

Fiddlers Rally Fundraiser

The above event takes place on Friday 10 February 2012 at 7.30 in Glasgow City Chambers in aid of *Life Pregnancy Care Services*. Tickets £7.00. Light Refreshment. For tickets telephone 01505 335 571/0141 636 9240/0141 571 2037 or purchase at the door.

Life have a large stock of baby clothes and baby materials which are available to anyone who would benefit. Contact Marie Logue 0141 221 0080 or Helen Graham 015058 335 571 if interested.

Just War in the 21st Century

A talk by Fr John Langan SJ, the former Rose Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics. Monday 6th February at 7.30pm in St Aloysius' College Hall. Admission free

Jesuit Missions Volunteering

The above programme, which includes teaching placements, computer projects, health programmes, working in orphanages and assisting with Parish Work, still has some places available. If interested contact Hania Lubienska, JMV Volunteer Co-ordinator, Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, London SW19 4LR Tel: 020 8946 0466 Web: www.jesuitmissions.org.uk

Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or bereavement. The weekend will take place from **23rd-25th March 2012 at St. Mary's, Kinnooull, Perth**. For details contact: **Ros** on **0131 669 0003** or email: **roz@hotmail.co.uk**.

World Youth Day

The next World Youth Day will be in Rio de Janeiro on 28th July 2013. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Fr John.

Aquinas Lecture

A Christian response to the New Atheism - given by Professor Robert A Davis of the University of Glasgow. **Monday 30 January 2012 at 7.30pm in the University of Strathclyde, Chaplaincy Centre, St Paul's Building, John Street, Glasgow** Entry Free. Refreshments.

Glasgow Lourdes Pilgrimage '12

Anyone wishing to apply to go to Lourdes as a Pilgrim should write or telephone: **Mrs A Findlay 5 Crofthead Drive Lennoxton Glasgow G66 7HP Tel: 01360 312676**

What's On This Week...

Legion of Mary—Sunday 4.00 to 5.30 pm downstairs in the Seminar Room. Contact: Emmanuel (emmysurpee@yahoo.com)

Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm downstairs in the Seminar Room. Contact: Jesus (jesous.yehoshua@gmail.com)

What Catholics believe & Why they believe it—Wednesday 7.00 to 9.00 pm in the upstairs hall. Meet 6.30 pm for coffee/tea in the Cafe.

RISE—Thursday 7.30 to 9.00pm in the Chapel for Charismatic prayer and praise. Contact Teresa (teresa.barnes@gmail.com)

School of Community—Friday evening, 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the seminar room. Contact: Fr John.

Collections

Sunday 22nd January £297.69 (Gift Aid £41.00)

Last Year £353.34 (Gift Aid £55.00)
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Masses and Holy Communion

Sunday 9.00, 11.30 am & 6.15 pm

Monday, Wednesday—Friday 8.00 am & 1.05pm

Tuesday 8.00 am (Holy Communion 1.05 pm)

Services and Devotions

Prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer Weekdays 7.30 am

Confessions

Monday/Wednesday 12.45-1.30 pm

Fridays 12.45-1.00 pm

Sunday 11.00—11.30am & 6.00—6.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays 7.30-8.00am (during term)

Second Friday of the Month

7.00—10.00pm

Rosary

Weekdays 7.45 am and 12.45pm

29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Mark gives us an account of Jesus teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Mark does not tell us what Jesus teaches, but does tell us that he does so with authority. Not entirely surprising, because Mark is often more concerned with what Jesus does rather than with what he says. What was important for Mark here was not so much what Jesus actually taught, but that he did it with authority. Apparently, Jesus made a deep impression on those in the synagogue, because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

There are, of course, different kinds of authority. Teaching with authority could simply mean speaking well or speaking with self-confidence, like the good speaker who wins the debating competition. The speaker's argument doesn't matter so much: the matter under consideration is how well he or she presents the argument. We can presume that there was something more to Jesus' authority than debating skills.

Another kind of authority comes from representing people. Members of Parliament have been elected to represent, in some sense, their constituents. We don't send delegates to Parliament who are directed by their constituents on every issue, but send as our MPs people whom we want to represent us. An MP's authority comes from those they represent. Again this is not the nature of

Jesus' authority; it does not come through representing people. The people often get things wrong and Jesus cannot be seen as a representative of that. Jesus calls his followers rather than his followers calling him.

It is the unclean spirit in the gospel reading who points to where Jesus' authority does come from. The unclean Spirit says to Jesus, 'Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' We tend to think that a man with an unclean spirit means an evil man, and it could mean that here, but it could mean a man who was a bit mad or simply somebody who was ill. Ordinary illnesses could be seen as being the work of unclean spirits.

In any case, it means that the man with the unclean spirit was not as he should be. He was not the human being that God intended him to be. Jesus was able to recognise that. Some may not be impressed by that, but I think that it is something that everybody fails to do at least some of the time. We admire some people we shouldn't. We admire their achievements, but if we think about it, we realise they are not something to admire. In the end, cornering huge amounts of power and wealth does nobody any good. Even considering ourselves, we will take pride in things we actually should be sorry for.

The authority Jesus possessed came from

being able to see through all human misperceptions and malaise to identify where the truth of the matter lay. In every case he was right. Whether it be malice or illness, Jesus saw that the issue was a lack of humanity. In the man with an unclean spirit, Jesus saw a lack of humanity. The man was not as God intended.

In the end, Jesus' authority came from being right: right about the human condition. The unclean spirit knew this ability could only come from God, who alone knows what human beings are really can be.

Speaking the truth gave Jesus his authority. The unclean spirit recognised that divine authority and knew that it was subject to that authority. There is no room here for a dualism between good and evil. God and goodness are not in some cosmic battle with evil spirits where we eagerly await unknowable outcome. Evil spirits are subject to divine authority. In the Gospel, the evil spirit 'went out' of the man at Jesus' command.

Jesus' authority came from God: knowing and proclaiming the divine truth. It gave Jesus authority over evil spirits. The people then knew that Jesus taught with authority.

When we recognise truth and justice we see God. Just as people in the Gospel saw God and authority in the truth and rightness of what Jesus said. Ultimately, Jesus' authority denies space for evil and reaffirms the goodness of humanity and creation.

Fr David McLean O.P.

Parents' Corner

Manifold Service to Life

Married love serves human life in many ways. In fact, in every act of self-giving love towards others, families witness to their spiritual fertility. Christian families, who see every person as a child of our Heavenly

Father and His Family, embrace children of other families with love and support, not as outsiders but as part of the one family of all God's children. Thus Christian parents love beyond their own children and form spiritual bonds with children of other needy families through their concrete help. Christian parents should be more ready to adopt or foster orphaned or abandoned children who, once they have rediscovering real family warmth and affection, will be able to experience again God's loving fatherhood and grow up with serenity and confidence in life.

At the same time families are themselves enriched with spiritual values through this wider fraternity. In fact family fecundity should be unceasingly creative in the Holy Spirit, who opens the hearts of families to the ever new needs and sufferings of society and gives them courage to respond to them. A vast field of activity lies open to families, from the care of abandoned children to the even more pressing exclusion of the elderly, the sick, the disabled, drug addicts, ex-prisoners, etc. This broadens enormously the horizons of Christian families. With families and through them, the Lord Jesus continues to "have compassion" on the multitudes.

Familiaris Consortio 41

Catechists' Corner

Genuflecting before going into a pew in Church is a sign of respect for Jesus, who is present in the tabernacle. We genuflect by going down on our right knee to the ground—never on our left knee. The left knee is for the Queen, the right knee is for God. There is no need to bow when we genuflect, but neither should we make a half hearted bob in place of genuflecting.

When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar, we go down on both knees in reverence.

News: Farewell to Sister Karen

Most of you will now have heard with some sadness that Sister Karen is leaving us for pastures new as part of the changes taking place in her Dominican convent in Glasgow. She and Sr. Laurentia will be leaving and another sister arriving to work in the archdiocese. It is hard to believe that Sr. Karen has been with us for almost three years, which was her contract with us. Due to wider changes in the convent, coupled with her recent family bereavement and her pre-arranged need to undergo some minor surgery in February, her order has decided to bring things forward. Surely, many of you will want to express your gratitude and good wishes to Sr. Karen more fully in due course but, for now, please do feel free to contact her by email with well wishes.

Forty Hours' Adoration Next Weekend

Forty Hours in the Chaplaincy begins on Sunday 5th February until Tuesday 7 February. Holy Hour will be at 5.00pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and will be led by Fr Stephen Reynolds.

Confession will be available. An electronic sign up system is being used so please watch out for emails coming from **Turnbull Hall** as they will be your invitation to sign up to watch in the Chapel.

Parish Youth Club

Parish Youth club meets Sundays 7.30pm-9.15pm in the seminar room and is open to all those from S3-6. This evening is games night, putting up our charity fund barometer on our notice board, planning and a little Indian food.

First Sacraments

Will parents who would like their children to receive First Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this Spring-Summer please contact Fr John.

Caring for the Human Person to the End

Turnbull Ethics, Tue 7 Feb, 7.15pm. Dr. Rosaleen Beattie MB ChB is a Consultant in Palliative Medicine and Clinical Ethicist. She has worked as Medical Director at a large hospice in Lancaster and is a Professorial Fellow in Healthcare Law and Ethics. She has contributed to the British Isles Catholic Bishops' Joint Bioethics Committee, and is a member of the Ethics Committee of the Association for Palliative Medicine, the Quality Standards Expert Group for NICE and on the board of *Children First*. Her areas of special interest are the ethics of end of life, epigenetics and genetics

Preparing for Lent

Will anyone in the congregation who has palms lying in the house from previous years please bring them into the chaplaincy, so that we can burn them to make the ash for distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Convent of St Elizabeth the New Martyr Sisters from the above convent in Belarus will be here on Monday 6 February. They will have Icons and other church items for sale after the 8.00am and 1.05pm Masses and also after our Holy Hour

Justice and Peace

ACT NOW! Do you have a few minutes to spare to support those in great need of help? Would you like to help to change the world by internet campaigning? Why not take some of the quick e-actions in ACT NOW? (Available on the table in the foyer) or log onto Archdiocese of Glasgow Justice and Peace commission (www.justpeaceglasgow.org)