



# St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



14th November 2021

## 33rd Sunday of the Year

**THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE**

<b>TUE</b>	10.00am Requiem Mass for Karen Davidson 7.00pm Holy Mass in Glass chapel	<b>FRI</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in Glass chapel 10.00am Holy Mass in Glass chapel
<b>WED</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in Glass chapel 10.00am Holy Mass in Glass chapel	<b>SAT</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in Glass chapel 10.00am Holy Mass in Glass chapel 5.00pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Church
<b>THU</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in Glass chapel 10.00am Holy Mass in Glass chapel <b>NO CONFESSIONS DUE TO THE WORK IN THE CHURCH</b>	<b>SUN</b>	9.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 11.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church

### CHURCH HEATING

Work on the church heating and replacement of the blow heaters will begin in earnest this Monday. Preparatory work will be done on Monday and then after Tuesday's 10.00am Requiem Mass, the church will be out of bounds until the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Wednesday Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning Masses this week will be celebrated in the Glass Chapel. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. This will probably be the case on most weekdays for the next three weeks with perhaps one or two exceptions – our patronal feast day - feast of St Francis Xavier on the 3rd of December and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th of December.

### FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

I have spoken to Mrs Semple, Acting Head-Teacher in Our Lady and St. Francis primary school and both of us are keen to reinstate the first Friday Masses. We will have our 'First Friday Mass' since March 2020 on Friday 3rd December. It will incorporate Primaries 3 - 7.

### WORLDWIDE CHURCH SYNOD

As per a previous bulletin you will know of Pope Francis' intention to involve every parish and Catholic community in the preparation for the Synod which will take place in the Vatican in 2023. Every parish in the diocese has been asked to gather a group of around 8 - 10 people who would meet four times between now and Easter, to reflect and share on the four synodal themes which are as follows:

So, I am looking for people who would be very happy to form part of this team. If you want give me your name and contact details, then we can perhaps arrange suitable day and time etc. where we might meet over four different occasions in the next few months.

### LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

**Sick:** Janey Hendry, Aileen Smith, Abeer Srouji, Francis Kerr, Pat O'Rourke

**Recently Dead:** John Zambonini, Matthew Lees, Cathy Linden Hoy, Gerard Murray (New Stevenston), Mary Hamilton (Glasgow), Karen Davidson, Ellen Rolich (Motherwell), Karen Davidson, Christine Donnelly (Larkhall), Cathy Harvey, Stephen Riley, James Kelly, Karen Davidson, Cornelius McKay, Ray McQuarrie, (Caldercruix), Richard Graham

**Months Mind:** James & Mary Cullen, Alicia Gallacher, John Tamburinni

**Anniversary:** Sr. Philippa Mitchell, James Shannon, Mary Taylor, Ellen Ward (Connelly), Mary Ann Cullen, Norah Cullen, John & Blanche McAlavey, Frank McMahan, John & Mary McShane, Jim McShane, Rosemary & Ronald McIntyre, Frank, Agnes & Desmond McMahan, Mary Gallacher, Samuel Millsip, Elizabeth Carr, James & Rose Murphy, Pamela Ewart, Martin Grady, Robert Grady.

**Birthday Remembrance:** Joe Fletcher, John McShane

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

**SINCERE SYMPATHIES** Our sympathies as a parish community go out to the family of Karen Davidson who passed away after battling with cancer over a number of years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her two daughters Brooke and Ellie Rose, to Karen's mum and dad Tony and Moira Davidson and her brother, Paul.

***May Karen rest in peace and rise in glory Amen***

## CEMETERY SERVICE

Bothwellpark Cemetery on 21st November at 2pm



## XAVIER CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS

### ◆ Fish Supper and Quiz night, Sat 27th Nov 7pm Midnight

Tickets £10 contact Mick McCormick on 07827975271.  
Orders and ticket money must be paid one week before event  
*All monies raised will go to the continuous work for the Grotto.*

### ◆ Christmas Lunches Sun 12th Dec 2pm-5pm

### ◆ Christmas party night Sat 18th Dec

*Music by Stevie Donaghan*

### ◆ Hogmanay family Night Fri 31st Dec 8pm-1am

## MENU FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

### XAVIER CENTRE LUNCH MENU

#### STARTERS

- **Lentil Broth**  
Served with a soft seeded bread roll & butter
- **Cherry Tomato Red Onion & Goats Cheese Tart (V)**  
With mixed leaf's & a balsamic glaze
- **Anya's Delicious Chicken Liver Pate**  
blended to Chef's own recipe served with salad leaves and Ar-ran Oaties

#### MAINS

- **Butter Basted Roast Turkey**  
with chipolata sausage, pork, cranberry, and onion stuffing with a traditional pan gravy
- **Traditional Steak Pie**  
Scotch beef cooked in a tasty gravy topped with puff pastry
- **Cheesy Vegetable Strudel** (Vegan/Vegetarian)

#### DESSERTS

- **White Chocolate Festive Cheesecake**  
served with vanilla ice cream
- **Chocolate Profiteroles**  
served with vanilla ice cream
- **Apple Pie**  
served with cream

Freshly Brewed Tea/Coffee

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS NEXT WEEKEND

**NEXT JOE'S DEVOTION** will be held on Monday 20th December at 7pm. Venue will depend on where we are with the heating repairs.

## 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???**



## FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR PRIMARY 4

I have had 32 requests from parents wishing to enrol their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (2021) and Sacrament of the Eucharist (2022).

I intended that these First confessions should take place during the Season of Advent. Given that the heating work will render the church out of bounds for the next few weeks, I have prepared a sheet at the back of the church with a choice of dates and times three weeks 'down the road' where parents, who have already enrolled their child for the Sacrament, are invited now to put their child's name alongside a particular evening and time. These will then be collated and I shall publish the day and time of everyone's First Confession in a subsequent newsletter.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated with a Solemn Mass on the evening of the 8th of December at 7:00 PM. The music will be led by Motherwell Diocesan Music Group. I look forward to welcoming many from the parish and from outside the parish for this lovely feast which has a connection to Lourdes. When asked by Bernadette Soubirous what was her name 'The Lady', as Bernadette referred to her, said "**I am the Immaculate Conception**" – a title that meant nothing to Bernadette but which, lest she forget, kept repeating over and over again on her way to tell her Parish Priest. The priest was then convinced him at that point that Bernadette had seen the Virgin Mary. Since the Grotto is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, I thought it appropriate that we should celebrate this solemnity with fervour and devotion.

### READERS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5.00pm M. Marks  
Sun 9.00am El. Haldane  
Sun 11.00am M. McGee

### COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1570  
Standing Orders £ 147  
Total £ 1717

## WEDDINGS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS

If you have already confirmed your date and haven't already done so, can you call to the sacristy and uplift the form requesting your information.