

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (September)

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Feasts This Week

13 September-Memorial of St John Chrysostom
14 September-Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 September-Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

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)

RISE—Thursday 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Chapel for praise and worship with Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Anna (annapf@hotmail.co.uk)

Collections

Sunday 2 September £162.44 (Gift Aid £19.00)

Last Year £301.93 (Gift Aid £56.36)

Thank you for your generosity. Please consider Gift Aid—we receive back 28p on every £1.

Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

TURNBULL HALL UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

15 Southpark Terrace G12 8LG
Tel. 0141 339 4315

Chaplain

Fr Ross Campbell

RCchaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk

VIA VERITAS VITA

Chaplaincy Secretary

Rosemary Inglis

rcsecretary@admin.gla.ac.uk

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)

9 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Getting out of bed in the morning is a risky business. I mean, there is just no telling what will happen. It is probably why many people postpone it for as long as possible!

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is faced with a risk. It is the risk that when He heals the deaf and dumb man, people will tell of His miracle cure and this will play into the hands of His enemies. That is why He acts in private out of public view and charges the disciples to tell no-one.

It is not just the mere act of curing the man like some wandering witch doctor, but what it signified. The clue to the significance of what He performed lies in the first reading from the prophet, Isaiah. He foretells of a coming Messiah who will make the deaf hear, the blind see, the silent given voice and the lame leap like a deer. All of this, His Galilean onlookers would have known well. Thus Jesus' mighty deeds fulfil what was promised in a way that cannot be contained. Therefore, He ushers in the Kingdom of God and reveals His true identity.

Why does Jesus apparently put caution to the wind and continue to heal the deaf and dumb man? Out of compassion, out of love. Charity comes before His own interests. He knows the risks of playing in to the hands of His enemies and does it anyway! We too should look to act out of compassion and not worry too much about the consequences.

There is another subtle risk in the Gospel: touch. St. Mark retells the physicality of how the miracle is performed: a certain tactile quality emerges. Even if using spittle on another and putting fingers in the ears of another might strike us as irksome today, we must read what is going on in these gestures. Compassion is felt, not spoken. But it carries a risk of rebuke, dismissal perhaps.

Touch is important for those who are poor according to the world about whom we heard in the Second Reading. It might be the holding of a hand, an embrace, or just a reassuring pat. These actions help to convey that which words only signal; our compassion, our love. These physical gestures are certainly risky - they might be misunderstood and might make us feel uncomfortable but, in the appropriate context, we do it anyway.

Compassion and human contact make us God's instruments, if we act in His service. However, that requires something beforehand, the biggest risk of all: discipleship.

To encounter Jesus is to be transformed. This transformation can be in the form of an exterior miracle, as in today's Gospel, or much more commonly a change of heart, a conversion. This is not a one-off event but a constant process of sanctification.

Ephphatha - be opened. Jesus opens the ears of the deaf, the mouths of the dumb. Moreover, He opens the hearts of the wicked. Open wide the doors to Christ! In what respects are we too deaf to hear the Word of the Lord, too tongue tied to tell the Good News? When was the last time our hearts of stone were prised open by an encounter with Jesus in His Word, through His Sacraments, in His Spirit?

How do we react to such an encounter? As with the disciples, we respond with unbounded admiration: thanksgiving and worship. This is what we do at Mass, and that is certainly worth getting out of bed for!

When we feel like lying in, when we are uncertain about what to do, when we feel distant from God, don't let that put you off from loving Jesus and neighbour. Each day let us pick up our cross and follow His path of love. This is the human experience, life's adventure, and one that by His grace will take us to heaven.

Br Samuel Burke O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

What did you go into the desert to see? Our Lord asked the people. He might ask us the same question about going to Mass. What do we come to see or hear? Is it the latest fashions or a musical performance? If it were, we would make sure that we were there early to get the best seats. However, this is not why we come to Mass. We come to honour Jesus who is present on the altar, body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearance of bread and wine. This

Jesus, who is also God, is waiting to greet us and come to us in Holy Communion. To receive Jesus in Holy Communion it is surely worth a little effort to make sure that we arrive in time for the beginning of Mass.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Farewell to Fr Paul

A week past on Friday we said farewell to Fr Paul and take this opportunity to thank him for all that he did while Fr Ross was on holiday. He made a great impression on everyone and enjoyed his time here. He left with our prayers and our thanks. We also wish him all the best as he continues with his studies.

Welcome Back

In this first bulletin of the new academic year we say welcome to to all our new members and welcome back those who have been away on holiday. We do hope you have had a good break and are ready for a new year. Please God the year ahead will be full of God's graces and blessings.

Freshers Week Tuesday/Wednesday 11/12 September

This Tuesday and Wednesday the chaplaincy will play host to around 300 international students who will come for lunch. We need volunteers to set up the hall, to help Meg in the kitchen and to serve and clean up.

Welcome Mass

The **6.15 Mass** on Sunday **16 September** will be a welcome Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia. It will be followed by cheese and wine in the upstairs hall.

GUCA Welcome Ceilidh

A ceilidh will be held on **Friday 21 September** from **7.00pm until 10.30pm** in the upstairs hall to welcome all our new students.

Foreign Notes/Coins

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

Sunday Evening Mass

Please note that the 6.15pm Mass on Sunday evenings has recommenced.

Second Collection

This Sunday's special collection is in aid of the work of SPRED with adults and children who have a learning disability. Please take one of the information leaflets which are on the tables at the side and back of the church and think about whether you could help with this work by becoming a friend to someone in SPRED.

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will re-commence on **Tuesday 18 September** from **1.30pm until 6.00pm** ending with Benediction.

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 after 6.00pm Benediction** at the University Catholic Chaplaincy during the academic year. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th September**. Open to all young people!
Contact: ruairidhm@live.co.uk
or - annabenova94@gmail.com

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The first talk of the academic year will be on **Thursday 20 September** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of "The Sacraments as God's masterpiece in the life of His people." Speaker Fr Kevin Douglas. All young people welcome.

GUCA Leaflets

New GUCA leaflets are available for collection at the back and the side of the Chapel.

Student Sunday Dinners

Student Sunday dinners will re-commence on **Sunday 23 September** after the 6.15pm Mass.

OTHER NEWS Marian Action

Marian Action, a group which for the last 40 years has been involved in apostolic work among homeless people, are holding a series of lectio-divina based meetings at St. Simon's cafe, Partick Bridge Street on Tuesday nights at 7pm beginning on 25 September. These meetings are designed to study how God is directing our lives through the Gospel, and to pray for the group's work with homeless. If interested, please call John on 07547734668, or email marianaction@rocketmail.com