



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



9th January 2022

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	NO MASS TODAY	FRI	9.30am Holy Rosary (Glass Chapel) 10.00am Holy Mass (Glass Chapel)
TUE	10.00am Requiem Mass for John Devine 7.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church	SAT	9.30am Holy Rosary in the Parish Church 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 5.00pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Church
WED	9.30am Holy Rosary (Glass Chapel) 10.00am Holy Mass (Glass Chapel)	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 11.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary (Glass Chapel) 10.00am Holy Mass (Glass Chapel)		

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Kevin Cameron who back to our parish Kevin is going to be involved in the music at all three Masses, taking the choir alongside Derek at the 11.00am Mass and accompanying the cantors at the Vigil and 9.00am Masses. We sincerely hope that Kevin's time with us will be very fruitful.



As a trained musician, Kevin will work along with our organist, Derek, to develop our choir, and further advance the standard of music within the parish.

As a guitarist and violinist, I'm hoping that he might find success where I have failed in recruiting musicians who might for a music group to accompany the singing at the vigil Mass, at least on occasions (one or twice month).

Let's give him all the support and cooperation he deserves.

CARFIN GROTTO CENTENARY CALENDARS

are now available from the stall. You can also purchase them from the church porch and leave your £3 pounds in an honesty box on the table in the porch.

THE SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS



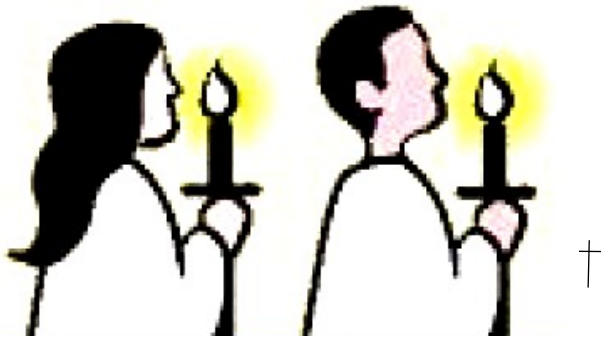
We return this week to or previous practice of hearing Confessions on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 7.50. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer and will end the 'Holy Hour' by praying Night Prayer.

GROTTO MAINTENANCE

As we prepare for the centenary of the Grotto in October of this year, work will now begin in earnest. The more eagle eyes will have noticed that the podium erected around 15 years ago has not weathered well. The bricks have begun to crumble and the steps at the back are a real hazard. Rather than repair the podium, I suggest it would be better to demolish it and replace it with something which blends in better with the actual Grotto of Massabielle.

It was wonderful to celebrate Holy Mass there during the summer and I would hope that that will continue doing so in subsequent years. However, the podium itself really needs to be dismantled for safety as well as aesthetic reasons. I am hoping that work will begin on this very soon, hopefully this coming week (weather permitting).

COMING TO HOLY COMMUNION
Follow the Altar Servers, please.



Please begin the *Communion Procession* from the back seat by following on immediately behind the altar server (if there is one). Many thanks for your cooperation

CRIB DONATIONS

ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY

This will be the last weekend where the crib will be I unsure this is obviously good also your last opportunity to donate something towards this in market or Scotland adoption Society. Please place your contribution into the box provided at the crib.

SECOND COLLECTION

We should have taken up a collection for the justice and peace society on the 2nd of January but I decided since there was only two masses to to wait until further on in the new year new year after pose next weekend we have a collection for the justice and peace society and for all the work that they do tofather justice and peace in our country of Scotland.

ALTAR SERVERS



Thank you to all the servers who turned up for good practise on Tuesday it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the three boys and six girls who attended thank you for the appearance to their parents for allowing them to come **ALAS, NO NEW RECRUITS**

REQUESTS re. BAPTISM, MARRIAGE etc

Please keep in mind that all requests with regard to the Sacraments, Baptisms, Marriages, First Communions etc should be made to in person to Fr. Jim after the Sunday Masses. The parish e-mail address is not the place to make such requests and neither should anyone try to arrange such events via the Admin. assistant. **PLEASE NO E-MAILS, NOR PHONE MESSAGES.** All arrangements are made **DIRECTLY and IN PERSON** with Fr Jim. Thank you.

LET US REMEMBER PRAYER

Sick: Liz Cogan, Mary Hughes, Lisa Hood Wishart

Recently Dead: James Kearney, Margaret Graham, John Devine, Maureen Burt (Holytown), Francis McAleer (Manchester), Tom Quinn (Airdrie), William McManus (Govan), Mrs C. Devine, Margharita Hernon, Brian Gallagher, Jim McCorry, Mark Hare, George Love, Liam Martin (Ballymena), Susan Laird

Anniversary: John O'Neill, Eric Williamson, Mary Masson, Catherine Graham

Months Mind: Theresa Williamson, John McCormack Snr, Teresa Sweet, James Cullen, Jimmy Collins

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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



Kevin (*see overleaf*) our new choir director, would really like to meet the choir for a first rehearsal on Monday evening at 7.30pm in the church. He very much looks forward to getting to know you, working with you and trying out a few new things. Please encourage him by doing your very best to attend. As always, **NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS.**

READERS NEXT WEEKEND

5.00pm Marie Marks
Sun 9.00am Jim Gibson
Sun 11.00am Margaret McGee

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Loose & GiftAid £ 1310
Standing Orders £ 566
Total £ 1876