

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

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RELICS OF SAINT THERESE TO VISIT CARFIN IN 2019

At the end of the National Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday 2nd September, Bishop Joseph Toal announced that next year, 2019, the relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux would be coming to Scotland for a period of three weeks: they will arrive in Carfin on Friday the 29th of August and will be with us here over the weekend, including for the National Pilgrimage Mass on the first Sunday of September. They will then travel around each Diocese in the country.

Canon Thomas Taylor, the founder of the Grotto in the early 1920s, was a close friend of Saint Thérèse's three blood sisters who were Carmelite nuns in the monastery at Lisieux. He was called as one of the principal witnesses to the widespread devotion to the 'Little Flower' as Thérèse had become known in the English-speaking world, when the cause of her Canonisation was opened. Perhaps his most famous book was the translation into English of her *L'Histoire d'une ame (The Story of a soul)* her autobiography - which was given a tremendous reception by readers, as was its successor *A Little White Flower*, with one reprint following another. He also had the privilege of being at her Canonisation Mass in Saint Peter's, Rome, in 1925.



When Canon Taylor first proposed the idea of a statue of Saint Thérèse in the Grotto there were those who questioned and even criticised his proposal. He consulted her blood sisters at Lisieux in July 1923. Pauline, who was better known as Mother Agnes, Superior of the community, replied: "This child who has loved Mary so passionately would certainly not rob her of her glory." She then added the striking promise which has meant so much to the Grotto at Carfin: "Keep her statue in the Grotto. We will ask Saint Thérèse to draw souls to Carfin and so prove how she loves Our Lady." Within three months of the statue being placed in the Grotto thousands of people were coming on pilgrimage.

What is it that will come next year? What are her relics? In 1910, when the diocesan Process for her Beatification was begun, her body was exhumed from the cemetery where it had been buried in Lisieux. Her remains - that is to say, her bones, since nothing else remained of her other than some debris of clothing - were placed in a new casket in order to ensure a better state of preservation, and were interred near her original grave. In 1915 when the Vatican Process began, a second exhumation took place. This time her bones were cleaned and carefully wrapped in fine linen to be transferred again into a small carved oak receptacle. This was placed in a sealed rosewood casket, and everything was reburied in a brick vault in the same cemetery. It was not until the Beatification was officially announced that the definitive translation of her bones to the Carmelite chapel at Lisieux took place in 1923.

When she was Beatified, her remains were taken to a small chapel built in the Carmelite monastery, known as the *Chapelle de la Chasse* (the Chapel of the Tomb). Here there is a statue of St. Thérèse asleep in death; inside this statue are sealed some of her bones, with the remaining bones placed underneath the statue: the bones themselves are not visible - only the reliquary can be seen. In 1997, the centenary of the death of St. Thérèse, there were numerous requests for the reliquary to travel abroad. With the permission of the Vatican, a large proportion of her bones were transferred to a reliquary of precious wood, pictured above. It is this that will be visiting Scotland next year. **Father McGachey**

SUNG EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTON

this evening (Sunday) at 6pm. Please join us if you can.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - This is the collection called Peter's Pence, which we forgot to do at the end of June.

WELCOME - To Diaconal student, George Frame, who will be joining us on placement this weekend. Over the next few weeks you will see George reading at Mass, and serving along with the other adult servers. Please make him welcome.

THE ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT THERESE - continues on Wednesday of this week at 7pm in the Parish Church. The service includes, as well as the Novena prayers, the 'Twenty-five Glory Be's', veneration of the relic and Benediction.

THE XAVIER CENTRE - To make bookings or enquires about the Xavier Centre either ring 07581239872 or use the new email address: xaviercentre@gmail.com.

READERS - Please collect your new rota from the Sacristy today.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY 29th SEPTEMBER - VINCENTIAN DAY - Rosary Procession at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2pm.

SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER - LITTLE FLOWER SUNDAY - At 7pm Rosary Procession in the Grotto, followed by Litany and Prayers to Saint Thérèse, veneration of the Relic and Benediction in the Parish Church. Light refreshments in the Xavier Centre afterwards.

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER - ROSARY SUNDAY - Bishop Toal will lead a Diocesan Torchlight Procession to mark the Feast of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, followed by Benediction in the Parish Church at 7pm. Light refreshments in the Xavier Centre afterwards.

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER - TORCHLIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION AND FATIMA MASS, AND THE TRADITIONAL 'FATIMA ADEUS' - at 7.30pm. This Mass will be a Vigil Mass of Sunday.

WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER

NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS begins
with Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm

MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE - All married couples are invited to a special Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Wednesday 19th September at 7pm. During the Mass there will be an opportunity to renew your marriage vows.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK - On **Monday** we remember **St. Robert Bellarmine**. Born in Montepulciano, Italy, he died in Rome in 1621. He entered the Society of Jesus, finishing his theological studies at Louvain, Belgium. His services to the Church were outstanding and many. As a religious he was a model of purity, humility and obedience; as a bishop and Cardinal, an example of great love for his flock. **Wednesday** is the memorial of the Fourth century martyr of Naples, **St. Januarius**. During the 17th century the Christian faith was brought to Korea through the zeal of lay persons. **Friday** is the feast of the **Korean martyrs**, a group of 103, most notably, **Andrew Kim Taegon**, the first Korean priest, and the lay apostle, **Paul Chong Hasang**. Among the martyrs were three bishops and seven priests, but for the most part they were heroic laity, men and women, married and single of all ages. They were canonised by Pope John Paul II 1984.

<p>SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>8.00am The Church opens 9.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Ordinary Season 11.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Ordinary Season 11.00am The Shrines and the Chapels in the Grotto open 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction</p>
<p>MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER TRINITY HS</p>	<p>9.00am The Parish Church opens 9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions in the Parish Church until 2.00pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER SAINT ANDREW'S & ST. BRIDE'S HS</p>	<p>9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass with the Miraculous Medal Novena 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm 12noon Holy Mass for Trinity HS in Glass Chapel (Fr. Mournian) 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until in the Parish Church until 2.00pm</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER ALL SAINTS AND ST STEPHEN'S, COATBRIDGE</p>	<p>9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church with Novena to St. Thérèse 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Glass Chapel for All Saints and Saint Stephen's 1.45pm Confessions in the Parish Church until 2.00pm 7.00pm The Little Flower Novena - Week 7</p>
<p>THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER SAINT ANDREW'S & ST. BRIDE'S HS</p>	<p>9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass with the Carfin Novena 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Glass Chapel until 4pm 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.00pm</p>
<p>FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm</p>
<p>SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm 5.00pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>8.00am The Parish Church opens 9.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Ordinary Season 11.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Ordinary Season 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel NO EVENING DEVOTIONS</p>

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THE SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays of the year, except during Lent and on Easter Sunday, at 12.30pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - At least six months' notice must be given of intention to marry.

*Please telephone or email Father McGachey to make an appointment,
or speak to Father McGachey or Deacon Jim after Mass at the weekend*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

We are no longer able to publish the names of the sick in our weekly Bulletin because of the new Data Protection Laws that came into force on Friday 25th May 2018.

RECENTLY DEAD - Jackie McQuade, Noreen, Mary McVey, Frances McKeown, Philip Timmins, Sammy Dunn, James McGuinness sen., James McGuinness jnr., Joseph Mulroney, Bessie Aitken, Annie Donnelly, Annie Whitby, Rudy McLean, Jesse Gilesby, Mary Lavery, Gloria Forbes, Kenny Brown.

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND REMEMBRANCES – Ellen Harvey, Frank McMahon, John and Mary McShane, Rosemary and Ronald MacIntyre, Frank, Agnes and Desmond McMahon, Gerry Mitchell, Janet Irons, John Gibbons, Marie Henderson, Margaret Leslie, Peggy Campbell, Robert McMenamin, Anne Krisinski, Gerry O'Neill, Lucy O'Hare, John McVey.

Intimations for inclusion in the Bulletin should arrive before 7pm on a Thursday evening

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

FOR SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - £1885. Sincere thanks for your generosity to our Parish.