON NOW, EVERYBODY SINGS



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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose & GiftAid	£ 1685
Standing Orders	£ 137
Total	£ 1822

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	5.00pm	Paul Burns
Sun	9.00am	Allan Panton
Sun	11.00am	Kathleen Miller

TODAY
SPECIAL COLLECTION
for the formation of the
priests and deacons of tomorrow.



IMPORTANT NOTICE OUR PARISH CHOIR

I would dearly love to see the choir return and lead the singing at the 11:00am Mass. I know that our organist, Derek is equally keen. He will be contacting former choir members inviting them to return to regular practices. The

necessity of having 'canned' music has been used to an advantage - to introduce new music. However, this is not the answer to supporting the singing at Mass and I would not want to see this continue indefinitely. With regard to music at the vigil Mass, sadly, all my appeals for volunteers to form a music ministry has fallen on deaf ears. This is a matter that I will have to address with greater urgency when I return from a much needed break in October.



So, the first Choir practice after a break of almost 20 months will be on this **Monday 27th September at 7.30pm**. New members please!!!

N.B. Rehearsals will be every second Monday—not every week!

10:00am MASS ON SATURDAY The numbers attending our Saturday morning Mass have dropped quite considerably. On top of that, I believe that St Teresa's Newarthill, now have a Saturday morning Mass and St Teresa's parishioners who came to Carfin on Saturday mornings have returned to their own parish. This has reduced our congregation even further. I am hoping to take some time off in October so rather than tie down a visiting priest to come and celebrate Mass for a very small congregation, I have decided for the month of October to **take off the Saturday morning 10:00 AM Mass**. This means that during this coming month of October, there will be no Saturday morning Mass, just the 5:00pm vigil.

Please Note: It has always been my practice on a Saturday morning, when possible, to offer up Holy Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady. **SO, I WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO DROP THE 10:00AM MASS PERMANENTLY,** let us hope and pray that the numbers will perhaps go up during November, the month of the Holy Souls and perhaps also in December for the season of Advent.

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Sick: Paul Kelly, Karen Davidson

Recently Dead: Jean O'Neil, May McKinney, Evelyn Gallagher, Fr. Terry Donnelly, Agnes Lettis, Ranley Lettis, Mary Smith (Plains), Rita Lynch (Baillieston), Joe Docherty, Elizabeth Connor, Johnny Doogan (Airdrie), Danny Hernon (Viewpark), Brian Hughes (Craigneuk), Edward Cullen, Tom Wilson, Sally McAuley, Mary Callaghan

Months Mind: Caroline Clinton, Elizabeth Carr, Catherine, Charles & Tracy Devine, The Devine Family

Anniversary: Margaret Miller, Thomas Kavanagh, Juan & Faustina Biasaga, John Campbell, Ron Cousins, Jimmy McAteer, James & Annie McGarry, Lawrence & Esther McGarry, Elizabeth & Michael Quinn, Rosemary Quinn

SINCERE SYMPATHIES to Mrs Oonagh Taggart, teacher in OLSF Primary school on the death of her mother, Mrs Rita Lynch.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS

Our **CHARITY SHOP** will now be open Mon—Sat 10 am till 2 pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Our recent **AUTUMN FAYRE** raised approximately £1,400. Thanks to all who gave their support.

The Holy Ghost Fathers wish to thank most sincerely Fr Grant and the parishioners of St Francis Xavier's for the many expressions of sympathy and support received following the sudden death of Fr Terry Donnelly CSSp, Superior of the Carfin Spiritan Community. A special thank you to Fr Grant and all who were involved in the preparation and celebration of Fr Terry's funeral rites. You will be remembered in the Masses and prayers of the Carfin Spiritan Community. God bless you all.