



# St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML15AJ



13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Eleventh Sunday - Year B

**God quietly at work expanding the Kingdom  
like a mighty tree, built on Jesus**

**Ezekiel** Ezekiel's allegory of the cedar tree is a source of the imagery of the mustard bush in the gospel reading for today's Mass.

**Gospel** The Kingdom of God, initiated by Jesus, develops quietly yet powerfully until it is fully bloomed.



<b>MON</b>	NO 10.00am Mass <i>Fr Grant unavailable until the evening Mass</i> 7.00pm Confirmation Mass	<b>SAT</b>	10.00am First Communion Mass 5.00pm First Communion Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass at grotto
<b>TUE</b>	<i>Fr Grant unavailable until the evening Mass</i> 7.00pm Parish Mass	<b>SUN</b>	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass at the grotto 3.00pm Lourdes Hospitalite Mass <b>Holy Mass and Blessing of the Sick (Grotto)</b>
<b>WED</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church		
<b>THU</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church		
<b>FRI</b>	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church 7.00pm First Holy Communion Mass		

## 'Take the knee!'

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, REMEMBER  
TO GENUFLECT BEFORE  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



To paraphrase an old Latin idiom, ("*lex orandi, lex credendi*") **'if you wish to know what I believe, then watch how I pray'**. To acknowledge the true presence of Jesus reserved in the tabernacle by genuflecting as you enter and leave the church.



Ever since I arrived here, I had it in mind to re-site the tabernacle back into the centre of the sanctuary. But I think, over the years, whilst the tabernacle was not so visible, that some people got out of the habit of genuflecting upon entering and leaving the church. Many children would not even have been aware of such a practice. Please, let them see that **we express what we believe by the way we pray.**

*"Come in, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us."*

Psalm 95



## Let us remember in prayer

**Sick:** Anne McGory, Yvonne Meehan, Brian Breen

**Recently Dead:** John Henderson, Molly Kane, Ann Marie Smith, Ellen Feeny, John McDevitt, John Keir, Bridget Clarkston, Robbie Mullen, Nicola McFarlane, Bernard Gallagher, Gordon Brown

**Anniversary:** Rose Marie McCluckey, Michael Ryan, Eva (McGill) McCluskey, Patricia Cassells, Bill Perkins

**Months Mind:** Eric & Theresa Williamson, John McCormack Snr, Teresa Sweet, Anne Marie (Cullion) Jeffrey, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew & Ellen O'Rourke, The O'Rourke family, James Patrick Brown, James & Alice Doherty, The Doherty family

*May they rest in peace  
and rise in glory.*

**Diamond Anniversary** of Fr Brian Logue

### THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose & GiftAid	£ 2095
Standing Orders	£ 255
Total	£ 50
Contactless (Grotto)	£ 15

### READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	5.00pm	Paul Burns
Sun	9.00am	Alan Panton
Sun	11.00am	Margaret McGhee

### JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTION

During the month of June the Special Collection in our parishes is for the Apostolate of Communications, to assist the funding of the Scottish Catholic Media Office.

## THE NEWSPAPER 'FLOURISH'

If parishioners wish to subscribe and receive a copy of "Flourish" delivered to their home they should email

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to request this and they will be added to a mailing list. The paper itself is now free of charge. You only have to pay for the postage, which is £17 per annum. Alternatively, you

can get the paper free online at

[www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk](http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk)

"Flourish", you will remember, used to be sold at the stall before the pandemic. It is the monthly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Glasgow but I have always found it a very readable and interesting

publication and I have already sent in my request for a subscription.

It appears that the **Scottish Catholic Observer** has become a casualty of the pandemic and will not re-appear so, *Flourish* is now Scotland's only Catholic newspaper and the new edition is out this weekend.

## "Mother, behold your Son"

I would like to place on record my gratitude and the gratitude of all devotees of the grotto to Ross Henderson who recently fabricated and donated the metal sign above Our Lady of Lourdes in the grotto. Ross very generously volunteered to design, make and erect this sign free of charge. The previous sign had to be removed a few years ago as it had rusted and disintegrated over the years. Ross has his own company 'Electric Gates, Scotland'. And operates out of a workshop near Harthill. It is thanks to Ross and many others like him that the grotto has flourished through the generosity of craftsmen over the last one hundred years.

# PRAYING WITH OUR BODIES

I couldn't help but notice in the church, last weekend, the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) how many people entered and left the church without any acknowledgement of the Blessed Sacrament. I am sure no disrespect or intentional lack of reverence was intended but it did occur to me to mention what you see on the front of this bulletin, and to reinforce again the importance of expressing our beliefs in the way we pray –

including using our bodies. I am sure that this is a message to which I shall return when the holy water stoups are allowed to be used again. It is amazing how quickly people get out of practice at some things they would have done without even thinking. No doubt, I will feel obliged to mention the Catholic practice of blessing ourselves with holy water upon entering and leaving the church. (On that note, am I the only one who thinks it a bit bizarre that we are now allowed to swim freely in a swimming pool but not permitted to dip a few sanitized fingers into a holy water stoup? Yes, I appreciate that swimming pools have chlorine and all sorts of chemicals, but just the same...)



Anyway, since there is ample space in this week's bulletin, I thought it would be a good idea to remind ourselves that we pray as much with our bodies as with our tongues. This is a message that I have been trying to get over to the Primary school children coming to Mass on weekdays.



Nowhere is this more relevant than when we speak of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Over the last two weeks when I have been returning to the church with the Blessed Sacrament after the Masses, I specifically asked for Christopher to ring the bell announcing to all in the grotto that the Blessed Sacrament was passing by. Some did fall to their knees or stand quietly, but just as many carried on their conversations and one young person even chose to answer his mobile phone just as I was passing in front of him. The phrase "*they know not what they do*" seems apt, for there is no intentional disrespect. The much more casual way we can now receive Holy Communion (i.e. standing and on the hand) has had an unfortunate side-effect of lessening the reverence which used to characterise our approach to Holy Communion and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament Himself.

So, for better or worse, here is some guidance as to what is required of us by the Church and Catholic tradition.

## It is part of our Catholic tradition to KNEEL:

- Whenever we come into the church—we kneel in humble adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Upon returning from Holy Communion, we kneel to give thanks to God for his great gift of the Eucharist.



### ALSO

This was re-emphasised when the new translation of the Mass texts were introduced in 2010, but alas, has had limited success in most parishes.

BEFORE receiving Holy Communion we are invited to

**GENUFLECT or BOW or make a SIGN OF THE CROSS.**

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# REMEMBER

**"COME IN LET US BOW AND BEND LOW, LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE GOD WHO MADE US"**