



St Francis Xavier's Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML15AJ



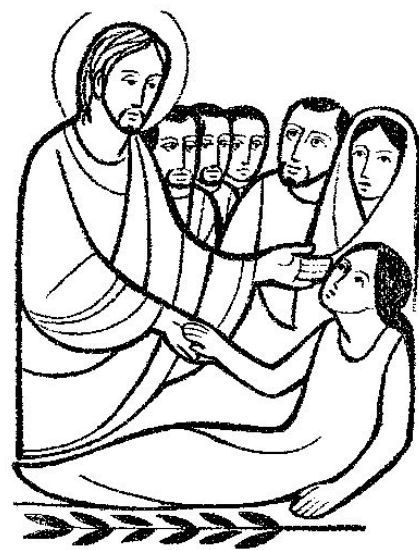
27th June 2021

13th Sunday - Year B

POWER OVER SICKNESS AND DEATH

Today's gospel tells us that Jesus cured people by touching them. He touched people in various ways, in his words, with his hands and with his love. We too need his healing touch in our lives

WISDOM This reading reminds us that "God did not make death". Death is not God's idea, and it's certainly not God's plan for us. Sin may have made death unavoidable, but it doesn't make it invincible. Human beings were created to be immortal because they were created in God's image. Death only came into the world as a consequence of sin. This reading prepares us for the account of the raising of the daughter of Jairus in today's Gospel.



MARK in today's Gospel we see Jesus' power over death (*and over illness often the forerunner of death.*) St Mark stresses that both the woman with the haemorrhage and the daughter of Jairus were beyond the help of any earthly power. He also stresses the great faith of the women and Jairus. Both believe that Jesus possessed a supernatural power to heal. Through faith in Jesus the woman and the little girl are saved

MON	<i>'Dies non' Nothing scheduled for today Fr Grant unavailable</i>	FRI	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church
TUE	<i>Fr Grant unavailable until the evening Mass 7.00pm Holy Mass for Sts. Peter and Paul</i>	SAT	10.00am Holy Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass at the grotto
WED	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass at the grotto
THU	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass in the church		



'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. We express what we believe by the way we pray. Our genuflection is a prayer whereby we acknowledge and honour the True Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle.



Let us remember in prayer

Sick: Brian Breen

Anniversary: Tress Connelly, Mary McKay, Mary Jane Johnston

Recently Dead: Fr Louis Mendy, Tommy Mullen, John Tamburinni, Nicola McFarlane, Karen Cosgrove, Mary McPheeley, Ian Flynn, Aiden Rooney, Tommy Mullen, Henry Kennedy, Mary Singer, Maureen Blair, Charles McConnell

Months Mind: Catherine, Charles and Tracy Devine, Anna T. Devine, Joseph Devine, Christine and Elaine Doak, Elizabeth Carr, Pat O'Hanlon

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

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose & GiftAid	£ 21985
Standing Orders	£ 182
Total	£ 2167
Contactless (Grotto)	£ 25

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION DIRECTLY ON THE TONGUE

For those who have found it extremely difficult during this time to adhere to the Bishop's instruction that Holy Communion must only be received in the hand and would prefer to receive the Blessed Eucharist on their tongue, then I invite you, as you leave the church, to make your way to the former 'Blessed Sacrament chapel', wait there and I will be more than happy to accommodate your wishes by giving you Holy Communion directly on the tongue.



FR LOUIS MENDY, a fairly recent addition to the Holy Ghost Fathers in St Bernadette's, Motherwell (and for a short time chaplain to Wishaw general Hospital) was called home to the Father's House last week. The funeral arrangements are as follows: Thursday 1st July, Holy Mass and Reception of the Body 6.00 pm. Friday 2nd July Funeral Mass, 11.00 am Fr Mendy's body will be interred in St Patrick's Cemetery in New Stevenston after the Mass.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES to the families of Tommy Mullen and John Tamburinni. Tommy was buried from our church on Friday. John's Requiem Mass will be next Thursday 1st July at 11.30am. John's mortal remains will be received into the church on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm.

'CARAID'— the music group from St John Bosco Parish, New Stevenston have released an album of their music called 'Reflections'. It is available to download on iTunes/Amazon Music/Spotify They also have a limited number of CD's available priced at £10.00 with all proceeds from download & CD sales being donated to charity.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I think that the time has now come to restore that beautiful practice of bringing Jesus to the homes of the housebound after the weekend Masses. Can I ask those Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who were involved in this ministry to facilitate this amongst themselves and let me know who visits who and when, with an address and telephone number (*if possible*). I intend now to start visiting the housebound on a more regular basis. I regret that this was previously not allowed by the Coronavirus protocol established by the Government and by the Diocese. Can the Eucharistic Ministers please let the housebound know that I intend to visit them over the next few weeks. **Thank you.**

Unfortunately a few of our Extra-ordinary Ministers stepped down from this ministry over the last 16 months. We will need to recruit a few more. Holy Communion from the chalice is not likely to return for some time so that gives us a bit of breathing space with regard to recruiting a few more to this ministry.

SVDP Over the last year or more, there has been no steady income for the SVDP Society. Perhaps it would now be possible to resume the usual retiring collection to help with their charitable work. Once again, I ask the members to chat amongst themselves about the feasibility of this. *Thank you.*

IN THE STALL **Sleeping St Joseph statues have, at long last, arrived. Price £10.**

PETER'S PENCE There will be the annual **Peter's Pence** collection at all of the Masses this weekend. This money is for the Holy Father to use to pursue the goals to which he has committed himself and the Church.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA On the weekend of 10th/11th July, a member of the Apostleship of the Sea will make an appeal for their work with seafarers.

SUNDAY PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

I have recently asked parishioner, Alan Wilson, to coordinate the Reader's Rota. Although the rota he has prepared takes us up to the end of September, there will always be opportunities to volunteer for this privileged ministry at any time. *Please see below.*

Ideally I would like separate readers for the Old Testament (1st Reading) and the New Testament (2nd Reading). It was also my practice in previous parishes to have a reader announce the Prayer of the Faithful. However, three readers at each Mass would be far too ambitious for now, since the pool of readers in the parish is rather small. However we can only work with the small pool we have at present. Hopefully others will volunteer.

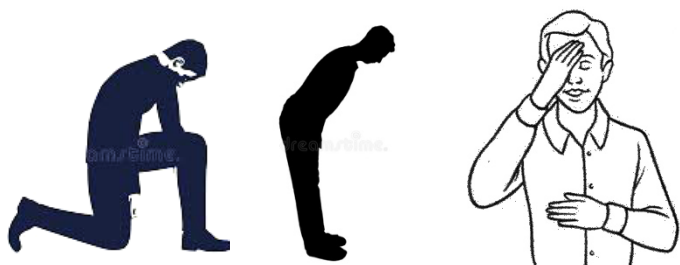
A complete rota for the next three months is available from the church porch. Here is the rota for the next month or so.

2021	Reading - Year B	Vigil	9am	11am
27-Jun	13th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Kathleen Gilgunn	Alan Wilson	Kathleen Miller
04-Jul	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Marie Marks	Jim Gibson	Margaret McGee
11-Jul	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Kathleen Gilgunn	Gerry McGlone	John Paul Cairns
18-Jul	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Marie Marks	Allan Panton	William Collum
25-Jul	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Paul Burns	Alan Wilson	Eddie Dollochin

PRAYING WITH OUR BODIES

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.



Genuflect or Bow or Make the sign of the Cross

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.

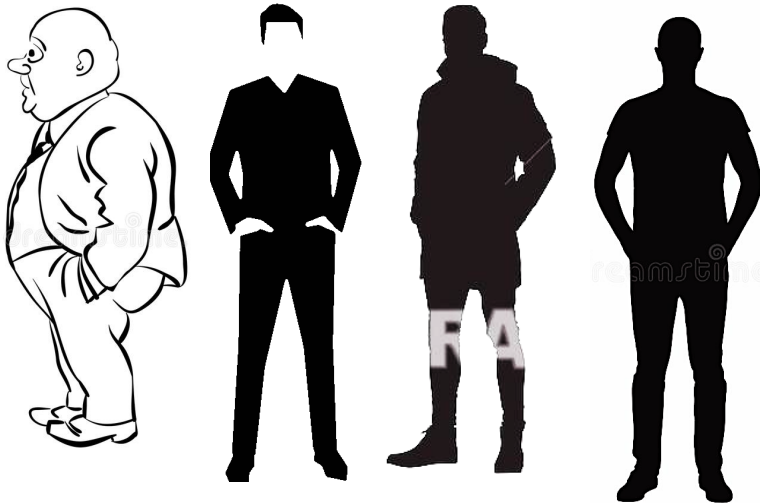
TUESDAY - FEAST OF SAINTS PETER and PAUL

Saint Peter (+64), brother of St Andrew, from Bethsaida in Galilee, married, a fisherman to trade, has his call from Jesus recorded in all four Gospels. With James and John he makes up the threesome taken by Jesus with him on special occasions. He recognises Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16) and Jesus gives him the new name Peter “and on this rock I will build my Church”,

Saint Paul (+67), originally Saul, was from Tarsus, present-day Southern Turkey, the son of Jewish parents, “a Pharisee and a tentmaker to trade. He arrived in Jerusalem shortly after Our Lord’s time. He was present at the stoning of Saint Stephen and quickly became the chief persecutor of the new religion. His ‘Damascus moment’ is the dramatic and, for many, the unbelievable conversion. Tradition has him dying a martyr’s death in the year 67.



PRAYING WITH OUR BODIES - LET’S RESTORE REVERENCE



At the First Holy Communion Masses recently, I could not but help notice a number of young men present who had their hands in their pockets all throughout Mass. I thought at first they couldn’t have been Catholics until they came forward for Holy Communion. **I am positive that they did not mean any disrespect**, but it is a sad sign of the times that a certain casualness has crept into our attitude whilst in the church. As positive as I can be, these people meant no disrespect, however, I can’t help but think that this is not a posture conducive to prayer.

Those who study body language interpret such a posture of hands in pockets as being ‘*non committal*’, ‘*casual*’, as if to say “*whatever*”, “*this is not that important to me*”. When I was a child I was told that having ones hands in one’s pockets in company was bad manners. Times have undoubtedly changed but, but there’s still a part of me bristles when I notice people walking around or standing in the church with their hands in their pockets. ***Just thought I’d mention it.***

Other Events coming up in the grotto

Sun 15th August	Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven	Torchlight Procession
Sun 5th September	Scottish National Pilgrimage to Carfin	Holy Mass at 3.00pm
Wed 8th September	Our Lady’s Birthday	Torchlight Procession