



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



7th November 2021

32nd Sunday of the Year



“The Widow’s Mighty Mite”

In biblical times, widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in today’s first reading was a Pagan widow who had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. After that she and her child must starve. Yet by sharing it with the prophet, she has a never ending supply of flour and oil. She represents those people, who, despite poverty and oppression place all their trust in God. This prepares us for today’s gospel where Jesus in contrast to the behaviour of the scribes, holds up the example of genuine religious behaviour on the part of a widow. The widows true piety contrast sharply with the counterfeit piety of the scribes. She let go of every shred of security and committed herself wholly to God. This story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow’s generosity results from her trust in God.

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	6.30pm Reception of mortal remains of Kevin Roy	FRI	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church
TUE	10.00am Requiem Mass for Kevin Roy 7.00pm Holy Mass for all our beloved dead	SAT	10.00am Mass 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
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church 7.00pm - 8.00pm Holy Hour with Confessions	PLEASE NOTE THE RETURN OF SATURDAY MORNING MASS AT 10.00am	

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICE

St Patrick’s Cemetery, New Stevenson today at 2.00pm

A free bus (courtesy of SVDP) will leave the church at 1.15pm.

WEDDINGS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS

Below are the couples who have confirmed their dates.

8th April	Kevin McEntee and Patrice (?)	
30 th April	Stephen Cooper and Nicola Reilly	1.00pm
28 th May	Stephen Duddy and Katie Martin	1.00pm
4 th June	Stephen Hoey and Meghan Ogilvie	
23 rd June	Declan Murray and Natalie Turley	1.30pm
29 th July	Kevin McMahan and Angela	
5 th August	Ross Reid and Gabrielle Connarty	1.30pm

Can I now ask the above to call to the sacristy after Mass **NEXT WEEKEND** and uplift a form supplying me with all the relevant information I need. Thank you.

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Sick: Aileen Smith, Abeer Srouji, Janey Hendry, Arthur Duffy (both Mossend)

Recently Dead: Kevin Roy, Joe Roy, Bob Cadwallemder, Scott Gerard Armstrong, Jim Leonard, Bruce Hobsworth, Onofre Cabanghan, Mary Teresa Devine, Patsy Hoey, Harry Camp, Jimmy McIlroy,

Months Mind: James Cullen, Jimmy Collins, Catherine, Charles & Tracy Devine, Charles & Anne Gibbons, Kathleen Gibbons

Anniversary: John Cairns, Moira Brennan, the Devine Family, Dierdre Gibbons Gallagher, Thomas Gibbons, Joseph Hughes, Annie McGarry, Ellen White, Martha Cullen, Gerry O’Donnell, Mildred Kelly

Birthday Remembrance: Mary Taylor

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Cemetery Services

- ◆ Bothwellhaugh Cemetery on 14th November at 2pm
- ◆ 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

See menu on church noticeboard

- ◆ 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 Arran 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

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS are now available at the stall.

THE WORLD SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023



All People of God - Walking together

Over the last 50+ years, since the end of the II Vatican Council, The bishops all over the world have sent delegates to Rome every three years for a synod on a theme chosen by the Pope. They meet for a few weeks, discuss and pray and together try to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to the Church of today. At the end of their meeting, they make various recommendations to the Pope who then produces a document, summarising the deliberations of the bishops and any recommendations they might have made with regard to his chosen theme.

The next Synod is 2023 and Pope Francis is keen that this time, as part of the preparations for the synod, that all Catholics should play a part in this upcoming synod. He believes that 'Synodality (or 'walking together') is an essential dimension of the church. The Church, i.e. the 'People of God' are invited to walking together with bishops, priests, deacons, all in company with Jesus the Way the Truth and the Life.

Bishop Toal has asked every parish to gather a group of around 8 people who will commit to FOUR meetings over the next 6 months to comply with the Holy Father's wishes and prayerfully to reflect on the various themes proposed.

Copies of what this is all about can be uplifted from the church porch along with a little prayer card containing a special prayer composed for this project.

Carfin Grotto Centenary DVD

Sancta Familia Media are looking for interviews, anecdotes and stories of the grotto and about Canon Taylor from earlier days. If you can help out, please get in touch with them.

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COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1425
Standing Orders £ 578
Total £ 2003

READERS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5.00pm P Burns
Sun 9.00am A Panton
Sun 11.00am W Collum



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

