



St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML15AJ



28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (Year of Mark)

Jesus and Isaac Two beloved sons, One sacred mountain

The Word of God Today

THE SACRIFICE OF ISAAC This is a highly problematic Story. Whatever actually took place, there can be no doubt that it was a test of Abraham's faith. Rarely if ever was a man asked to give greater proof of his faith and obedience. Yet he trusted in God right up to the brink of disaster somehow confident that God would rescue him from this terrible deed. The tradition of the church sees in this tragic Story a prequel of God's offering his only beloved son for the Salvation of the human race.



ST PAUL reflects on God's love if God loved us sufficiently to deliver up his son for us there is no limit to his love.

THE TRANSFIGURATION, like the Story of Jesus baptism, is an '*epiphany story*' revealing who Jesus is. In both there is a voice and the voice says the same words "THIS IS MY SON THE BELOVED". The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses represents the Jewish Law and Elijah represents the prophets. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the law and the prophets to fulfilment.

Streamed Masses this Coming Week

Mon	7.00pm	Lighting of Candles followed by Votive Mass of St. Joseph
Tue	9.30am	Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass
Wed	9.30am	Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass
Thu	9.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church followed by Holy Mass
Fri	9.30am	Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass
Sat	-----	No streamed Mass -----
Sun	11.00am	Holy Mass, Second Sunday of Lent



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION - £595
Contactless machine (*Grotto*) = £85

Standing Orders £209 = Total £804

Your continued contributions to the financial support of the parish are truly appreciated. During these times of lockdown, we have no other means of financial support. I am enormously grateful to those who have diligently handed in their envelopes/cash/standing orders during these strange times. **Please keep up the good work.**

*Thank
You!*

RETURN TO COMMUNAL WORSHIP

As you will know, the First Minister has announced that communal worship can resume 'in time for the Easter weekend and Passover'.

Given that Passover starts on 27th March this should mean we can resume communal worship for the whole of Holy Week.

Clarity on this is being sought with government officials. At the present moment we are led to believe that there will be a cap of 20. However, I am hopeful that common sense will prevail and this will not be the case and that the government will allow a greater number.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN AT WISHAW GENERAL

Fr Ricklan CSSp, from St Bernadette's, Motherwell, will take on the Hospital chaplaincy ministry at Wishaw Hospital from 1st March until the arrival of the new priest, who will then take on the Chaplaincy. On your behalf I would like to thank Fr Kieran Hamilton for his ministry in the hospital in recent months.

VOCATIONS NEWS

Christopher Morris, one of our seminarians in St Mary's, Oscott will be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders in the College this week. One of the men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate, **Michael Meechan**, is also due to be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders. Please keep both men in your prayers.

OUR DIOCESAN CHOIR

is 40 years old this month, so it is fitting to congratulate them on this anniversary and express the Diocese's appreciation for everything achieved through these years and the dedication and commitment offered through their participation in the Sacred Liturgy and in the musical performances each year.

*Happy
Birthday*

The last year has been difficult for the choir, but they have kept practising virtually and the effort to do this has been a great support for the choir members. It is right also to recognise John Pitcathley's contribution as Choir Director from the beginning, and also Des McLean as conductor, and to offer them our special thanks.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES

To the family of Jocky Allan, whose funeral took place on 1st February and also to the family of Anne Telfer who died during the week. *Funeral arrangements for Anne are as yet unknown.*

I strongly recommend that at least once a week you set aside 30-40 minutes to join with me in the streamed Prayers and Masses. Although we will be unable to come together physically, let us come together 'virtually' and spend this time together. Please remember **YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A FACEBOOK MEMBERSHIP** to view the Masses, etc on the Carfin Grotto Facebook page.