



St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

15th March 2020

THE THIRST THAT ONLY GOD CAN QUENCH

Jesus' offers us living water - a share in the very life of God which we receive through the sacramental waters of Baptism.

This week you are invited to celebrate

MON	1.00pm	Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
	6.45pm 7.00pm	
TUE	10.00am	Holy Mass
	12.30pm	<i>Requiem for Rita Welsh</i>
	1.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.30pm	Holy Mass First Confessions
WED	10.00am	Holy Mass
	12.30pm	Holy Rosary
	1.00pm	Holy Mass
	7.00pm	<i>Novena to OL Untier of Knots</i>
THU	10.00am	Holy Mass
	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	1.00pm	Holy Mass
	7.00pm	Adoration and Confessions
	7.50pm	Night Prayer
FRI	10.00am	Holy Mass
	1.00pm	Holy Mass
SAT	10.00am	Holy Mass
	4.15-4.45pm	Confessions
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday
SUN	Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)	
	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass

PREPARING FOR MASS WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US TODAY?



FIRST READING In spite of having experienced God's help in various ways, the liberated slaves complain bitterly against Moses, God's spokesman. Here they are complaining about lack of water. Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert. This prepares us for the Gospel, and the 'living water' God offers us through Jesus.

SECOND READING St Paul says that God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

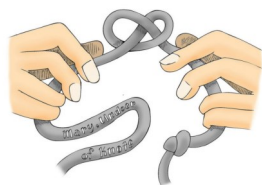
GOSPEL tells the story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman. As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water (*First Reading*). Jesus, the new Moses, offers us something infinitely better. He offers us 'living water', that is, a share in the very life of God. It is through the waters of Baptism that we receive a share in the life of God.

BISHOP TOAL ON THE CORONAVIRUS

Bishop Toal has decided that, in addition to the precautions we have in place to protect against the possible spread of the Coronavirus, we need to consider an alternative method of collecting the offertory and other special collections.

From this weekend, the offertory collection will be taken up as a RETIRAL collection for parishioners to place their offertory collections in a collection basket as they leave the church.

Next weekend parishioners are asked to deposit the offertory collection on entering the church with the SCIAF collection being deposited at the end of Mass.



**NOVENA TO OUR LADY
UNTIER OF KNOTS
THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7.00PM
SPREAD THE WORD**



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LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Recently Dead James Brady, Hugh Kelly (Shotts), Frank McGuire, Sheila Murphy, Jean O'Connor, Sadie Boyle, Charles Dooley, Sandra McQuillan (Australia), Sean Ford, William Lockhart, Paul Feenan, Rita Welsh, Michael Quinn, Elizabeth Doyle, Laura Smith, Mrs Boyle, Charlie Dooley, Rita Welsh, Joe Harper

Months Minds Bill Perkins

Anniversaries Fr John Givens, Fr Willie Sproule, Canon Kieran O'Farrell, Rosemary Connelly, Frank Connelly, Hugh McDermott, Mary Ryan, Daniel Francis Murphy

Birthday Remembrance: Sean Ford, Mary Therese Hattie, Lynn Cullen, Joe Ferrie

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION



GiftAid : £560
Loose : £1014
Standing Orders £679
[1st – 13th March]
Total : £2253

OTHER INCOME

Candles : £375
Grotto donations : £1483
Stall : £360
Contactless (Grotto donations) : £60

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On the Saturday before Palm Sunday, 4th April, a **DAY OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION** will take place from 10.00 to 4.30 in the Cathedral.



FIRST CONFESSIONS

Forty five of our younger parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time this Tuesday at 6.30pm. Please remember them in your prayers

SCIAF COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND. This collection will be taken as you leave the church. Please hold on to your SCIAF boxes until Holy Thursday.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES to the family of Rita Welsh whose funeral will take place here on Tuesday of this week. *May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

CHOIR PRACTICE
Mondays after
7.00pm Mass



Visit of Relics of St Therese DVDs
on sale in the stall

£10 (2 discs)



I am looking for an **up to date list of the housebound of the parish.** I would appreciate names, addresses and telephone details if any have them. *[Eucharistic ministers especially might be able to help me in this area.]* **COULD YOU WRITE THESE OUT AND PUT THEM THROUGH THE PARISH HOUSE LETTERBOX.** Thank you.
N.B. Please ensure that any housebound are in agreement with you giving me their details.

Tuesday 17th March - Feast of St. Patrick

Thursday 19th March - Feast of St Joseph

What Are You Looking For?

First words of Jesus in St John's Gospel.

THESE WORDS ARE ADDRESSED TO US.