

place in Turnbull Hall, G12 8LG on 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019.

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

OTHER NEWS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (January)

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Feasts This Week

14 January-Solemnity of St Kentigern
17 January-Memorial of St Anthony

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 6 January £216.14 (Gift Aid £58.00)

Second Collection £115.26

Last Year £267.50 (Gift Aid £88.55)

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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)

13 January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

For early Christians, the thought that their Lord had Himself undergone baptism was disturbing, embarrassing and even scandalous. Could the Immaculate Lamb, the altogether holy Jesus, really have submitted to an act of ritual purification? Could He have admitted by implication that He too was part of unclean, guilty, sinful, humankind? It says a great deal for their honesty that they did not attempt a cover-up, but left this seemingly controversial episode as it stood in the Gospel tradition.

But soon enough, when this event could be better contextualized in the wider whole of the Church's developed faith about Jesus, Christians came to glory in the paradox of the Baptism of Christ: the moment when the Sinless One came to a sinner to be washed. They gloried in it because they saw it as an expression, in the life of Jesus, of the stooping down of God in loving-kindness to man, his condescension to the level of this world. The way they gloried in the paradox was by stressing at one and the same time the humiliation it involved for the Saviour and also His undiminished Godhead.

Let me give you three brief testimonies from the Fathers as found in the Roman Office of Readings. St Proclus of Constantinople: 'Come then and see new and overwhelming miracles: the sun of righteousness bathing in Jordan, the fire immersed in water, and God being sanctified by human ministry'. St Hippolytus: 'He who is present everywhere and is absent nowhere, incomprehensible to the Angels and withdrawn from the gaze of man, has come to baptism as was His good pleasure... Could anything be more wonderful? The Source without limits that engenders life for all mankind and is beyond all understanding is covered by the poor waters of this world'. St Gregory Nazianzen: "'I have need to be baptized by you', says the lamp to the Sun, the voice to the Word, the friend to the Bridegroom; he that is above all those who are born of women to Him who is the First-born of every creature; he that leaped in the womb to Him who was adored in the womb; he who was and is the forerunner to Him who was and is to be manifested'.

In wonderful language, these Fathers register the paradox of how it is the Infinite in human form who comes to John and undergoes at his hands a rite of cleansing. The obvious question is, Why? What is the rationale for this paradoxical act? We look back from the vantage point of the Paschal Mystery, of Eastertide, and we can see why. The Cross

and Resurrection show how the generosity of God is total in His self-giving; it went to the lengths of the Cross and the descent into Hell. That is how the apostolic letters can re-define God in terms of love. But if analogy from our side is worth anything at all, it is, surely, characteristic of love – above all, of perfect love – that it does not hesitate before risk. When it comes to the aid of the beloved, it does not wait to see whether it might be misunderstood or compromised. It cares not a fig for these things. It makes itself vulnerable and if necessary accepts the hurt.

At his Baptism, the Saviour chooses to be with us where we are, to enter into solidarity with us, sinners as we are. In so doing, He laid Himself open to the malicious tongue, the wagging finger. What, in this perspective, makes the Baptism great as a festival of the Church is that in this way it is the preamble of the Crucifixion. The whole destiny of Jesus is contained within it. It is the culmination of Christmastide because it is the source of the impetus that will carry us on to Easter.

This is what the Byzantine icons tell us. Christ goes down into the Jordan as on Calvary He will sink into the chaos waters of death. The river is dark with the murk of evil, but the shimmering gold which surrounds the figure of Christ cleaves it like a sword. It is the overture of His Sacrifice when on the Cross He will enter the darkness again and this time transform it into the radiance of the Resurrection light, offered to us all as joy and peace in the Holy Spirit.

Fr Aidan Nichols O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

On the 13 January the city of Glasgow would normally celebrate the Solemnity of St Kentigern, since he is the patron saint of our city. However, this year Archbishop Tartaglia has used the powers conferred on

him by liturgical law and the general law of the Church to transfer the celebration of St Kentigern to Monday 14 January, so that we can celebrate the Baptism of the Lord in accordance with the universal calendar. The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide. Since tomorrow is the Solemnity of St Kentigern, it seems appropriate to look at some aspects of his life. His mother was St Enoch, a Lothian princess who became pregnant after being raped by one of her suitors, whose name she refused to reveal. Her father was so incensed that he had her cast off into the Firth of Forth in a coracle. She landed on the opposite shore at St Serf's monastic school in Culross. St Kentigern became the first Bishop of Glasgow, evangelising the people and praying that the Lord "let Glasgow flourish through the preaching of Thy word and praising of Thy name." His body rests in the crypt of the mediaeval cathedral of St Mungo in the High Street.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Christmas Thank You

Fr Ross thanks everyone for all the cards and gifts he received at Christmas and for the help given by so many people in preparing the chapel for the Christmas Masses.

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.

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on **Thursday 24 January** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of "Creation". Speaker Fr Jamie McMorrin. All young people welcome.

Burns Supper

The Chaplaincy annual Burn's supper will be held on **Friday 25 January at 7.00pm**. Tickets are **£5.00** and are available now from the student office. BYOB.

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 would like to thank those who attended the evening of Christmas Music and Carols on **Tuesday 18 December at 7.00pm**. The concert raised £201.30 which the Academy kindly donated 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

Choral Mass

The **6.15 Mass on Sunday 27 January** will be a Choral Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia in the Memorial Chapel. Accordingly, there will be no Mass that evening in Turnbull Hall.

Chaplaincy Forty Hours 3 February-5 February

Our Forty Hours Devotions this year will take place from **Sunday 3 February until Tuesday 5 February**. There will be adoration from

after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 3 February till before 6.15pm Mass and from 10.00am to 8.00pm on Monday and Tuesday. Holy Hours will take place from 7.00pm until 8.00pm on Monday and Tuesday.

Votive Candles for Forty Hours

Votive candles, which burn for 3 days together with small labels will be available during Forty Hours. Please take one, put the name of the person you want to pray for during this special time on the candle and place in front of the altar. Price of the candles is **£2.00**.

Discernment Evenings

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

Legion of Mary

The next meeting of the Patricians will be on **Sunday 20 January** from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in our upstairs hall. The subject of the talk is "The Four Marks of the Church." All welcome.

Uganda Trip 2020

A student trip to Uganda to help in parish work there, is proposed for the summer of 2020 after the exams are finished. If you are interested in this trip, there will be a meeting after the 6.15pm Mass today.

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