

### 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.

### Carols for Peace

The above event takes place in Glasgow city chambers, George Square today **16 December** at **3.00pm**. Hosted by the Lord Provost's Office, a collection will be taken up for the Lord Provost's fund. All welcome at this event to pray for peace in the world. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Satinwood Suite. See poster on notice board for details.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (December)

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### Feasts This Week

### 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 under graduate students. Contact Conor (conorgildea288@gmail.com or Carter (carterlyon@gmail.com).

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

### Collections

Sunday 9 December £318.41 (Gift Aid £94.00)

Last Year £255.93 (Gift Aid £77.00)

*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)

### 16 December 3rd Sunday in Advent

What sort of things do you enjoy? Each of us will have things that come to mind in answer to that question, but I suspect for most of us they will be experiences of some kind or other which make us feel good, from playing sport to reading books to seeing our family happily spending time together. That is the primary meaning of enjoyment, and it's not surprising that those are the kinds of answers we give. What these different senses of enjoyment help us to see, though, is that the meaning of joy is connected up with our response to something good that is present.

Thus, in today's first reading, Zephaniah calls on the daughter of Zion to shout for joy because 'the Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst' (Zeph 3:15). It is the news of God's present amongst His people that is to be for them the source of joy. In the responsorial "psalm" too (in fact, a passage from the prophet Isaiah), the people of Zion are to 'sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel' (Is 12:6).

The question that springs to mind is why joy at God's presence should be the theme of the liturgy of this Third Sunday of Advent, or *Gaudete* ('Rejoice') Sunday, as it's known. Of course, from the perspective of 2018 we know that the Incarnation, God's coming to dwell among us, is something that has already happened, but isn't Advent meant to be a time of anticipation, of learning that longing for the Messiah before we get to celebrate the fulfilment of that longing at Christmas? Wouldn't hope – our attitude to a good which we do not yet enjoy – be a more obvious theme for this season?

A first answer might be that these passages of Scripture speaking of joy at God's presence among His people are both from the Old Testament. In the case of Isaiah, the words form part of a prophecy: they are what the people 'will say in that day' (Is 12:3) when the shoot comes forth from the stock of Jesse (cf. Is 11:1). The words of Zephaniah come in the midst of his prophecy of the day of the Lord. As we prepare to celebrate that day when the Word of God took flesh and dwelt amongst us, we call to mind the joy which the prophets foretold with anticipation as the response of God's people to His coming to redeem them.

More than simply preparing us for Christmas, though, Advent also reminds us of the in-between situation we find ourselves in, after Christ's first coming but awaiting His sec-

ond coming, redeemed by his saving Incarnation, Death and Resurrection, but awaiting the full working out of all that that entails for humanity and for the whole of creation. We rejoice at His presence in the Sacraments and in the Holy Spirit given to the Church, even as we wait and hope to hear those words, 'well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your master' (Mt 25:21). In the reading we heard from St Paul's letter to the Philippians, he instructs them always to rejoice even as he reminds them the Lord is at hand (Phil 4:4,5). It is what God has already given to us, what already now we can rejoice in, that enables us to prepare with hope for that day on which, as St John the Baptist's words in the Gospel remind us, He will 'gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn in a fire that will never go out' (Luke 3:17). On this Sunday, when the priest's rose coloured vestments mix the darkness of penitential purple with festive white, that colour expresses the joy which is already ours even as we still recognise the struggles and fears of this life in anticipation of that fullness of joy which God's coming among us teaches to await 'with blessed hope' (Titus 2:13).

*Gregory Pearson O.P.*

### CATECHIST'S CORNER

This Third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete Sunday*, when we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath, as a sign of rejoicing. *Gaudete* is the imperative plural of the Latin verb *gaudere* (to rejoice), taken from the Entrance Antiphon of today's Mass: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!*". We're being commanded to rejoice! In these days of preparation leading up to the feast of our Saviour's birth, it reminds us of the joy that is to come, and of the hope we have because of the coming of Jesus. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season Approaching. "The Lord is near." today we

also encounter John the Baptist, of whom Jesus said "I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen." Earlier John reminds us of the need for repentance in preparation to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. To prepare ourselves for this coming of Jesus we need to acknowledge our faults, recognise that we are sinners and turn to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for forgiveness. Sin is both personal and communal, so what we, as individuals, do or fail to do affects not only ourselves but all the members of the Body of Christ. Let us then seek the mercy of God in this Sacrament so that we can worthily celebrate the great feast of Christmas.

### CHAPLAINCY NEWS

#### Sunday Evening Mass

Please note that the 6.15pm Sunday evening Mass is now discontinued. It will resume on **Sunday 6 January**.

#### Advent and Christmas

**Saturday 15 December**-Solemn First Vespers (Evening Prayer) 7.00pm with Confessions (followed by mince pies & mulled wine)

**Sunday 16 December**-Mass **9.00am** and **11.30am**

Monday 17 to Friday 21 December-Mass 1.05pm

Monday 17 to Friday 21 December-Confession 12.45pm

Saturday 22 December-Confession 10.00am, Mass 10.30am

**Sunday 23 December**-Mass **9.00am** and **11.30am**

Monday 24 December-Confession 12.45, Mass 1.05pm

**Carols 11.30pm, Midnight Mass 12.00** (followed by cheese & wine)

**Tuesday 25 December**-**Mass of Christmas Morning 11.30am** (followed by cheese & wine)

**No evening Mass**

Wednesday 26 December-Mass 1.05pm  
**Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 December-No Mass**  
**Sunday 30 December**-Mass **9.00am** and **11.30am**

Monday 31 December-Mass 1.05

Tuesday 1 January-Mass 1.05pm

Normal timetable resumes thereafter

### Caring Sunday

This Sunday is Caring Sunday and a second collection will be taken up for the PCT St Nicholas Care fund. Please take one of the Advent packs that are at the side and the back of the Church, fill one of the boxes which they contain and return them during Advent.

### Mary's Meals West End Street Can Collection

Many thanks to all who helped raise the amazing total of £1631.38 at the can/bucket collection in Glasgow West End on Saturday 8 December. This will be matched by the UK Government, meaning that 46,610 children will receive a meal.

### Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Sung Lauds (Morning Prayer) on Monday mornings has now stopped. It will resume in the new semester.

### 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. Open to all young people! Contact: conorgildea288@gmail.com or carterlyon@gmail.com

### Carol Concert

The Academy of Sacred Music are presenting an evening of Christmas Music

and Carols on **Tuesday 18 December at 7.00pm**. Payment by donation at the door. All welcome. All proceeds going to the Chaplaincy.

### Music at Mass

The music group at the 6.15pm Sunday Mass is looking for new members to join us in the new semester - if you sing or play an instrument such as piano, guitar, flute, violin etc, please speak to Thomas Starkie or email 2119352S@student.gla.ac.uk

### Discernment Evenings

Discernment evenings will be held next year on the following dates for those thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood.: 11 January, 8 February, 8 March, 12 April and 10 May. Please contact Fr Ross (Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk) for further information.

### 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 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019.

### OTHER NEWS

#### Day of Confessions

Priests will be available all day in **St Andrew's Cathedral**, Clyde Street on Thursday **20 December** from 7.45am until 5.45pm.