

## *The Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*

"**Where were you when Kennedy was assassinated?** Where were you when Elvis died? Where were you when Stein's men played in Lisbon and where were you when O' Neil's lads went to Seville?" These are the type of questions that often crop up in conversations and the replies generally lead to enthusiastic and enlightening conversations. A time will come when someone will ask, "**where were you when the Relics of St Therese came to Scotland?**" Hopefully you will tell them that you were here in the parish named after her, the only one in the Diocese of Motherwell. At the time of writing this newsletter the **Relics of St Therese our Patron Saint** have both come to us and gone to spread spiritual joy in Carfin. So many people will be enriched and affirmed. We hold on to wonderful memories of **Grace** and **Favour**. We tried our best to prepare for the visit and celebrated the event with enthusiasm and participation. **Thank you** to the parish who attended the liturgies and to our many visitors who swelled our ranks as well.

**The visit of St Therese of Lisieux** presented us with an opportunity to celebrate and practice our Faith with so many other people who love God and His Saints and for whom joining in the liturgy is a source of life giving energy and delight. Our secular world rarely provides opportunities for the soul to be **strengthened** and **nourished** with **Grace**. There is too much doom and gloom and not enough va va voom! After so many years of doom and gloom, disappointments and shame our spirits have have flown high on the **wings of eagles!!** Do you remember the joyful singing, the fresh flowers and piles of roses? Were you part of the queues that lined up to venerate the Relics and receive Holy Communion. Did you join in the applause..... such applause and did you process with the pipe band past our school and down into the Grotto where the rows of children were waving flags? **We were there, we were there. Thank God** for His marvellous blessings and thank you to the **Little Flower** for coming to us.

Some of us have no doubt reflected on the contribution of **Canon Taylor** whose prophetic work and dedication introduced such devotion to **Our Lady of Lourdes** and such love for **Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face**. What would he have thought of this weekend at his beloved Grotto in Carfin and of the celebrations in the parish of Saint Teresa in Newarthill? Here is a thought for us to mull over. She who wanted to go to the missions ended up going nowhere further than a Convent in northern

France. However, her presence in the form of her relics has visited eighty countries and one of these countries now is **Scotland**.

**The first place she stopped** was here with us in a former little pit town that possibly few have heard of: Newarthill. She came to us because **she loves** us as she loved our mothers and fathers and she brought blessings, blessings that can never be taken away. Each time we walk in the Church dedicated to her name may we smell the scent of fresh roses an everlasting memory of her presence with us as we journey towards the celebration of the **sixtieth anniversary** of the first Mass in our lovey Church. **To God be all the thanks and the glory for sending us Therese.**

This **weekend** we will celebrate Mass in honour of **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**. It will be an opportunity for us all to rededicate ourselves to the Lord and our patron saint.

**Next Sunday** is the beginning of **Vocations Awareness Week**. On **Sunday 15th September** there will be a collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund. The annual cost of training a priest is approximately **£25,000 per year**. With the current collapse of the pound the cost of training a student in Rome is even more.

**Children's Liturgy** will begin next **Sunday 8th September**.

**Do you realise that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you alone?** He burns with a desire to come in to your heart - - don't listen to the demon, laugh at him and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love. (St Therese of Lisieux)

**Louis and Zelig Martin had nine children:** Marie-Louise, Marie-Pauline, Marie-Leonce, Marie-Celine, Marie-Francoise Therese. The following children died: Marie-Helene, Joseph-Louis, Joseph-Jean Baptiste and Marie-Melanie Therese.

*Month's Mind: John Cadden and Jane McMahon*

*Attendances: 219, Collection: £601*

**Thank you to the parish for their generosity**

# Prayer For The Week

Sung to the tune of Hail, Glorious St Patrick.

Hail! White flower of Christ  
 thou hast won thy repose:  
 on us still in exile let fall a sweet rose;  
 and now thou dost bloom  
 in God's garden on high,  
 bless the flock and its shepherd who on thee rely.  
 Bless the flock and its shepherd,  
 bless the flock and its shepherd,  
 bless the flock and its shepherd  
 who on thee rely.

Go spend thy sweet heaven  
 doing good upon earth;  
 go guard Little Queen  
 every altar and hearth.  
 Go scatter thy roses on us as we roam,  
 till the battle is won  
 and we reach our loved home.  
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 and we reach our loved home.



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### The Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary

Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 1st Sept.	10:00am 3:00pm	Jane McMahon National Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto
Monday 2nd Sept.	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Morning Prayers John Cadden Mass in the State Hospital
Tues 3rd Sept. <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayers Priest's Intentions
Wed 4th Sept.	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayers Jim and Maggie Bergin
Thurs 5th Sept.	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Morning Prayers Priest's Intentions Enrolment for Pope Francis Award
Friday 6th Sept. <i>First Friday</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Morning Prayers Priest's Intentions
Saturday 7th Sept.	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Priest's Intentions

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 7th Sept.	F Carroll	M Connor, A M Lynn, M Green
Sunday 8th Sept.	E Smith	P Cullion, P Walsh, F carroll