

Young Adult Retreat

The above retreat for those who are 18 to 40 years of age will be held in **St Mary's Retreat Centre, Kinnoull, Perth** from **29 June until 1 July**. Cost is **£150.00** (discounts available for students and the unwaged). Application forms are on the table in the foyer. See poster on notice board for 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (April)

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Feasts This Week

25 April-Feast of St Mark

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 15 April £343.79(Gift Aid £69.00)

Last Year £518.93(Gift Aid £75.77)
Thank you for your generosity. Please consider Gift Aid—we receive back 28p on every £1.

Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

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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)

22 April 4th Sunday of Easter

Being compared with sheep is not generally regarded as highly complimentary. As reflected in the phrase 'as silly as a sheep', sheep have a reputation for being over-docile, following each other nose-to-tail in an uncritical fashion. But are these negative qualities of sheep, whether real or alleged, the ones Jesus had in mind? Almost certainly not. In a largely pastoral society there would be a great deal of for, and understanding of, what sheep are and the kind of relation they have to their shepherd. What aspects of that relation, may we ask, are important for this Gospel?

First and foremost, the shepherd enjoys a kind of instinctive communication with his sheep. It's actually an acquired capacity to read little signals or symptoms, so that the shepherd has a sense for what the sheep are wanting. They are transparent to him, so that whether the sheep's preoccupation is hunger or thirst, predators or better grass on the other side of the mountain, the shepherd can pick it up and act on it. There's a network of stimulus and response which creates a mutual knowledge. 'I know my sheep and they know me.'

We all have a desire to be known: to be perfectly, intimately, known. One of our great needs is to share our sense of ourselves with what our contemporaries call some 'significant other'. We want someone else to understand our fears and anxieties, and to witness and share our joys and happiness. But – and this is a very large 'but' indeed – we want this someone never to abuse this knowledge. We need to be known in this intimate way by someone who will never disparage or humiliate us, never use or manipulate us. We require a well-grounded absolute trust in this perfect confidant or we might be seriously damaged by him or her. And yet this is the quality of relationship offered by Christ since, in His divine-human perfection, He really is the Good Shepherd.

What He says is, 'I know my sheep and mine know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father'. The second part of this statement – the part about the Son's knowledge of the Father – is obviously vital to understanding the first part, the inter-relation of the shepherd and the sheep. Friendship with the Good Shepherd is not simply a crutch to help us hobble a little better through life. It is something far more. It is nothing less than an invitation to enter upon the mystical way: to begin, if not to end, an

experiential journey into the life of God Himself. What He says is that the knowledge He will have of us will be like the very knowledge the Father has of the Son. We need to ask, accordingly, what is that knowledge like?

It is an extraordinary knowledge. The Father's loving knowledge of Son is the act whereby the Son exists – generated from before all worlds. For Jesus to promise He will know us in the way the Father knows Him is for Him to say He wants our existence to blossom with that same generative love, the love that has been going on in God before the world was made. It is a mind-blowing claim. It concerns our deification, a word that, I recall, has alarmed converts I have instructed, but our Catechism contains it. Perhaps had the Alps existed in Galilee Jesus would have compared us not so much to sheep, intrepid adventurers though they can be on their own terrain, sometimes to their cost. Perhaps, I venture to suggest, He would have compared us to the ibex, the Alpine goat, which can leap up to where the edelweiss flowers. That wonder-world is where the redeemed are headed.

Fr Aidan Nichols O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

"The Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday of Easter presents to us one of the most beautiful images that has portrayed the Lord Jesus since the earliest centuries of the Church: the Good Shepherd." (Pope Benedict XVI) For this reason the Church calls on the faithful to pray particularly on this Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, for vocations to the priesthood. The priest is "*alter Christus*" (another Christ) and is the shepherd of his own small flock. In these days it is especially important to pray for our priests, so many of whom are responsible for more than one parish. It is also important to pray for vocations to the priesthood, asking Our

Blessed Lord to prompt more young men to consider seriously the priesthood as a vocation. We bemoan the lack of priests, but what are we prepared to do about it? Remember Our Lord's words "*The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers to His harvest*". (Luke 10:2)

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Tuesday Adoration

Please note that Tuesday Adoration has now stopped.

The Rosary on the Coast

The Glasgow University Catholic Association, led by the Legion of Mary praesidium, will participate in the rosary on the coast event.

We will go down to the Clyde (which is indirectly also on the British Coast) on **Sunday the 29th**, leaving the chaplaincy at **around 2:30pm**.

Do join us to pray for an end to abortion, and the intercession of Our Lady for the whole country.

Foreign Coins

Please do not put foreign coins in the collection or in for votive candles. They cannot be banked and are disposed of in the nearest waste-paper basket.

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** and are now available.

Mass Booklets

If you have any of the Booklets for the Easter Triduum at home, can you please return them to the Chaplaincy as they will be required again. Thank you very much.

SCIAF Wee Boxes

Please return your SCIAF 'wee boxes' by the end of April, so that the money can be counted and given to SCIAF before the 'Aid Match' deadline of 8 May. Any money received after that will not qualify for the UK government pledge to match the money donated. So, please hand in your boxes as soon as possible to make sure that your donation is doubled by the UK government, enabling SCIAF to help more people.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection today for Ecclesiastical Students.

Catholic Mothers Prayer Group

Please join us each month for a peaceful, prayerful evening and a cup of tea. Meet in the TV Room the 2nd Thursday of each month from 8-9pm. All mums welcome! Contact Ashlee Lally, email ashlee.lally@gmail.com, for more details.

OTHER NEWS

Bishop Robert Barron

Bishop Robert Barron will be speaking for the first time in Scotland in the **Usher Hall**, Edinburgh on **Thursday 6 September at 7.30pm**. His talk will be on the topic of "Proclaiming Christ in Our Culture". Tickets priced **£10.00** (concession **£6.00**). Sign up sheet available. See poster on notice board for details.

International Nurses Day Mass

The International Nurses Day Mass will be held in the **Glass Chapel, Carfin** on Wednes-

day **9 May at 7.00pm**. All health care workers and friends welcome. For information contact either 01475 725252, email: janecharkin@yahoo.co.uk or 0131 665 3639. See poster on notice board for details.

Marian Action

Marian Action, a group which for many years has been involved in apostolic work among homeless people, are looking for volunteers to help out at a coffee morning they are holding for the homeless on Tuesday 1 May, in St. Peter's church hall, Chancellor Street, Partick, between 1pm and 3pm. Marian Action have held a number of such events in the past, and everyone who has helped has said how rewarding they found the work. For further information, please email marianaction@rocketmail.com or phone John on 07547734668.

Boswell Book Festival

The above book festival will take place at Dumfries House, Cumnock, Ayrshire over the weekend **5/6 May 2018**. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be speaking on Saturday **5 May at 2.00pm** with Sir James MacMillan about his life and his passion for sacred music. If you are interested in going to this event, please see poster on notice board for details.

AGAP Film and Faith Club

The AGAP Film and Faith Club will meet at 1.00pm for a matinée and also at 7.00pm on Thursday 3 May at St Mungo's Retreat House, 52 Parson Street, Townhead. This month's film is "6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain" New members welcome. Totally free. Tea/coffee and chat. See poster on notice board.