



# St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven

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A Torchlight Procession is being held, tonight to thank Almighty God and Our Blessed Lady for bringing us through this pandemic, as well as praying for all those who lost their lives to the Coronavirus.

**TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION BEGINS AT 8.00PM.**



### THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

<b>MON</b>	<i>'Dies non'</i> Nothing scheduled for today <i>Fr Grant unavailable</i>	<b>FRI</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church
<b>TUE</b>	<i>Fr Grant unavailable until the Novena/Mass</i> 7.00pm Novena to St Therese & Holy Mass	<b>SAT</b>	10.00am Holy Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass at the grotto
<b>WED</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church	<b>SUN</b>	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass at the grotto
<b>THU</b>	10.00am Holy Mass in the church:- <b>FUNERAL MASS FOR JIM HERON (from Wales)</b> 7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	 <p><b>NOVENA TO St THERESE TUESDAY</b> The Novena will be combined with Holy Mass <b>Rosary at 6.40pm</b></p>	

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION	
Loose & GiftAid	£ 1750
Standing Orders	£ 215
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1965</b>

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND			
Sat	5.00pm	Liz McMahon	
Sun	9.00am	Gerry McGlone	
Sun	11.00am	Margaret McGee	

### THE SECOND READING MAKES A 'COMEBACK'

As from this weekend we reintroduce the New Testament reading (2nd reading) at our Sunday and Feast day Masses. Readers please be aware that you should prepare the New Testament reading as well as the Old Testament reading. **In the meantime, the psalm in between the readings will continue to be sung.**

### Michael Weir RIP

Today at 3.00pm, there will be Memorial Mass at the Grotto for the late Michael Weir, of the Lourdes Hospitalité of Motherwell Diocese. Bishop Toal will be the main celebrant

### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- Sick:** John Finnigan, Shean Anderson, Nivin Joe Albert
- Recently Dead:** Joseph Hamilton, James Walsh, Betty McCann, Frank Devlin, James McCarron
- Months Mind:** Tommy Mullen, Gerry Keenan, James Cullen, Maria Riccomini, Michael Weir
- Anniversary:** Annie McGarry, Gerard Campbell, Jean McGahan, Bill Kelly, William Woods (Jnr & Snr), Margaret & Donna Woods, Susan McDermott

### 'The Story of Carfin Grotto'

This 'hot off the press' publication produced by Sancta Familia Media is a picture book for young children which tells the story of the origins and growth of the grotto over the last 100 years. Copies (£5) can be obtained from the stall.

**Children under 12yrs of age** are exempt from any requirement to wear face coverings but can of course continue to choose to do so if they so wish.

### SINGING

We are now allowed to have congregational singing at Holy Mass. God gave the gift of song to the crows as well as the canaries. Singing is as much (if not more) an element of the prayers of the Mass.





## ← Is this something you could do? →

I'd love to recruit Altar Servers from P6 and upwards – including Secondary school. We have plenty of girls and I am so grateful for them **but where are the boys???**



As you know that I have repeatedly extended an invitation to some of our younger parishioners to serve at the altar. Up until now, there has not been any response and I suspect that that will continue to be the same until I personally approach some. I have every intention of doing so. This is a large parish, so, surely we can produce enough servers to cover all our Masses. There is also the other responsibility of hosting different services in the grotto which means that servers are even more necessary and important both for the grotto and for the parish church.

I ask parents to speak with their older children (for the standard of serving I seek, it is unreasonable to recruit children under P6 and I would much prefer to recruit teenagers from secondary school if possible. It was the case in my last parish that the majority of servers were secondary school pupils and I was very proud of that fact.

## **DIOCESAN MUSIC GROUP**

**T**HE **DIOCESAN MUSIC GROUP** which I was instrumental in establishing a few years ago has been resurrected after 18 months of not rehearsing due to Covid. This group previously rehearsed in my former parish of Holy Family. I have now invited them to rehearse here which they will do starting this Monday evening at 7:30pm. If anyone wishes to join them either just by singing or playing a musical instrument, they should feel free to come along and speak to Kris Thomas who is the musical director. It is my hope that some of our pa-

rishioners might gain confidence from singing/playing in this group that they might one day soon, form a music group of their own to lead the singing at the vigil Mass on a Saturday evening.



### **DONATING TO THE GROTTA IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

The QR code opposite is a very easy way of donating towards the ongoing maintenance of the grotto. In just over a year we will be celebrating the centenary of the opening of the grotto. As you might expect I want the grotto to be in pristine condition for this momentous anniversary. If you have a smartphone, all one has to do is take a picture of the QR code with your camera and follow the link. Otherwise download a free QR reader app.

## *Events coming up in the Grotto*

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> September  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Diocese of Paisley, Pilgrimage to the Grotto  
Scottish National Pilgrimage in honour of St Joseph  
Our Lady's Birthday  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Polish Pilgrimage  
'St Therese Sunday'

Holy Mass  
Holy Mass at 3.00pm  
Torchlight Rosary  
Una Voce Latin Mass  
2.00pm - 6.00pm  
Torchlight Procession