

Holy Mass for Newly Married Couples

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Holy Mass for the newly married couples of the Archdiocese in **St Andrew's Cathedral**, 196 Clyde Street, today at **3.00pm**. All couples of the Archdiocese married during the past few years are invited.

AGAP Theatre: Actors Required

Interested in acting in AGAP's forthcoming theatre productions? Request a call back at 0141 552 5527 or email info@agap.org.uk to arrange a relaxed no-pressure audition and discuss availability. See poster on notice board for full details.

Fatima, the Ultimate Mystery

Pope Francis requests us to say the rosary every day during the month of October. Come and see the unique approach of this film, which is being shown in **St Helen's**, 32 Langside Avenue, Glasgow G41 2QS on **22 October at 7.00pm**. Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.uk. See poster on notice board for details.

SCIAF Emergency Appeal

SCIAF are appealing for your support as they respond to the Indonesian earthquakes and tsunami. If you wish to donate to their appeal, you can do so by visiting www.sciaf.org.uk or by phoning 0141 354 5555.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (October)

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

Feasts This Week

What's On This Week

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

Catholic Society—Tuesday 6.00 to 8.00pm in the TV room. For under graduate students. Contact Conor (conorgildea288@gmail.com or Carter (carterlyon@gmail.com).

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

Collections

Sunday 30 September £260.42 (Gift Aid £54.50)

Last Year £ 291.62 (Gift Aid £77.50)

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-6.00pm finishing with
Benediction (during term)

7 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Think of the church weddings you have been to. Everything seems designed to make the occasion a celebration beyond the ordinary. Not only do the bride and groom wear special clothes but everyone dresses up. There are flower arrangements, a colourful carpet perhaps, the organ is played and there can be singing and even trained musicians.

Generally there follows a reception or party, and there could well be dancing at the end. The whole wedding invites joy and emotions beyond the ordinary. Some people, however, will find sceptical thoughts crossing their minds. Isn't it all too optimistic these days? How long is the marriage going to last? Better to be realistic and celebrate less fully.

Celibate clergy may also feel a little hesitant when having to preach about marriage. The story goes that after listening to a priest preach enthusiastically for about half an hour on the joys of marriage, a man in the congregation turned to his wife and children and muttered 'I wish I knew as little about marriage as he does!' But, chiefly, the preacher about marriage is to proclaim God's truth as received by the Church.

Today's gospel wants us to value and benefit from that special union in love between a man and a woman that is marriage, a union fundamental enough to be made into a sacrament in Christ. Marriage is at the same time a basic human institution and an extraordinary relationship, and it contributes to the well-being of the whole of society. Also, because sacraments build up the Church, they concern all believers, which makes the sacrament of marriage very significant not just for the couple marrying.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees recalls what God has done and intended at the very start of things: 'But from the beginning of creation...'. What an extraordinary and marvellous outcome! The two become one flesh. Our origins are shaped by the sure and guiding hand of God, and His providential plan can be trusted even in the time of weakness and sin.

There are those who think that Jesus' teaching about marriage has become out of date nowadays. It does not fit the facts or the experience of so many. Such people forget that Jesus' teaching not only differed from Jewish law and practice as mentioned in the gospel, but also from Roman law and culture.

Divorce in ancient Rome was very easy, to the point that a famous inscription in praise of a wife who had died after more than forty years of marriage says that such marriages, ending in

death and not in divorce, were rare. What Jesus taught about divorce and remarriage was counter-cultural at the start. It did not fit in easily at the time He said it.

We should not get used to sin and moral weakness, seeing them as our deepest and most natural condition. It is goodness and love that are at the heart of creation, and marriages are built on them. On hearing today's gospel our minds may well start to focus on the issue of divorce and remarriage, but Jesus wants us to discover or rediscover how it was in the beginning, at creation, and to live and love accordingly.

Therefore, we are not to put asunder what God has joined. Starting from texts in the New Testament itself, the Church has developed a nuanced understanding of what God has joined and what it might mean to divide. But discussion of declarations of nullity and dissolutions of marriage cannot be the starting point. The central and sustaining image is that the two spouses become one indivisible flesh. As Jesus says, we must go back to the beginning, to creation, and, to help fill our minds and imaginations before we hear the gospel, today's first reading is in fact from Genesis.

You should be able to tell Christians by their realism and by their founded belief that God is greater than any weakness or sin. It is fashionable to say that we are all sinners. True enough, but this is only part of the truth. We are also repentant sinners, and we seek the grace of deeper conversion during the whole of our lives.

Fr Robert Ombres OP

CATECHIST'S CORNER

This week we are reflecting on the second Precept of the Church, which instructs us to confess our sins at least once a year. This is, of course, the absolute minimum required of us rather than a desired norm. It has its origin in the Fourth Lateran Council of 1215 which stated that "Every faithful of either sex who has reached the age of

discretion should at least once a year faithfully confess all sins and fulfil the penance imposed on them" (N&D 1608). Despite the fact that this precept of the Church only requires us to confess our sins once a year, we are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently, since this sacrament continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness and helps us to overcome temptations and grow in holiness.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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.

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has re-commenced on Tuesdays from **1.30pm until 6.00pm** ending with Benediction.

Adoration Sign-up Sheet

There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the side of the Chapel. Please sign up to be a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament, as there must be someone present in the chapel while the Blessed sacrament is exposed on the altar.

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

There will be Sung Lauds (Morning Prayer) every Monday morning at 8.10 in the chapel. Rolls and sausage/bacon will be provided afterwards upstairs by the Knights of St. Columba.

RCIA

RCIA will re-start on **Thursday 4 October** from **6.00pm until 7.00pm** in the TV room. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic

should contact Fr Ross, RCchaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk for further information.

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: conorgildea288@gmail.com or carterlyon@gmail.com

GUCA Leaflets

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

Legion of Mary Patricians

The society of the Patricians will meet today at **2:00pm**. The topic this month is Sacred Scripture. All are welcome to join.

GUCA Autumn Trip

GUCA have organised an autumn trip to Stirling from **27-28 October**. Cost is **£35.00** which include transport by train and accommodation. Payment for the trip is to be made by **Monday 15 October**.

Student Sunday Dinners

Student Sunday dinners have now re-commenced after the 6.15pm Mass.

Patricians

The society of the Patricians will meet today in the upstairs hall at **2:00pm**. All welcome.

SSVP

Dear brothers and sisters the SSVP partake in weekly tea runs for the homeless. Donations of biscuits would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in to any

SSVP member during the week. Thank you and God bless.

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk will be on **Thursday 18 October** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of "The Holy Eucharist: The pledge of eternal glory." Speaker Mgr Patrick burke. All young people welcome.

RCAG Youth LECTIO DIVINA

LECTIO DIVINA is a quarterly event for S5-30 year olds, during which Archbishop Tartaglia will be leading us in the prayerful reading of the Gospels. Afterwards there will be pizza and Compline. It will take place in Turnbull Hall, G12 8LG on **Monday 8 October 2018, 8 December 2018, 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019**.

OTHER NEWS

RCAG Youth FIND

S5-25? This event is for you! Come along and FIND out about your Catholic faith and meet other young people at RCAG Youth's 'FIND' event. This event will run every Thursday from 16.00-18.30 in Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street. See our website for more information; www.rcagyouth.co.uk.

RCAG Youth FORMED

P7-S4? This event if for you! Come along to RCAG Youth's monthly event FORMED and discover more about your faith through fun activities, inut and games. There will, of course, be pizza too! This event will run on the first Friday of most months from 16.30-19.00 in Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street. See our website www.rcagyouth.co.uk.