

Mass of St Patrick

Mass for St Patrick's Day will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow on Saturday **17 March** at **11.30am**. Celebrant Most Rev. Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. Due to large numbers expected, please come early if you require a seat.

Day of Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided in **St Andrew's Cathedral**, Clyde Street, on **Thursday 22 March** from **7.45am until 5.45pm**. See poster on notice board.

Job Opportunity

There is a job opportunity for a Youth Ministry Worker with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Closing date for applications is **31 March 2018**. See poster on notice board for full details.

Marian Age Pilgrimages

Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal

Marian Age Pilgrimages to Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal from **Monday 2 July** to **Friday 6 July 2018**. Cost for Knock and Lough Derg **£285.00** per person, for Knock and Donegal **£375.00** per person. See poster on notice board for full details.

Lenten Reflection

A Lenten Reflection will be held for teachers and school staff in **St Andrew's Cathedral** on Wednesday **14 March** at **7.00pm**. See poster on notice board.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (March)

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Feasts This Week

17 March-Feast of St Patrick

What's On This Week

Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Grace (ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com)

Catholic Society—Tuesday 6.30 to 8.00pm in the TV room. For under graduate students. Contact Ruairidh (Ruairidh@live.co.uk). Follow us on Facebook-Glasgow University Catholic Association or Twitter-@GUCatholic

SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly, contact Lily Kearns (turnbullssvp@gmail.com)

St Teresa of Avila Prayer Group-Every Monday at 7.30pm, contact Mollie Stegaroiu (mollie_195@hotmail.com) or on facebook at St Teresa of Avila prayer Group (Turnbull Hall)

RISE—Thursday 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Chapel for Charismatic prayer and praise. Contact Anna (annapf@hotmail.co.uk)

Collections

Sunday 4 March £217.27(Gift Aid £56.00)
Second Collection £141.01
Last Year £271.53(Gift Aid £45.05)
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Masses

Sunday 9.00am and 11.30 am
6.15pm (during term)
Monday-Friday 1.05pm
Saturday 10.30am

Confessions

Monday/Wednesday /Friday 12.45pm or any time on request)
Saturday 10.00am

Rosary

Monday-Friday 12.45pm (during term)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 1.30pm-6.30pm finishing with Benediction (during term)

11 March 4th Sunday in Lent

Today's first reading summarises the story of the Temple's destruction and the Exile in Babylon, which took place soon after 600 BC. It tells us why God allowed these traumatic events to befall his People: they had not remained faithful to him, they had resisted the Prophets, they had worshipped false "gods" alongside the True God. We think of the Prophets' complaints against failure to practise justice or care for the poor. We must be careful how we receive such texts, otherwise we may twist God's Word into an occasion of sin.

The temptation to pride is insidious. Some Christian writers, some Christian artists, have implied: "We are not like those people of old, whom the Prophets told off. God rejected them, and rightly so. He called us in their place, and made us faithful to him. We Christians are better than those Jews, so God will never have reason to reject us." If we have such thoughts, we must re-read the Scriptures, and ask why the Liturgy gives us readings like today's.

Of course God will never reject his People. That is because He is faithful to His Covenant with Noah, His Promise to Abraham, the fierce love He revealed through Moses – we have been listening to those. For St Paul, Jesus does not abolish the Promise to Abraham. He fulfils it, and graciously opens it to all nations. The Letter to the Hebrews agrees with St Paul that the Old Testament rituals could not achieve what Jesus' Sacrifice did. It also reminds us that throughout Old Testament times there were heroes and heroines of faith and hope, a cloud of witnesses to inspire us. So St Augustine describes how, throughout human history, there has been *one* City of God, *one* People of faith and hope, looking forward to Jesus' Coming – in times past, to his First Coming, and now to his Second. For God's loyalty to His People, God's loyalty to humanity, has always ensured that some people are loyal to Him, and grieve over the sins they see. By "God's loyalty" I mean what was revealed and enacted in Jesus' Sacrifice. He said that when He was lifted up, He would draw all things to Himself. Hence the Mediaeval English Liturgy for Holy Saturday says, "Opening your arms on the Cross, you drew *all* ages to yourself." Scripture shows us *some* people resisting God, and *some* traumatic events as punishments for sin. St Paul sees such writings as a warning to us. The Liturgy does not give us

such texts so that we can pride ourselves, but to make us *examine* ourselves. After all, Jesus Himself warned us that calling Him "Lord, Lord" does not ensure entry into His Kingdom.

Traumatic events have happened to the Christian People. Great houses of God, like Cluny, have been destroyed. England retains many such ruins – where the rich did not cannibalise the stones for their mansions. In penal times, many Martyrs gave their lives in solidarity with Christ, many people grieved. But were such times of destruction possible – were they *allowed* – because the Gospel had not penetrated Christian society deeply enough in "the Ages of Faith"? Civil rulers had waged dynastic wars, claimed authority over the Church, and hanged poor people for poaching! Some Church leaders had succumbed to greed.

And today: many people are ignorant of Christ; we worry how easy it will be to practise our Faith. But: how good a witness have we borne? How well have we resisted "false gods"? Is today's decline a *rebuke* to us?

Into the Exile a sign of favour broke; Cyrus' decree promised a "resurrection" of the People. On Good Friday, when we hear Jesus reproach us, reproach *us*, let us review how truly faithful we have been, and pray that into our lives and our land signs of God's faithful love may break.

Fr Richard Conrad O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday from the opening words of the Introit, *Laetare Jerusalem* (Rejoice Jerusalem). Just as in Advent we have *Gaudete* Sunday, a day when there is a sense of rejoicing as our Saviour's birth approaches, so during Lent we have a slight relaxation in our Lenten penance as we look forward to the day of our redemption. This Sunday is also

known as Mother's Day since, in the days of live-in servants, the servants would be given the day off so that they could return home and visit their mothers. However, although it is always good to celebrate all that mothers do for us, it is even more important to remember all that Jesus did for us. "For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in Him we might become the goodness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Let us, therefore, thank Him for doing His Father's will and pray that we too might always be prepared to do our Heavenly Father's will.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Catholic Society

The purpose of the society is for young Catholics (and those interested in Catholicism) to socialise, discuss and discover the faith. We meet **every Tuesday at 18:30** at the University Catholic Chaplaincy during the academic year. Meetings begin with Benediction in the chapel, after which there will be a talk. Drinks in the pub will follow! Open to all young people! Contact: ruairidhm@live.co.uk or annabnova94@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent at 12.30pm.

Second Collections during Lent

There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses in Lent for sick and retired priests.

Confessions during Lent

There will be confession every weekday during Lent at 12.45pm.

Foreign Coins

Please do not put foreign coins in the col-

lection or in for votive candles. They cannot be banked and are disposed of in the nearest waste-paper basket.

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on **Thursday 15 March** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of "Prayer at the Heart of Evangelisation." Speaker Fr Matthew O'Gorman. All young people welcome.

Expecting a Baby? New Mother?

Come and share your story and increase your confidence in birth in a positive, supportive and confidential monthly discussion group. Contact Jackie Gillick (07704 763 560)

GUCA Ball

The GUCA ball will be held on **Friday 25 May 2018** in the GUU. Tickets for this event are **£25.00** now available.

Lenten Charity Tea Party

The chaplaincy will be hosting a charity tea party this Lent in support of the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative. It will take place on **Sunday 18th of March**, all welcome. Tickets are **£3** each and can be obtained from the GUCA office.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight 26 February-11 March. Would you like to help workers receive a fair wage for their work? Why not buy a Fairtrade item when you go shopping? There are a lot of Fairtrade goods for you to choose from in the supermarket. See poster on the notice board.

Retreat 24 March 2018

Fr Ross will lead a retreat on **Saturday 24 March**. From 10.00am until 4.00pm. All welcome. Venue and theme to be confirmed. Sign up sheet on table in foyer.

Palm Sunday

We are looking for two readers for the Passion on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help, please add your name to the sign up sheet, which will be available next week on the side table in the Chapel.

Triduum

We are looking for readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. We also need twelve men willing to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday; also two readers for the Passion on Good Friday. If you are able to help, please add your name to the sign up sheets, which will be available next week on the side table in the Chapel.

Times of Masses and Services for Holy Week and Easter

Please make sure that you have taken a leaflet, which will be available on the tables at the back and the side of the chapel. These give the times of all services for Easter. Please note that there is **one** Mass only on Easter Sunday at **11.30am**

OTHER NEWS

SCIAF

SCIAF 'wee boxes' are available at the back and side of the Chapel. Please take one home with you, fill it with your loose change and return it at the end of Lent. (Please note that foreign coins should **not** be included as SCIAF cannot bank them). This year the UK Government are again matching pound for pound the amount received by SCIAF.

AGAP

AGAP are once again presenting 'Lentfest', their programme of events taking place during Lent. Copies of the programme of events are available in the foyer. See poster on notice board for details.