

Hall, 196 Clyde Street, See our website for more information; www.rcagyouth.co.uk.

RCAG Youth FORMED

P7-S4? This event is for you! Come along to RCAG Youth's monthly event FORMED and discover more about your faith through fun activities, inuit 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.

Catholic Nurses Guild of Scotland

The Catholic Nurses Guild of Scotland's annual day of Recollection will take place on Saturday **17 November** from 10.30am until 4.00pm in The Schoenstatt Centre, the Clachan, Campsie Glen G66 7AB. Cost £20.00. All nurses, health care workers and friends welcome. For further information and to book please contact 01475 725 252 or 0131 665 3639. See poster on notice board.

Scottish Council on Human Bioethics

The Scottish Council on Human Bioethics' Annual conference will be held on Saturday **17 November**. Venue: Filmhouse Cinema Edinburgh, 88 Lothian Road EH3 9BZ on the subject of the Ethics of Creating Transhuman Persons. See poster on notice board and flyers on table in the foyer.

SCIAF Real Gifts

SCIAF's Real Gifts make excellent presents at Christmas while helping families in poor countries free themselves from hunger, poverty and injustice. There are some Real catalogues on the table in the foyer. If you don't already have one, please take one and give the gift that changes lives. See poster on notice board.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (November)

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Feasts This Week

12 November-Memorial of St Josaphat
16 November-Feast of St Margaret
17 November-Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary

What's On This Week

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

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

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

Collections

Sunday 4 November £218.21 (Gift Aid £19.00)

Last Year £313.84 (Gift Aid £82.35)

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)

11 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Jewish historian Josephus, who was himself a priest of the temple until it was destroyed in the year 70, tells us that many people gave generously to the temple treasury anonymously, just as many others received, equally secretly, from the temple's almsgiving budget.

But much of the reason for the temple to have all this money was to enable it to function: to feed the priests and the Levites who worked there, to pay for cleaners, to buy the wood for the fire, the gold for the vessels and the silk for the veil and the vestments. And the poor widow who offered her last two coppers to the temple knew this perfectly well. With, as Our Lord says, her whole livelihood – literally, her whole life – she affirms, and means to affirm, the importance of all these things. Not, we may suppose, simply because she liked gold and silk and what-have-you for their own sakes, but because she knew the importance of what they point towards. The temple pointed towards the presence of God, the true King of Israel, among His people. The poor widow, like every pious Israelite, went up to the temple to seek some sign of that presence, and to visit the place where the mercy of God is to be found.

One of the most powerful signs for this widow would have been a glimpse from time to time of the priest coming out of the sanctuary after performing the morning sacrifice. Perhaps she even saw the High Priest on the Day of Atonement emerging from his annual entry into the Holy of Holies, arrayed in all his splendour, the sun glinting from the gold plates fastened to his forehead on which was written the very name of God.

The poor widow, then, knows that the hope that the temple offers her is of more value than anything she has, of as much value as the whole of her life, precisely because that hope is what gives her life value. It is the same for us: the signs of God's presence among us, the finding of His mercy in His Church and in the saintly people we meet in every day life, are what give meaning and value to our lives.

But we are more than seekers. As Christians, we do not just play the role of the widow in this story; we also play the role of priests. Washed clean not in the water located in the Court of Priests, but in the blood of the Lamb, we too bear upon our foreheads the name which is above every name, written in that same blood. Each one of us is a priest of the

heavenly temple, called to be a sign of God's mercy, called to give hope and consolation, meaning and value to those who seek the presence of God.

There are many priests and religious who have offered their lives to the service of God and His people; there are many, many people whose generosity with time and with money enables the work of the Church in its many aspects. But I think principally of those millions, hundreds of millions of Christians who have put their hope and trust in the Church to be the effective sign of God's merciful presence. It is those people whose offering of that hope and trust is despoiled when the authorities within the Church act corruptly, dishonestly, hypocritically and wickedly, just as the poor widow's generosity was mocked by the corruption and wickedness of the temple authorities in Christ's own time.

Let us pledge that those who have offered themselves in service of the Church and those who turn to the Church in hope and trust will meet faces marked not by scorn, contempt and cruelty but by that perfect love which the poor widow might have seen in the face of Christ.

Richard J. Ounsworth O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

As the Old Testament does not mention Purgatory, how could Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger say that "the roots of the doctrine of Purgatory lie deeply embedded in early Judaism"? The Church, guided by the Holy spirit, bases her teaching of the doctrine on 2 Maccabees 12:42-43, which recounts how after a battle Judas Maccabeus found that some of the dead Israelites were wearing tokens of heathen idols contrary to the teaching of their faith. He, therefore, instructed his men to pray for the dead beseeching their forgiveness. Although this passage does not specify where the Jewish people of that time

considered the souls of the dead to be, they clearly felt that the dead could be helped by the prayers of the living. Since souls in Heaven have no need of prayers and the souls in Hell cannot be helped by prayers, then there must be another place where the souls of those, who are not good enough for Heaven but are certainly not bad enough for Hell, can be purified and become fit to enjoy the Beatific vision.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

November Lists

November Lists are available at the side and back of the chapel. Please take one, fill it in and place it in the basket at the foot of the altar.

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 has restarted on Thursdays from **6.00pm until 7.00pm** in the Office. 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 dis

cover 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

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk will be on **Thursday 15 November** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of "Holy orders: Called to be Christ in the World." Speaker Fr Ross Campbell. All young people welcome.

Carol Concert

The Academy of Sacred Music are presenting an evening of Christmas Music and Carols on **Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm**. Payment by donation at the door. All welcome. All proceeds going to the Chaplaincy.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will be here on Sunday 18 November for their annual Textile Collection after the 9.00am and 11.30am Masses. Please note that they only collect clothes, household textiles, shoes, bags etc. They are unable to take bric-a-brac. See poster on notice board.

Operation Christmas Child

The SVDP is supporting the charity Operation Christmas Child, which delivers shoeboxes full of gifts to orphans and vulnerable children across the world at Christmas. If you wish to make up a shoebox, please pick up an empty box from the student office and a leaflet with ideas on how to fill it. Completed boxes to be left in the student office before **18 November**. The SVDP will also gratefully accept donations of scarfs, hats, gloves, small toys, toiletries, sweets

and stationery to put in other boxes. Donations to be left in the student office, before the **16 November**. Any questions contact Maria Boulton on 07875 596 838 or mgrace.boulton@gmail.com

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 December 2018, 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019**.

OTHER NEWS

Faith Winter Session

The Faith winter Session will take place from **27-29 December 2018** in Stonyhurst College, Hurst Green Lancashire BB7 9PZ. A bus is available from Glasgow City Chambers at 10.30 on 27 December. The returning coach will leave Stonyhurst at approx. 13.30 on 29 December. Full cost is **£40.00 (concession £25.00)**. See leaflet on notice board for details.

Mass for Deceased Clergy

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate the annual Mass for deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese of Glasgow in **St Andrew's Cathedral** on Thursday **15 November** at **1.00pm**. See poster on notice board.

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