



# St Francis Xavier's Carfin


Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML15AJ



8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

**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>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>Fatima Mass at 7.30pm</b>
<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>	<b>Feast of the Assumption</b> 9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass at the grotto 3.00pm Holy Mass in the grotto
<b>THU</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church <b>7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	 <p><b>NOVENA TO St THERESE</b> <b>TUESDAY</b> <b>The Novena will be combined with Holy Mass</b> <b>Rosary at 6.40pm</b></p>	

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**  
 Loose & GiftAid £ 2330  
 Standing Orders £ 688  
 Total £ 3018

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
 Sat 5.00pm Marie Marks  
 Sun 9.00am Elaine Haldane  
 Sun 11.00am Kathleen Miller

### 15<sup>th</sup> August - Feast of Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven

A Torchlight Procession is being held, next Sunday evening, 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.**



### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Next weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven. This means that the readings for Mass will be those of the Feast and not those of 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I propose that as from next weekend we reintroduce the New Testament reading (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) at our Sunday and Feast day Masses. As you know the bishops proposed that this be omitted in order to shorten the length of Masses on the return to public worship last year. 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.

I have agreed to celebrate two Masses in Shotts Prison this coming Friday. For that reason, no morning Mass in Carfin. Fatima Mass in the evening, 7.30pm.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION



I think that now we are returning to 'normality' it's time to restore regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I have never been a great fan of confession before the vigil Mass - the tyranny of the clock greatly restricts the time that can be spent with each penitent. For that reason, I wish to celebrate the Sacrament on **Thursday evenings from 7 till 7.50pm**, the Most Blessed Sacrament being exposed throughout the hour. Night Prayer of the church at 7:50pm will bring this time of prayer to an end.

*There will be occasions throughout the year when extra opportunities for the Sacrament will be offered. These will be publicised in the weekly newsletter.*

## Thank You and 'adieu' to the "gilets jaunes" (yellow vests)

As most of the present Covid restrictions are lifted from Monday of this week, (*Deo Gratias*), we will all no doubt welcome a much less regimented way of doing things in the church as from Monday.



All of this, of course, means that our wonderful stewards can now sit back and enjoy a much deserved break from their duties. As they do so, I wish to place on record my personal appreciation for their

cooperation and support. On behalf of all parishioners, I declare a very sincere and heartfelt **thank you** to all the stewards for everything they have done to enable us to worship safely over the last 16 months+. They have willingly made themselves available a great expense to their own time, some of them spending hours daily in the pursuit of our safety.

Just to say THANK YOU seems inadequate for we are truly indebted to them. However even as I thank them profusely I sincerely hope that we will never need to employ them again in this role.

*N.B. Although we say goodbye to the yellow vests, at least in the church, of course we will still see them from time to time in the grotto at large events.*

### SINGING

We are now allowed to have congregational singing at Holy Mass. Please don't leave it to others to do all the work - 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.



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### Father McGachey's Presentation

Please return your envelopes as soon as possible. Fr Francis we'll celebrate all the weekend Masses on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September and there will be an opportunity to catch up with Father Francis in the hall after each Mass. Refreshments will be served.

### Offertory Collection

As from next weekend the collection basket will be passed around the church because there will no longer be the possibility of a passkeeper going in and out between the seats since it is envisaged that all the seats can now be used as from Monday.



## Beyond Level 0 - What now?

As you will be aware, as from Monday of this week, Scotland moves on beyond Level 0 when most of the remaining legally imposed restrictions, including those on physical distancing and limits to the size of social gatherings, will be lifted.

**We now enter a period where people need to make PERSONAL JUDGEMENTS, rather than rules set by government.**

This means everyone playing their part by:

- maintaining good hand hygiene
- wearing face coverings
- continuing to engage with Test and Protect and self-isolate when symptomatic or have tested positive

This **guidance** is based on scientific and medical advice at the time of writing. It does not constitute legal advice. (*The above taken from the Scottish Governments Coronavirus guidelines*).

That having been said, it seems that the legal requirement to wear face masks will remain for "some time to come".

### '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.

### Michael Weir RIP

Next Sunday at 3.00pm, there will be memorial Mass at the Grotto for the late Michael Weir, a long standing member of the Lourdes Hospitalité of Motherwell Diocese. The Holy Rosary will be recited before the Mass beginning at 2:45pm. Bishop Toal will be the main celebrant.

## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS



**Sick:** Claire McPake, Jeanna Watt

**Recently Dead:** Connor Shuel, Anthony Gallagher,

**Months Mind:** Jimmy Collins, Bill Perkins, Eric & Theresa Williamson, John McCormack (Snr), Theresa Sweet, James Cullen

**Anniversary:** Peter Cairns, Julia Perkins, Thomas Ruddy, Francis John Hoey, Maurice McMonagle, Joseph Mullen Isabella Dillon