

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

Parish Bulletin for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Ordinary  
Season - Little Flower Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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## THE TWENTY-FIVE GLORY BE TO THE FATHERS

The devotion known to many as the twenty-five “Glory be’s” came about from a natural desire to express gratitude to the Blessed Trinity for the many blessings showered on St. Thérèse of Lisieux during her twenty-four years and nine months on earth.

The late Father Thomas Taylor, founder of the Grotto at Carfin, was closely involved in the process leading up to her canonisation. He relates in his writings that he first heard of the devotion on his way to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago in 1927. He had interrupted his journey at Baltimore to renew acquaintance with Father Harig, who had trained with him in the seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris. Father Taylor was shocked by the condition of his friend who had just been discharged from a psychiatric hospital, after a prolonged period of illness. During a subsequent spell in hospital, one of the religious sisters looking after him urged him to say the “Glory be” twenty-five times every day in thanksgiving for St. Thérèse’s life. Father Harig faithfully promised to do so and found himself restored to full health.



Father Taylor’s interest was further aroused by an experience recounted by an old friend, Canon Grant of Aberdeen, who had been practising the devotion for some years. He had been summoned by an anonymous caller to the bedside of a lady seriously injured in a motor accident. Not knowing whether she was Catholic, he could only offer up a prayer and leave her; but before he left, he slipped his own twenty-five “Glory be’s” cord under the unconscious invalid’s pillow. Next morning he was called again to the infirmary, where he found the patient showing signs of recovery. Her story was that she was a lapsed Catholic and had not received the Sacraments for thirteen years... There was a sequel - although the vehicle had passed over her body, a few months later the grateful mother gave birth to a healthy child.

This incident, and another nearer home, convinced Father Taylor finally of the efficacy of the twenty-five “Glory be’s” devotion: a mother of eight children, who always had a difficult time at the birth of her children, was awaiting the birth of her ninth. The doctor in attendance informed her that unless she placed herself entirely in his hands, her health and that of the unborn child could be at risk. The mother refused absolutely and instead sent for Father Taylor, who blessed her with the relic of St. Thérèse, and asked her to recite daily the twenty-five “Glory be’s”. Three days later her child was delivered quickly and without any trouble.

Another favour, of the many received by devotees of the devotion, is a spiritual one, and is even more striking. The father of a missionary nun home from Africa lay dying from cancer. For forty-five years the invalid had not received the Sacraments, nor would he allow a priest to enter his home. Though not completely convinced of the efficacy of the devotion, the distraught daughter, on Father Taylor’s advice, commenced the recitation of the twenty-five “Glory be’s”. A few days later she was summoned urgently from her convent to her father’s deathbed. To her great joy she found him completely reconciled to God, having already received the Last Rites. In his last painful agony, he uttered the prayer, “Jesus, Mary and Joseph”, before he died peacefully in his daughter’s arms.

During the last twenty years or so of Father Taylor’s life, he constantly recommended the twenty-five “Glory be’s” as a private devotion. He considered that after the Sacrifice of the Mass and the recitation of the Rosary, the basis of all sincere prayer was the contemplation of the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. When this was done in the name of St. Thérèse, he claimed that she would become a powerful advocate in heaven for all those who asked.



## TODAY IS LITTLE FLOWER SUNDAY

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who, since the 1920's, has had a special place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Carfin, is remembered especially this today - the Sunday nearest to her feast. At the conclusion of the Vigil Mass and the two Sunday Masses there will be an opportunity to receive an individual blessing with the Relic of Saint Thérèse.

At 7pm there will be a Torchlight Rosary Procession in the Grotto, followed by the Litany of Saint Therese, Veneration of the Relic and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre afterwards. Please join us if you can.

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**THE ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT THERESE** - concludes on Wednesday of this week at 7pm in the Parish Church.

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**THE MONTH OF OCTOBER** - is the month of the Holy Rosary. As well as the 9.35am Rosary, we will recite the Rosary at 12.35pm each day, Monday-Thursday, from Monday onwards.

## NEXT SUNDAY IS ROSARY SUNDAY

Bishop Toal will lead a Diocesan Torchlight Procession in the Grotto, to mark the Feast of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, followed by Benediction in the Parish Church at 7pm. The Diocesan Choir will be present. Light refreshments in the Xavier Centre afterwards.

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**FROM BISHOP TOAL** - Bishop Toal, in the light of the advice given by Pope Francis of the need to pray for the conversion of the Church, encourages us to make the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, as a mark of reparation and healing. **With this in mind, I propose to lead the Stations of the Cross at 9.30am on Friday mornings.**

**A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP TOAL** - copies of this are available in the porch.

**HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION** - With effect from the First Sunday of Advent this year, a revised observance of the obligation to attend Mass on holy days will be in use. The decision of the Bishops of Scotland has been confirmed by the Holy See. Consequently the days of obligation in Scotland are: Sunday, Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December), Ascension Thursday (Thursday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter), Sts. Peter and Paul (29<sup>th</sup> June), the Assumption of Our Lady (15<sup>th</sup> August) and All Saints (1<sup>st</sup> November). When Sts. Peter and Paul and the Assumption of Our Lady fall on Saturdays or Mondays, they will be transferred to the adjacent Sunday. When All Saints falls on a Saturday it will transferred to the adjacent Sunday; when it falls on a Monday it is to be kept on that day with obligation. In years when All Saints is transferred to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls will be transferred to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

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

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## WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS** begins,

and continues for the subsequent eight weeks

with Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm

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

<p><b>SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>LITTLE FLOWER SUNDAY</p>	<p>8.00am The Church opens  9.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Ordinary Season  11.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Sixth 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  7.00pm <b>Torchlight Rosary Procession in the Grotto and Benediction in the Parish Church, followed by light refreshments</b></p>
<p><b>MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></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  12.30pm The Holy Rosary  1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church  1.45pm Confessions in the Parish Church until 2.00pm</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>TRINITY HS CAMBUSLANG</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 Mass for Trinity HS (Father Mournian)  12.35pm The Holy Rosary  1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church  1.45pm Confessions until in the Parish Church until 2.00pm</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>SAINT DAVID'S HS DALKIETH</p>	<p>9.35am The Holy Rosary  10.00am Holy Mass  10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm  12.35pm The Holy Rosary  1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church with Novena to St. Thérèse  1.45pm Confessions in the Parish Church until 2.00pm  7.00pm <b>The Little Flower Novena - Last Week</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>TRINITY HS CAMBUSLANG</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  12noon Mass for Trinity HS (Father Mournian)  12.35pm The Holy Rosary  1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church  1.45pm Confessions until 2.00pm</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></p>	<p>9.30am The Stations of the Cross - led by Father McGachey  10.00am Holy Mass with the pupils and staff of Our Lady and St. Francis PS  10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY DAY IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA</p>	<p>9.15am Confessions until 9.40am  9.30am Rosary and Fatima Devotions  10.00am Holy Mass  10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 4pm  11.45am Confessions until 12.15pm  12.15pm Rosary and Fatima Devotions  1.00pm Holy Mass in the Glass Chapel  4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm  5.00pm Holy Mass</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>ROSARY SUNDAY</p>	<p>8.00am The Parish Church opens  9.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Ordinary Season  11.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Ordinary Season  12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel  7.00pm <b>Torchlight Rosary Procession in the Grotto, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church</b></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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Jimmy Illand, Louisa Monaghan, Gary More, Patrick Quinn, Rose O'Donnell, Frank O'Connor, Gerry McKenna, William Barnes, Martha Reid, Michael Farrell, Mattie Welsh, James McGuinness, Michael Hickey, Margaret Shea, Karen Burns, Karen Shields, Ann Durnion, Peter Boyle, Ronnie Cairns, Maureen McDonald, Mandy Monaghan, Mary Tobin, Delia White, David Hunstone, Rose O'Donnell.

**MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND REMEMBRANCES** – Jimmy McAteer, Catherine Lynn, William Lynn, Owenie Martin, Father Lawrence Connelly, Cathie Hughes, Rose Tierney, Sarah McGahan, Tommy Tague, Moira Seaton Hughes, Catherine, Charles and Tracy Devine, Anna T. Devine, Joseph Devine, McLean Family, Donald E. McDonald, Elizabeth Carr, John Campbell, James Gray, Mary and Peter Mallon, Jean and Tom Fagan, George Cusick, Nellie, John and William McFarlane, Theresiamme Chako, Frank Paterson.

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

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**FOR SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER - £1787.** Sincere thanks for your generosity to our Parish.