

giving full details of all events are available in the foyer. Please support AGAP by attending one of these events.

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### Lenten Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage for 18-35 Year Olds

A Lenten Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage, is a penitential pilgrimage undertaken over 12 hours from evening to morning. It will take place **22-23 March** and begins and ends with Holy Mass. It is undertaken in complete silence, with stops every hour to pray a Station of the Via Crucis. This is the perfect opportunity to truly contemplate the reality of the Passion. Join us and make this Lent one of real interior conversion. To sign up, e-mail [Jamie.mcgowan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jamie.mcgowan@hotmail.co.uk). See poster on notice board for details.

#### Pro-Life Mass

This month's Pro-Life Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 20 March** 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 Canon Joseph McAuley.

#### Righting the Wrong - Saint Oscar Romero Documentary Film

This film will be shown at St Aloysius' Garnethill, in the auditorium, on Monday 25 March at 7.00pm. Julian Filochowski, who

knew Saint Oscar Romero, will present it. Tea and coffee will be served. All welcome.

#### The Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma

The religious Sister of Mercy of Alma invite all young women who are discerning a vocation to marriage or the religious life to join them for a Holy Hour at 5.30pm on any or all of the following dates: 8 March, 12 April, 10 May. See poster on notice board for full details.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (March)

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

#### Feasts this Week

19 March-Solemnity of St Joseph

#### What's On This Week

**Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm** contact Giuseppe ([ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com))

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

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

#### Collections

Sunday 10 March £292.19 (Gift Aid £53.00)  
Second Collection £147.70

Last Year £303.39 (Gift Aid £59.60)

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#### 10 March 2nd Sunday in Lent

**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)

Sometimes we can too easily assume that the intimacy with God that the saints and holy people enjoy is meant only for a spiritual aristocracy and that the rest of us must know our place and make do with something much more mundane. But this is not the message of our Gospel reading. When Jesus climbed the mountain with His closest companions and shone with divine light as He allowed His human nature to become utterly transparent to His divine nature He showed us our own destiny: we are, each one of us, called to be transfigured. Our human flesh, imprinted with our sins, worn down by age, anxiety, sickness, neglect and misuse is destined to be transformed through our union with Jesus and the action of the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul put it in our second reading: 'the Lord Jesus Christ.....will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body'.

We see, then, what God offers each one of us in the Transfiguration of Jesus and the radiance of our brothers and sisters who through their union with Jesus have burned brightly in the same love. We are called to Transfiguration: beginning in this life and coming to completion in the next. This mystery is powerfully explored by Abbot Erik Varden of Mt. St. Bernard's Abbey in his recent publication '*The Shattering of Loneliness*'. In this book, Abbot Eric recounts the story of an encounter between a man named Motovilov and the great Russian hermit and mystic St. Seraphim of Sarov. Motovilov came to Seraphim with a question: what is the aim of the Christian life? What is the goal? Motovilov was already trying to live a good life. He tried to pray, and he went to church. Yet he remained unsatisfied: he was thirsty for something more.

St. Seraphim told him that the true goal of the Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God. Christianity is not primarily about a moral code but the transformation, the transfiguration, of the human person. Good deeds performed in the name of Christ, prayer, fasting, almsgiving are means to an end: indispensable means, according to St. Seraphim, but means nevertheless to the goal of complete transparency to the Spirit. St. Seraphim tried to impress upon Motovilov the awesome potential of a human heart that welcomes grace in prayer and loving self-sacrifice.

Motovilov listened, tried to understand, but remained confused. How can one know that one is living in the Spirit? What does it look like? What does it feel like? How do I get

there? In reply, Seraphim simply took Motovilov by the shoulders and answered: 'we are both in the Spirit now'. Motovilov described what happened next:

'Imagine the face of a man talking to you from within the centre of the sun, in the dazzling light of its midday rays'.

As the two men stood together, both shining like Jesus at the Transfiguration, St. Seraphim made Motovilov describe what he was experiencing in his own words. In his soul a deep sense of peace that only comes to those who share the divine life, and the joy which is the hallmark of the touch of the recreating Spirit of God. This moment was not the fruit of Motovilov's effort and striving but a gift from God offered through the prayer of St. Seraphim that Motovilov simply accepted and welcomed. God parted the veil for a while and made visible the ongoing work of the Spirit in Motovilov's life. He allowed Motovilov to recognise and discern the signs of the Spirit moving in his soul. This gift was given, St. Seraphim explained, so that Motovilov might share what he had experienced with others and testify that the radiant sacred humanity of Jesus at the Transfiguration reveals our destiny: we are called to transformation, to transfiguration, through our union with Christ.

*Fr Nicholas Crowe OP*

### CATECHIST'S CORNER

Just as gluttony is the result of getting food out of proportion, so lust is the result of getting sexual desire out of proportion. It happens when someone looks at another person and sees, not the person, but a body to be used for their pleasure. The desire of lust is conquest and possession. Thomas Aquinas likens it to a lion seeing a stag and thinking of nothing else but the meal he is about to enjoy. The Church recognises that sexual feelings are God's gift to us, so the physical pleasure of sex is a good, healthy

and positive thing. However, the Church teaches that the place where the sexual act should take place is within the bonds of marriage only. In this age of sexual freedom where many think they can enjoy sex any time they feel like it, the Church's teaching seems strange and impossible to follow. We know, however, that with God's grace we can keep sexual desire in its proper place.

### CHAPLAINCY NEWS

#### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday during Lent in the chapel at 12.30pm.

#### Confessions during Lent

There will be confessions every weekday during Lent at 12.45pm and on Saturdays at 10.00am.

#### Second collection

There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses during Lent for Sick and Retired Priests. However the collection on the fourth Sunday will be for SCIAF.

#### Solemn First Vespers

Solemn First Vespers for Laetare Sunday will be held in the chapel on Saturday **30 March at 7.00pm**. These will be followed by refreshments (beer and sausages) in the upstairs hall.

#### SCIAF "Wee Boxes"

SCIAF "Wee Boxes" are contained in the packs at the side and back of the chapel. Please take one and fill it with your loose change. Boxes should be returned at the end of Lent.

#### Pool Tournament

GUCA will be holding a pool tournament on **Saturday 13 April** as part of their Lenten

fundraising events. All welcome.

### Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on **Thursday 21 March in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm** on the subject of "The Four Last things". Speaker Fr Michael John Galbraith. All young people welcome.

### Charity Tea Party

The Girls' Prayer Group are holding a charity tea party on Sunday **7 April** after the 11.30 Mass in the upstairs hall to raise funds for their chosen Lenten Charity-ARCH. They would be pleased to receive donations of home baking and request that, if you would like to help by donating home baking, you please contact either Miriam at miriam.doherty.15@gmail.com or Aoife at aoifeong@hotmail.com.

### Discernment Evenings

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

### Lectio Divina

Monsignor Gilmartin will lead a Lectio Divina group on **Thursday 28 March at 7.30pm**. Please sign up on the sheet at Our Lady's statue in the foyer, if interested.

### 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

### 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.

### Divine Mercy Sponsored Walk

Fr Ross is leading a sponsored walk from St Paul's Church, Whiteinch to the Chaplaincy at **2pm on Sunday 24 March**. The walk should take no longer than one hour and there will be light refreshments in the Café afterwards. Please pick up a sponsor form which will be on top of the pigeon holes and ask your friends to sponsor you. If you can't manage to fill a sponsor sheet and attend, please sponsor Fr Ross. Please contact Helen Border 07786097147 for further details.

### Parish Family Project

The Parish Family Project has begun!. We are looking for active parishioners to join our Fundraising Committee. To find out more, please visit our Facebook Page: TBH Parish Family Project or speak to Ashlee Lally.

### 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 **20 May 2019**.

### OTHER NEWS

### AGAP

Lentfest 2019 takes place from 7 March with a variety of programmes. Booklets