

will be pizza and Compline. It will take place in Turnbull Hall, G12 8LG on 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019.

OTHER NEWS

An Afternoon with Our Lady

There will be an afternoon with Our Lady at the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Robroyston on Saturday 23 February at 2.30pm. It will consist of Rosary, Benediction and Blessing of the Roses. Tea/coffee will be provided and there will be a showing of the most recent film on the Message of Fatima "Fatima - The Ultimate Mystery". See poster on notice board.

Pro-Life Mass

This month's Pro-Life Mass is on **Wednesday, 20 February** in Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at **6pm**, followed by **Rosary at 7pm** and **Mass at 7.30pm**. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Allan Cameron

40 Days for Life

What are you doing for Lent? Will you come and pray one hour with us each week this Lent to pray for a culture of life in Scotland? To join the 40 days for Life prayer vigil email Ogilvie2019@outlook.com. 40 days for Life stands in prayerful solidarity with all women, men and children whose lives have been damaged/taken by abortion. See poster on notice board.

RCAG Youth Trip

S1, S2 or S3? Join RCAG Youth on this five day programme of faith-filled fun. August 4-8 at Alton Towers. Price £350.00. Places are limited, so contact youth@rcag.org.uk as soon as possible if interested. See poster on notice board.

Newman Association

A talk by Dr Patrick Riordan SJ on *Human Rights-Contemporary Challenges* will be given in the **Ogilvie Centre**, St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, G3 6RE at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 28 February**. All welcome. Non-members, admission £3.00, includes refreshments. See poster on notice board.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (February)

Hear the cry of our many brothers and sisters who are criminally trafficked and exploited. They are not merchandise. They are human beings, and they must be treated as such.

Feasts This Week

22 February-Feast of the Chair of St Peter
23 February-Memorial of St Polycarp

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 10 February £297.52 (Gift Aid £29.00)

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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)

17 February 6th Sunday in Ordinary time

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, after choosing His apostles on the mountain, comes down with them and stands on a level place. Like Moses, who descended the mountain to deliver God's word to His people, Jesus descends the mountain to announce His word. In the presence of the crowd, He addressed His disciples. He speaks the four beatitudes and the four woes. Each beatitude is balanced with a warning.

In the sermon Jesus tells the poor and the hungry, the mournful and the reviled, that the Kingdom of God is for them. They have the first invitations to enter the kingdom; they are God's preferred people. Jesus later speaks of the kingdom in terms of a magnificent banquet where the guest list is composed of a human panorama of rejects. The banquet in the kingdom is for the forgotten people, the ones most precious in the eyes of God.

In the upside-down kingdom of Jesus, it is the eldest son, the one who has everything going for him, the one who inherits the earth's bounty, who is rich and highly regarded, who ends up with empty hands. It is the youngest son, the one who is the summary of weakness, the one with the lease going for him, who is forced to rely on any help that comes his way, who eventually inherits the kingdom.

In the Gospel it is the reject, the forgotten one, the despised one, who eventually finds rest-like poor Lazarus, who after a lifetime of being ignored, ends up in the bosom of Abraham to live happily ever after.

In His sermon Jesus does not give a blanket support of poverty, weeping, hunger and hurt; these are not desirable states to be sought after, and only a masochist would argue otherwise. As Archbishop Helder Camara commented: "Saints may be found in slums, but we cannot retain slums in order to make them the breeding grounds of saints." Destitute poverty is not a condition to be sought after, it is a condition to be avoided; it deprives human beings of their basic dignity. That said, it still remains true that Jesus' preference for the poor has a social basis.

The best commentary on Jesus' sermon is Jesus' own life. Jesus did not live His life *as if* He was blessed by God; He lived out His life in constant awareness that God did indeed bless Him. In the course of that life He experienced poverty, not only the poverty of deprivation, but the poverty of standing alone against the crowds, the poverty of total reli-

ance on His Father. He experienced hunger, not just the hunger that can be answered by bread, but the hunger that can only be satisfied by doing what is right. He had reason to weep and mourn not only at the loss of a dear friend but at the lost opportunities of His own people. He was no stranger to being held up as a clown for the amusement of all; He knew the experience of rejection, betrayal and abandonment.

All this was experienced by Jesus in the course of His mission; it wasn't adopted as some precious theological posture. It was the *outcome* of a life dedicated to God.

The beatitudes are not prescriptions for becoming poor or hungry or mournful or afflicted. They are addressed to those who are already involved in committing themselves to the kingdom, and they give instances of what happens when the kingdom arrives in this broken world. They speak of a variety of experiences that people go through as a *result* of getting involved in God's way of doing things. So there is the promise that God can handle the poverty, the hunger, the tears, the rejection.

The promise is that God handles all these things, lifting people *out of them*. That is the Good News. God is not committed to keeping His people at the level of being hurt and wounded. The vision of God in the beatitudes is the vision of a generous God, one who reverses the tragedy.

Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R

CATECHIST'S CORNER

The first of the seven Deadly Sins is pride, which seems an unusual quality to consider sinful. We consider that we consider that taking pride in our achievements in work well done should be applauded and this is true. There is nothing sinful in feeling this type of pride. However, when our pride causes us to look down on others, then it turns into a sin. Remember the

Pharisee in Jesus' parable, who thanked God that he was not like other men and certainly not like that publican lurking in the corner. His pride in all that he was doing was leading him to look down on everyone else or, to put it another way, he was refusing to recognise and admit the presence, equality or even possibility that someone else might be superior to him. This refusal to accept the superiority of another person is captured by Milton in his "Paradise Lost" when he puts into Satan's mouth the words "better to reign in Hell than to serve in Heaven." The ancient Greeks had a word for this type of pride; it was "*hubris*" and they considered that the gods would severely punish anyone who showed signs of "*hubris*." We can avoid this sin by taking Jesus as our model and learning "to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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 21 February** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of "Ecclesiology: Models of the Church". Speaker Fr Nick Welsh. All young people welcome.

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

Music at Mass

The music group at the 6.15pm Sunday Mass is looking for new members to join us. 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: 8 March, 12 April and 10 May. Please contact Fr Ross (Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk) for further information.

GUCA Ball

The GUCA Ball will take place on Saturday 18 May at 7.00pm in the GUU. Tickets, price £30.00 (£10.00 deposit), are now available from the GUCA Office. Full payment is due by 18 April.

Sunday Night Dinner

The sign up sheet for the Sunday Night Dinner is on the GUCA notice board.

Come To Me

Come To Me is an event for ages 18-35 for those seeking to draw closer to Christ through prayer, talks and fellowship. Talks will be given by Catholic speaker John Hesketh on discipleship. John has an MA in Catholic Theology from Steubenville and gives talks up and down the country at retreats and conferences. 11:30am-3pm on Saturday 23 February in the upstairs hall in Turnbull Hall. Lunch will be provided.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on 6 March and is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Mass times are

8.05am, 1.05pm and 5.05pm.

Parish Family Project

The Parish Family Project has begun! We are fundraising for £10,000 to renovate the front computer room into a Family and Community Room, and to landscape the gardens. We are looking for active parishioners to join our Fundraising Committee. Please join us in the front computer room on Sunday 17 February from 12.30-1pm, for our Family Vision Day to share ideas and find out more about the Project. Our first Committee Meeting will be Sunday 24 February from 12.30-1.15. Tea/coffee and nibbles will be served. To find out more, please visit our Facebook Page: TBH Parish Family Project or speak to Ashlee Lally.

Family Pancake Day Party

Please join us in the upstairs cafe on Tuesday 5 March from 6-7pm. We will provide the pancakes, you bring the fillings, toppings, and the family! All are welcome. Requested donation of £2, all money going towards the Family Project Fund.

Parking at the Chaplaincy

Please do not park in the reserved bays as they are for the use of Fr Ross and Chaplaincy staff.

Palm Crosses

With Lent approaching we are looking for palm crosses to be burnt and used on Ash Wednesday. If you have any at home please bring them into the chaplaincy by **27 February**.

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