



St Francis Xavier Church

Taylor Avenue, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ

13th NOVEMBER 2022



Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

This week you are invited to celebrate

MON	10.00am	Holy Mass in the Glass chapel
TUE	7.00pm	Holy Mass in the Glass chapel
WED	10.00am	Holy Mass in the Glass chapel
THU	10.00am 7.00pm	Requiem Mass for Marjorie Frew CONFESSIONS from 7.00pm—7.50pm
FRI	10.00am	Holy Mass in the Glass chapel
SAT	10.00am 5.00pm	Holy Mass in the Glass chapel Vigil Mass of the Sunday Parish Church
SUN	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass in the Parish church Holy Mass in the Parish church

THE READINGS AT MASS TODAY



MALACHI In a difficult time for ancient Israel, after their exile in Babylon, some complained that the wicked seem to get away with everything, and that there's no benefit to obeying the Lord. God's messenger Malachi assures them that the evildoers will get their due on the terrible "Day of the Lord."

PAUL Some early Christians expected the Day of the Lord, in the form of the return in glory of the risen Jesus, to occur immediately. So they dropped all their responsibilities and made nuisances of themselves in the community. Paul corrects them, using his own behaviour as an example.

LUKE By the time the Gospel of Luke was written, it was evident that the return of the Son of Man was not going to happen immediately. Luke encourages Christians to persevere in faithfulness so that they will always be ready.

NEXT SUNDAY is the *Solemnity of Christ the King*. It is the last Sunday in the present liturgical year it is also the beginning of Catholic Education Week. A teacher representative from Taylor High School will say a few words at the vigil Mass and the 11:00 am Mass next weekend.

TUESDAY - SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.15am until Mass at 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER 9.15AM

ROSARY at 9.30am

IN THE GLASS CHAPEL



HOLY MASS IN THE GLASS CHAPEL

Due to the escalation of fuel costs, it makes more economic sense to have our weekday Masses in the Glass chapel which is much easier to heat and will be much more comfortable in the winter months. Sunday Masses, funerals etc will be in the main church.

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL - FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

In the Xavier Centre on Friday 18th November 7.00pm
Pay at door. Adults £5.00 and Children £3.00
Licensed Bar Open
Proceeds go to Parents' Council Funds,

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday 8th December

There will be a *'Torchlight Rosary'* at the Massabielle Grotto at 8.00pm that evening.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

On the first Sunday of Advent (2 weeks today), there will be Musical Advent Reflection in the evening featuring our Parish choir, the Carfin Choristers and Motherwell Diocesan Contemporary Music Group.

Father Morris

Father Morris has been asked by Bishop Toal to become chaplain to Our Lady's High School, Motherwell. He will begin this appointment on his return to the parish after his short break. Father Morris has intimated that the school would like him to celebrate Holy Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This means that he will be more or less absent from the parish on those two days of the week to fulfil his duties as a High School Chaplain. We wish him well in this new appointment and promise to support him for this valuable work with our young people by our prayers.

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Recently Deceased; Annie Lafferty, Kathleen McLaughlin (Muirhouse), Anne Marie Gillon, Mary Divers, John McDonald (Carfin), Jimmy Dakers, Lynn Welsh (Overtown), Marlyn Marley (Uddingston), John Fagan (Mossend)

Months Mind; Jimmy Collins, Patrick Francis O'Rourke, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, The O'Rourke Family, The Doherty Family, Catherine Spiers

Anniversary; Karen Davidson, Mildred Kelly, Catherine Bogan, Margaret McGoldrick, Joseph Sharkey, Moira Brennan, Gerald, Anne & James Shannon

Birthday Remembrance; Kevin O'Rourke

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

READERS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5.00pm Kathleen Gilgunn
Sun 9.00am Alan Wilson
Sun 11.00am Kenny Muir



ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED OF THE YEAR

As is our custom, we shall have a Mass for all those whose funerals took place from St Francis Xavier's Church from **All Souls Day 2021 - All Souls Day 2022**. This will be held on **SATURDAY 26th November, 10.00am Mass**. Twenty three funerals have taken place from St Francis Xavier's Church in that time. Each person will be named and remembered at this Mass.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1231
Standing Orders £ 167
Total £ 1398



RED WEDNESDAY

The charity **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** invite you to join them on the 23rd November to 'Break the Silence' on the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally. Christians suffer persecution – from harassment to murder – in more countries than any other faith group. It is called '**RED WEDNESDAY**' because people are encouraged to light up buildings red or wear red clothes to draw attention to this religious persecution.

RELIGIOUS THEMED CHRISTMAS CARDS are available from the stall. Sending a card with a religious message keeps Christ in **CHRISTmas**. In a sense, it's a way of evangelising in this increasingly secular age.

NOVEMBER LISTS

If you wish to have the names of your loved ones put on the list, there will be envelopes at the back of the Church from next week. Please return them to the box at the back of the church.

During the Month of the Holy Souls, special prayers will be led in our local cemeteries:

Bothwellhaugh TODAY at 2.00pm

New Stevenston Sunday 20th November at 2.00pm

Note: For those wishing to attend New Stevenston who might need transport, a bus leaving from St Teresa's Newarthill will pick up passengers at the grotto at 1.30pm and return after the service.

DEFEND PRO-LIFE VIGILS "SAY NO TO BUFFER ZONES"

The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill will soon be in Holyrood. If passed, it will be illegal to "influence or persuade a person concerning their access to or employment in connection with abortion services". This would prevent women being offered help outside clinics. It would even prevent a family member or social worker expressing an opinion to a woman about her abortion.

People will be criminalised for "persistently, continuously, or repeatedly occupying a safe access zone" - so even silent prayer would not be allowed.

Anyone taking part in a Pro-Life vigil in Scotland would be subject to a six month jail sentence for a first offence, and to two years for subsequent breaches.

Email your MSP about this attack against the civil rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights.

PLAQUES

Sincerest apologies that it has taken so long to position the plaques on the Glass chapel seats and on the centenary wall. I was hoping that these would be mounted last week but the final Centenary Wall plaques only arrived on Wednesday and there hasn't been time to erect them. I am confident that this will happen this week.



Re. **BRASS PLAQUES** for the Glass Chapel benches: one of the plaques was scratched, so I took it back to the engraver to do again. This also will be completed this week. Once again, I apologise that this has taken so long but it is wholly due to circumstances beyond my control.