

Cross on Tuesday 16 April both of which take place in the Memorial Chapel.

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.

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: 12 April, 10 May. See poster on notice board for full details.

Marian Action

Marian Action, a group dedicated to performing apostolic work among Glasgow's homeless, are holding a Lectio Divina based meeting this Tuesday, 26 March, at 7pm in Cafe Simon, Partick Bridge Street, next to St. Simon's Church. The purpose of this meeting is to pray for God's blessing on the group's work, as well as an opportunity to meditate on the word of God. For further information about Marian Action, please email marianaction@rocketmail.com, or phone 07547734668.

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

25 March-Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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 17 March £289.27 (Gift Aid £54.00)

Second Collection £130.45

Last Year £331.44 (Gift Aid £97.00)

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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24 March 3rd 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)

Bad news travels fast. The tower at Siloam in Jerusalem fell killing people. Shoddy building work? Perhaps? Some disturbance in the temple? Pilate's solution as colonial ruler was to kill a few people – keep the locals in order by fear. Disasters happen and people, good and bad alike, get killed.

In today's gospel people arrive breathless with the latest bad news – they are specific incidents, not generalities. Did these Galileans deserve to die? Was their worship in the temple faulty? Were the Jerusalemites killed by the collapsed tower especially notorious sinners? Did these particular individuals rather than other individuals deserve to die – that seems to be the presumption. It is a frequently asked kind of question, why do bad things happen to good people?

We can sometimes – slightly guiltily - take pleasure when bad things happen to bad people, whether fleeing thugs getting killed in a one-car crash, or when the police shoot someone who has kidnapped a child. Bad things happening to bad people seems OK – we can cope with it. Bad things happening to good people however, seems unjust, sometimes very unjust. Jesus' immediate reply to the avid news-mongers is not to give a simple explanation. Instead He calls us all to repentance. We are not to gloat over disasters happening to others, thinking ourselves exempt from the possibility of facing imminent judgement. No, we are to repent, to orientate our lives towards God and live out His mercy. That is why we read this gospel passage during Lent.

Jesus supplements this call to repentance by telling a parable about a fig tree. Fig trees do not bear fruit apparently until they are two or more, usually three, years old – as everyone knew in those days. At three years old the fig tree should be bearing fruit and so deserving its place in the vineyard. If it isn't bearing fruit, cut it down, and plant something that will fruit, a tree that will enhance the beauty of the vineyard. Here we remember that in the Old Testament the vineyard represents God's people, so this barren fig tree symbolises an unfruitful member of God's people. However, the gardener intercedes: he offers to manure it, tend it gently, and perhaps it will fruit next year; this tree is just slow to mature. The gardener's intercession is granted, the tree lives another year after the threatened disaster in the hope that it will bear fruit. So for us, we are to be

fruitful in good works. Whatever disaster we encounter, whether in our personal lives or in the public life of our country/world we are urged to bear fruit.

In our first reading God reveals to Moses His sacred name, a name so holy that by Jesus' time only the high priest pronounced it and even then, only once a year. The etymologists tell us that the sacred name, probably best rendered something like "I am who I am" is clearly formed from the Hebrew verb "to be". God is.

If we try to imagine God, we are likely to imagine God in our own image, a God who saves the just – like us – and punishes the wicked with hell – and most especially the sinners we particularly hate, terrorists, or paedophiles, or that bloke over there. We can quote plenty of Old Testament texts to that effect. Jesus, the Son of God is heading to Jerusalem, the site of the disasters talked about, to reveal God's love, that God is. Jesus crucified for us and all creation, to tend His vineyard with us to be fruitful fig trees or vines. We are not only a fruitful vineyard, the people of God, but also children of God, made perfect through suffering like the Son of God, and in fruitfulness united to God.

Fr Peter H. Harries OP

CATECHIST'S CORNER

Many equate greed with gluttony. However, they are two distinct sins. While gluttony is an obsession with food, greed, traditionally known as avarice, is the excessive love of possessing material things. We recognise greed easily in others, but not in ourselves. The media report the extravagant lifestyles of the super-rich and the huge bonuses of bankers and, like the pharisee in the Gospels, we thank God that we are not like them. However, when we see advertisements for the latest spring fashions or a new fragrance it is very easy to decide that we must have them whether

we need them or not. Greed is insidious and, in this instance, is playing on our desire to be in the forefront of fashion. If we want to avoid greed, we do not need to start feeling guilty about our possessions, but we do need to learn generosity. Generosity is the best antidote to greed there is and Lent is the ideal time to start practising it.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Lunchtime Café

Please note that our lunch time café is now closed.

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.

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.

Holy Week & Easter

Leaflets giving details of all services for Holy Week and Easter are available on the tables at the side and back of the chapel. Please take one home with you so that the whole family knows the times of these important services,

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has now ended. It will recommence at the beginning of the next academic year.

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.

Divine Mercy Sponsored Walk

Fr Ross is leading a sponsored walk from St Paul's Church, Whiteinch to the Chaplaincy at **2pm** today. The walk should take no longer than one hour and there will be light refreshments in the Café afterwards.

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

Lenten Day of Confessions

A Day of Confessions will take place in Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, on Thursday **11 April**, from **7.45am until 5.45pm**. See poster on notice board.

AGAP

Lentfest 2019 takes place from 7 March with a variety of programmes. Booklets giving full details of all events are available in the foyer. Please support AGAP by attending one of these events three of which take place in the University Memorial Chapel. See poster on notice board about the exhibition of the Stations of the Cross, which runs from 1-30 April 2019 and the Ecumenical Service with the Stations of the