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# Carfin Chronicle

**Autumn 2021**



**Fr Terry Donnelly, C.S.Sp. RIP**

September 2021 is a month we Spiritans cannot forget in a hurry after we lost our dear brother and priest Fr Terry Donnelly to the cold hands of death on the 7th of September. Fr Terry had to undergo a critical operation from which he was unable to recover, and passed over to God on 7th Sept at the age of 74. I am sure you can imagine the shock and great loss we have suffered here in our Spiritan community.

Fr Terry served in Sierra Leone, one of the most difficult missions in the world and he was passionate about serving disadvantaged people. He was a strong advocate of Justice, Peace and the care of God's creation. Always cheerful, he was ready to help anyone. I know he will appreciate your prayers as he prayed daily for you during his life. The world was a better place because of Fr Terry and heaven will be too. As we thank God for his life we pray for the strength to continue the mission of the Lord as he did. Always in our prayers.



**Fr Peter Lafferty, C.S.Sp.**

Fr Peter hails from Glasgow and was ordained in Carfin on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1991. He has spent around 32 years working in South Africa, with a particular apostolate to families, and also working with refugees and young people.

Due to motor neurone disease, Fr Peter has retired from active ministry. Fr Peter has Advanced MND and, despite the physical challenges and speech difficulties associated with MND, he retains a great spirit and intellect and has not lost his keen sense of humour. Peter still retains his life-long love of Celtic. Please remember Fr Peter, and all our missionaries, in your prayers.

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### **Precious Charles Ohiambe, C.S.Sp.**

A young and energetic student from the Delta State of Southern Nigeria has joined us for a couple of months to assist in the community, and also to benefit from the Scottish culture!

He arrived in the UK in December 2020, and has spent some time in London and Manchester before arriving in Scotland. He was particularly attracted to the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) because of their Mission to the poorest of the poor. We wish him well during his short stay with us.



### **Golden Jubilee of Fr Paul Hopper C.S.Sp.**

On 1st October, Feast of St Teresa of Lisieux, Patroness of the Missions, we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Fr Paul Hopper. Around 50 people gathered for Holy Mass followed by a celebratory meal in the Little Flower hall. Fr Paul said he was "taken by surprise by the loyal supporters of Carfin where his parents went on honeymoon during the depression of the 1930s". Fr Paul, who hails from the north east of England, served in Nigeria and Australia and is now living in Carfin where he is an active member of the community. The celebration was delayed because of Covid 19 and, when Fr Terry died, Fr Paul said we should "forget all about it". However, the house committee decided that we must mark this important anniversary of 50 years. A most enjoyable time was had by all present.

Ad Multos Annos!



**World Mission Sunday** will be held on 24th October this year. On this day, through prayer, reflection and material help, we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to bring the true love of Christ to all who have yet to receive it..



### **Car Boot Sale**

After around 18 months of inactivity, we recently held a small Autumn Fayre and Car Boot Sale. Many thanks to all of you who gave their support, and have continue to support us in Carfin. The number attending was relatively small, but the rain stayed away, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. A huge thank you to our house committee members, volunteers who staff our charity shop, and all other staff.



### **From the Bursar's desk..**

I bring you greetings from the Spiritan Community Carfin. We are grateful to God that our society is gradually opening up again, as we see most of the covid-19 restrictions have been lifted in most parts of the country, so that we can at least live normal lives again.

As a way of raising funds to support our mission, I sent out our annual raffle tickets alongside our last newsletter. These raffle tickets are still available for sale. If you have not returned the ticket stubs and the amount, please try and do so before the draw date. Also, Please feel free to ignore if you do not like raffles. The draw for the raffle will take place in our community on the **First Sunday of Advent.**

More so, as we draw close to the month of November, we have included a form to write down the names of your loved ones, both families and friends who have died, and return it to us. If you wish to make a donation, feel free to return the names alongside your donation. Our midday masses throughout the month of November will be offered for them.



Again, We are still very much in need of your support to help us continue to pay our staff and our bills. So your donations to us will highly be appreciated. If you wish to have a mass offered for a special intentions and wish to offer a stipend, or you are able to donate to our community to help us during this time, please do so either by post, bank transfer or push an envelope through our door.

Once again, thank you for all your support to us. There is no Holy Ghost father without you. I commend you to the maternal care of our Lady of Perpetual Help. **Fr. Jude.**

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