



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday of the Year

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

TUE	6.30pm Holy Rosary 7.00pm Holy Mass	FRI	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 12.00noon Holy Mass /Blessing of the Sick Hospitality in the hall afterwards (soup etc)
WED	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass	SAT	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 7.00pm An hour with Bernadette Soubirous	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Sick: Michael McFarlane

Recently Dead: Ann McIntyre, John Clark (Motherwell), Hugh Frew (Condorrat), Elizabeth Keyes (Airdrie), Claire Mooney, Christopher Ansell, Tommy Brennan, Mary Bishop, Kathleen Docherty (Viewpark), Alice Lewis, Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Kelly, Peter Chambers

Anniversary: John Mays, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, The O'Rourke Family, The Doherty Family, Catherine Spiers

Months Mind: Jimmy Collins, Eric & Theresa Williamson, John McCormack Snr, Teresa Sweet, Patrick Francis O'Rourke, Agnes McFarlane

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

I would greatly appreciate it if intimations could be handed in by WEDNESDAY 8.00pm

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES Friday 11th February

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SICK

Holy Rosary at 11:30am followed by Holy Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at 12 noon. The blessing of the sick will be offered for those whose lives are seriously impaired through illness in body or mind this will take place during the Mass at 12:00 o'clock.

After Mass there will be an opportunity for a light lunch soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee, biscuits cakes in the Xavier Centre.



Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Thursday 10th February

'An Evening with Bernadette Soubirous'

Let us imagine that we are present at the grotto of Massabielle, in the dark of night. The prayers for this evening will take place in the church by candlelight an attempt to replicate the beautiful prayerful atmosphere we encounter at the grotto itself. As preparation for the feast we spend a holy hour in the company of "the lady" and little Bernadette Soubirous. At the end of the holy hour there will be an opportunity to venerate a relic of Saint Bernadette.



THE SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Some of our younger parishioners will make their First Confession this coming WEDNESDAY



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

I want to make the suggestion of a practice which was popular in my last parish and it was this: if you have a significant event coming up, for example, an anniversary of a loved one, a silver or golden wedding anniversary, or a birthday remembrance of someone who has passed away, or perhaps just 'in thanksgiving' for something, and wanted to donate flowers for the sanctuary or for any of the side altars, Our Lady, Sacred Heart, St Therese... I would be very happy to receive such a donation of flowers and to record whatever event / anniversary / birthday remembrance.. in the weekly bulletin with wording along the following lines :

**The flowers in the sanctuary (at Our Lady's altar) this weekend have been donated in memory of Mary Doe whose anniversary occurs around this time. Please remember her in your prayers.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory**

(Obviously the wording would be amended to suit each situation.) The way to do this would be simply to let me know in advance when you would like those flowers to be displayed and how much you would be willing to spend. I would then contact a florist and ask them to make up a floral arrangement for that particular weekend. **It's only a suggestion but if you wish to take it up for a certain occasion, please get in touch.**

CONGRATULATIONS

to the children who last Thursday evening made their first confession and they are: **Freddie Mushet, Ave Rose Kearney, Freya McKenna, Sophie McClure, Emily McKay, Ethan Cronin, Sophie Holmes, Lucia McMullen, Sophie Maria Savage, Finlay McKinnon, Alex Matusik, Adrian Skrobacz**

May this be the first of many encounters with Jesus their friend who is rich in mercy and whose compassion knows no bounds.



MUSIC

Once again we appeal for any who would love to join the choir and enhance our Sunday liturgy through a generous sharing of their musical talents. **We desperately need more males.** The choir practise on Monday from 7:30 until 9:00 pm. They also rehearse for a approx. 30 minutes before the Sunday 11:00 o'clock Mass.

REGARDING THE PROPOSED MUSIC GROUP, At the moment we have a vocalist, a guitarist and a keyboard player/violinist. It is proposed that they might sing/play **once a month** at the moment. **COULD YOU JOIN THEM?**

Please either email Kevin [kevjamcam@gmail.com] or phone/text him : **07482 208 144**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kevin held his first rehearsal with the children's choir. There were around 40 children between P4 - P 7. Only six girls from P 7 which was disappointing. Here's hoping some of P 7 may have a change of heart.

The gifts of bread and wine for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass this weekend are being brought to the altar by **JUDE BROWN** who is preparing for his First Holy Communion this year.
Please remember Jude in your prayers.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

White Fathers Mission Appeal on the 19th/20th February.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION RESTORED

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be **RESTORED FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, SATURDAY / SUNDAY 5TH/6TH MARCH.**

Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus.

NO MORE 'SIGNING IN' FOR MASS

The gradual easing of restrictions and the slow-down in transmission of the virus has allowed the Bishops' Conference to review one particular aspect of existing advice and guidance: with immediate effect : **parishes may dispense with the taking of contact details of people attending Mass for the purposes of Test and Protect.**

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1661
Standing Orders £ 626
Total £ 2287



READERS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5.00pm Kathleen Gilgunn
Sun 9.00am Alan Wilson
Sun 11.00am Eddie Dollichin

Reponsorial Psalm will be **SUNG** at all the weekend Masses. Readers can uplift the Bidding Prayers from the ambo be-

SCIAF BOXES

For your Lenten almsgiving are available from the church porch.

