



St Francis Xavier's, Carfin

Taylor Ave, Carfin, Motherwell ML1 5AJ



5th September 2021

23rd Sunday of the Year

THIS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	<i>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 Novena/Mass</i> 7.00pm Novena to St Therese & Holy Mass	SAT	9.30am Holy Rosary in the church 10.00am Holy Mass + 11.00am Latin Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass
WED	OUR BLESSED LADY'S BIRTHDAY Solemn Mass at 12.00noon Torchlight Rosary in the grotto at 8.00pm	SUN	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 3.00pm Holy Mass at the grotto KSC Mass
THU	10.00am Requiem for Nijole Dabozinskaite (Glasgow) 7.00—8.00pm Confession & Night Prayer		

**TUESDAY : NOVENA TO ST THERESE
Begins with Rosary at 6.40pm**

THIS WEDNESDAY is Our Blessed Lady's birthday. She who was conceived Immaculate was born into this world with a special vocation conferred on her by God from all time – to be the mother of His Incarnate Son.

As Mary's sons and daughters I invite you to celebrate Our Heavenly Mother's birthday at a **SOLEMN MASS CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH AT 12 NOON ON 8TH OF SEPTEMBER.**

Torchlight Rosary on the evening of 8th September we shall gather around the Grotto of Massabielle to pray and sing the praises of Mother Mary on her birthday.

Happy Birthday

The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto takes place today with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the occasion this being the year of Saint Joseph the pilgrimage this year is in honour of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

Sr. Editta & Community of St Peter Claver sisters wrote to thank the parishioners of St Francis Xavier for an incredible response to their Mission Calendar sale. They raised a staggering £1,320.66

THE QR CODE below is an easy way of donating towards the maintenance of the grotto. If you have a smartphone, all you need do is take a picture of the QR code with your camera and follow the link. Otherwise download a free QR reader app.



HOLY GHOST FATHERS AUTUMN FAYRE & CAR BOOT SALE

on Saturday 11th September, 10 am - 2 pm, in their car park and hall opposite Carfin Grotto. Bouncy Castle, Bottle Tombola, Charity Shop, Refreshments, and much more. **Entrance free.** Please come along and support our mission! To book a pitch (cost £12) please call 07491 975167. There are also some indoor pitches with tables supplied in our Little Flower hall for £15.

Carfin Lourdes Grotto—A place of prayer, a place of Pilgrimage

It is a genuinely lovely gesture to provide seating for pilgrims to the grotto, however, I have thought for many years that the escalating number of such benches was changing the focus of the grotto to something akin to visiting a cemetery. Though the primary purpose of the benches was to

provide seating in the grotto, there are now many benches where it would be impossible to sit given the amount of memorabilia placed on or around them. I am respectfully inviting those who have placed memorabilia on or around the benches to consider removing them so that they

can be used for their original purpose – seating for pilgrims.

At the same time, I would like to encourage pilgrims who use the benches as a seat, to say a little prayer for the person(s) on whose bench they are sitting.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose & GiftAid £ 1840
Standing Orders £ 690
Total £ 2530

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5.00pm Kathleen Gilgunn
Sun 9.00am John Paul Cairns
Sun 11.00am John Paul Cairns

COMING TO THE GROTTTO WITHIN

THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Statue of St Padre Pio
- Statue of St Gianna Mola (*donated by SPUC Scotland*).

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Pat O'Rourke, Shannon Falconer, Thomas Riley, Christina McDonagh

Recently Dead: Rosanne Morgan, Janina Niewczas (Lublin, Poland), Betty McGorry, Frank Duffy, Frank Gallagher, Thomas Millsip, Tam O'Hare (Coatbridge), Jane Downie, John Loughran, James Docherty (Port Glasgow), Kathleen Grant, Vera McGrenary, Elizabeth Williams, Mary Theresa Brannigan, Rose Armstrong, Brida Kearns Paula Allan (m.s. Larkins)

Months Mind: Eric & Theresa Williamson, John McCormack (Snr), Teresa Sweet, Catherine, Charles & Tracy Devine, the Devine Family, Patrick Naughton, James Naughton (Snr & Jnr), Winnifred Naughton, Trevor Horton, James Cullen

Anniversary: Lachie McNeil, Neilly Tierney, Mary Sharkey, Alex Graham, Mary Theresa O'Brien, Anna Tress Devine, Gerry Keenan



NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we welcome back Fr Francis McGachey who will celebrate all three weekend Masses giving him an opportunity to thank the parishioners for all the support you gave him during his time as your parish priest. This also affords us the opportunity to thank Fr Francis for all his efforts for the parish and the grotto during the NINE years he spent with you.

After all three weekend Masses, there will be light refreshments served in the Xavier Centre to which all are welcome.

ALSO, DEACON JIM AITKEN will come along to the 11.00am Mass and a small presentation will be made to him for all that he did for the parish during his ministry.

Events coming up in the Grotto

Wed 8th September	Our Lady's Birthday
Sat 11th September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sun 19th September	Polish Pilgrimage
Sun 3 rd October	'St Therese Sunday'
Sun 10th October	'Rosary Sunday' - close of the Grotto season

Torchlight Rosary
Una Voce Latin Mass
2.00pm - 6.00pm
Torchlight Procession
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