



St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

1st March 2020

THE DEVIL LOVES TO TALK

Jesus has an encounter with the evil one



This week you are invited to celebrate

MON	1.00pm	Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
	6.45pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer Holy Mass
TUE	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Requiem for Eddie Harvie</i>
	12.30pm 1.00pm	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass
WED	10.00am	Holy Mass
	12.30pm 1.00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
THU	10.00am	Holy Mass
	12.30pm 1.00pm 7.00pm 7.50pm	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions Night Prayer
FRI	11.00am	Holy Mass <i>First Friday with the school</i>
	1.00pm	Holy Mass
SAT	10.00am	Holy Mass
	4.15 - 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday
SUN	Second Sunday of Lent (A)	
	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - 11.00am (i.e. not 10.00am)

I have arranged with the school to have the First Friday Mass an hour later. This will enable me to engage an organist to lead the singing. He will also take a choir practice in the school prior to the First Friday and so teach the children some new hymns and Mass settings—and through them, introduce this music to the wider parish community.

PREPARING FOR MASS WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US TODAY?



ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, the liturgy puts before us the tempting of Jesus. Because Jesus shared our humanity, he was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. As we begin this Holy Season of Lent our Mother, the Church wants to remind us that all of us struggle with temptation but, at the same time, there is nothing we cannot master with the help of the One who strengthens us.

GENESIS recounts the tempting and fall of Adam and Eve. It illustrates the psychology of temptation. The cunning serpent succeeds in portraying God as unreasonable and jealous. The source of all evil, the writer suggests, is man's foolish striving to be independent of God. The result of Adam and Eve's disobedience is that there is in human beings a sinful tendency which goes beyond personal sins we may commit. This basic tendency towards evil is part of the corruption that human beings introduced into the world, not an endowment of God.

The story of the tempting of Adam and Eve prepares us to hear the tempting of Jesus in the Gospel.

ROMANS St Paul portrays Jesus as the new Adam, who by his obedience to God restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam.

GOSPEL St Matthew sees Jesus as reliving the history of his people. He goes into the desert for forty days and forty nights. This recalls the forty years the people spent in the desert, a period in which they were tempted but also enjoyed a special closeness to God. Jesus shares in the temptations of his people. But whereas they were found wanting, he remains faithful to God.

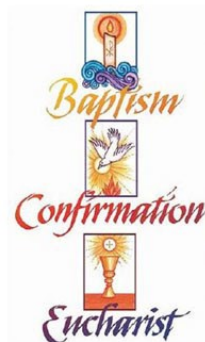


Lent 2020

Each year, our Holy Mother, the Church offers us this time of grace as well as challenge when we are invited to take up the ancient Christian practices of **PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING**, *practices which we share with other religions*. Our Mother, the Church invites us, Her children, to make use of these tried and tested ways that we might come closer to God and to each other. Please think carefully about how you will keep this Lent, 2020. If I may set each of you a challenge **ONE EXTRA MASS PER WEEK**.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election whereby those intending to be baptised or brought into full communion with the Church at Easter are enrolled for the Sacraments takes place in all Catholic cathedrals throughout the world on this First Sunday of Lent. Due to a maintenance issue in Motherwell Cathedral, Bishop Toal has requested that this should take place in our church this afternoon at 3.00pm. You are most welcome to attend (NB this is not a Mass).



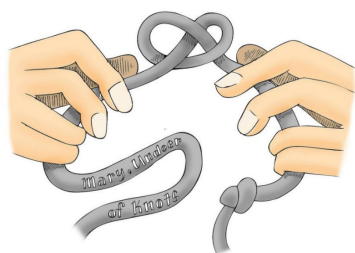
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NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS

I've been led to believe that around this time of the year, Fr McGachey would begin the Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots. For that reason, I propose that we begin this novena a week on Wednesday – i.e. the first day of the Novena will be **WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH AT 7.00PM**

**www.facebook.
com/carfingrotto**

Our Facebook page, promoting Carfin Grotto has, in a matter of only a few weeks, become the largest Facebook page associated with the Diocese of Motherwell. You don't have to be a member of Facebook to access this Facebook page. It is open to everyone. **Simply type the address above.**

NEW READERS

I am delighted to report that we have three new readers from the younger sector of our parish community. Three young ladies in 6th year at Taylor High School have very kindly volunteered to read at the 11.00 am Mass. They came to have their Caritas log sheet signed off and were very easily persuaded to continue their service to the parish as readers. *(N.B. No arms were twisted or in any way injured to make this happen!)*

It is great to see any new readers but especially volunteers from among the younger members of the parish. **Would anyone like to join them? Young and older!!! PLEASE!!!**



VISIT OF THE RELICS OF THE LITTLE FLOWER SOUVENIR BOOKLETS

These are **on sale for £5.00** from the porch.

Please leave the money in the box provided.



COMING SOON - £10.00 each

A double DVD commemorating the visit of the relics of St Therese to Scotland last September.

Disk 1 'The Little Flower in Scotland'

Disk 2 'In search of the Little Flower.'

CHOIR PRACTICE - Mondays after 7.00pm Mass for one hour beginning this Monday

A few weeks ago I published a page outlining the health benefits of singing in a choir. Basically, there's a wealth of research that proves the benefits of singing on health and wellbeing across the lifespan. Those benefits fall under the following categories **emotional, psychological, social and physiological**. In summary they are :

Singing relieves stress and tension.

Singing boosts confidence.

Singing is a mindful activity which allows you to 'turn off'

Singing with others helps strengthen social bonds

Singing together creates a strong sense of community and social inclusion

Singing helps you believe in yourself, increasing self-efficacy.

Singing provides an unthreatening way to express emotions.

Singing strengthens the immune system.

Singing improves breathing.

Singing is an aerobic activity and increases overall health.

Singing helps with pain.



But of course, singing in the church choir means that you are helping others raise their minds, hearts and souls to God. What a wonderful ministry. What a blessed service to offer to the parish – through

your singing to assist people to praise God and worship their creator. If this is something you feel you can do then PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE CHURCH ON MONDAY AROUND 7.30PM.

St John the Baptist Parish, Uddingston - PARISH MISSION













St John the Baptist Parish, Uddingston have organised a parish mission from Sunday 8th March till Thursday 12th March. The preacher will be Fr Jarek, a Polish priest who has been coming to Scotland to supply for many years. He stayed for some time in the Scots College, Rome so speaks perfect English – with a Scottish accent (he even speaks Scots Gaelic). He is a wonderfully engaging preacher, as the people of St John's parish will tell you.

The theme of the mission is Jesus Christ? Yes/No Catholic Church? Yes (...?)/No (...?)

Theme 1:	Sunday 8 th	THE CHURCH. DO I REALLY NEED IT?
Theme 2:	Monday 9 th	THE CHURCH CAN BE BAD: WHY?
Theme 3:	Tuesday 10 th	MY MISTAKES: NONE OF THE CHURCH'S BUSINESS?
Theme 4:	Wednesday 11 th	WHAT ACTUALLY ARE THE PRIESTS FOR?
Theme 5:	Thursday 12 th	TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH: HOW?

Consult St John Parish website for more details but basically

weekday Morning Masses at St John's are at 7.00am and 9.30am and Evening services at 7.00pm

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LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Recently Dead Arthur Hand, Tom McAleese, Gerard O'Kane, Gerry O'Donnell, Raymond McCue, Libby Hughes, Nan Monaghan, Edward Harvey, Cathie Hughes, Mary O'Neill, Nan Reilly, Joe Greenhorn, Alexander Farrell

Months Minds Colin Leslie, Joseph, Annie & Kathleen Hughes, Gwyneth Clark, George & Susan Ilgunas, Jim Mays, Catherine, Charles, Tracey Devine, Anna T Devine, Joseph Devine

Anniversaries Fr Joseph Martin, Bernadette Keenan, Michael Clark, Colin Leslie, Ellen Harvey, Peter Dean, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, The O'Rourke Family, James Patrick Brown, James & Alice Doherty, The Doherty Family, Mary & Charles McGhee,

Birthday Remembrances Chrissie Rafferty



*Eternal rest give unto them O Lord.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION



GiftAid : £665
Loose : £808
Total : £1473

Sincere thanks for your generosity to your Parish

Eddie Harvie RIP and Raymond McCue RIP

Our sympathies go to the families of the late Eddie Harvie and Raymond McCue who were called to the Father's house at the beginning of the week. **May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.**

THE CASHLESS SOCIETY

THE CARD READER IS NOW READY FOR USE.

The machine is set for £5.00 donations which will all go to the UPKEEP OF THE GROTTTO. Each transaction takes a few seconds. If you wish to donate further, simply tap it a second time. Each time you tap it and the transaction goes through, you are donating £5.00. You can also use it to pay for goods from the stall —but remember it is set (*at least for the time being*) at £5.00 per transaction.

THE DEVIL DOESN'T COME TO YOU WITH HIS RED FACE AND HORNS



PARISH STALL

A Parish stall with lots of new stock has been opened in the former 'Cry chapel'. Please take a look. You will find cards for all occasions as well as religious gifts such as rosaries, prayer cards etc,



MANY THANKS

The family of the late Joe Greenhorn wish to thank all neighbours and friends for the support they received during their recent bereavement. **Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.**

More volunteer are needed for the cleaning the church . This usually takes place after morning Mass on Thursdays. Any men and women free to help, please just 'turn up' on the day.