

## 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.

### Knights of St Columba

Tell Our Story Live our Dream. The Knights of St Columba are looking for new members to join our organisation. We are looking for all men aged 18 years to 65 to assist us to promote the work of the Catholic Church, to help our clergy, to help others in need, to get involved in all the work that we do throughout Scotland. If you think you are suitable and are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact John O' Donnell on 07854886425 or Paul Laird on 07875499608.

### Glasgow Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Glasgow Charismatic Renewal invites you for an inner healing seminar on 5th April from 7 to 9 pm and 6th April from 10:30 am to 4 pm. Come and experience the healing love and mercy of our heavenly Father. The two days will include talks, group discussions, inner healing prayer etc. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. Tea and coffee provided. Guest Speaker: John Hesketh. Venue: Immaculate Conception Church hall, 2049 Maryhill Road, G20 0AA.

### Forty Days for Life

Glasgow's 40 Days for Life Vigil at the QEUH will come to an end on Saturday 13 April with our traditional silent candle lit hour at 7pm. Our formal Closing Event will take place in George Square the following

day at 3pm, Sunday 14 April, Palm Sunday. Jamie McGowan a member of Glasgow Students for Life is the Guest Speaker. Opposition is expected on Sunday 14 April. Please come along and be a witness to hope for a culture of life here in Scotland.

### 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

#### 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 24 March £285.93 (Gift Aid £68.00)

Second Collection £160.93

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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### 31 March 4th Sunday in Lent

The parable of the Prodigal Son appears only in the Gospel of Luke, where it is the longest of the parables that he recounts and is the best known. The father and his two sons are "united by bonds of blood, but even more by bonds of covenant. It is the order of covenant - the logic of the covenant - that underpins this parable and shapes the drama." (Scott Hahn) At the time when Jesus was recounting this parable, it was most unusual among the Jews for a son to request his inheritance while his father was still alive. It made it appear as if he were impatient for the death of his father. Accordingly, the younger son in the parable appeared disrespectful, at the very least.

When the young man travelled to a distant land, he placed himself outside the covenant and all that that entailed. Having received from his father the material goods which he had requested, the son squandered them on things of no value. Moreover, he lost the sonship, which he had when he lived at home. At first it was the loss of the material goods which made him think about his present state. He recalled the life of his father's servants compared to his life now that there was a famine in the land. This caused him to consider the fact that, more important than the material goods which he had lost, he had lost something of far greater importance, his sonship. With this realisation, his journey towards repentance was nearing its end.

He knew that he had to return to his father and tell him that he was sorry for how he had behaved and ask for his forgiveness. He realised that he could not expect to return to his former position, but he decided that, even to be a servant in his father's house was better than to be a paid servant in a far country. For a son "to be a hired servant in his own father's house is certainly a great humiliation and source of shame. Nevertheless, the prodigal son is ready to undergo that humiliation and shame" (DM5§5).

However, when he arrived at this father's house, the prodigal son was welcomed in a totally unexpected manner. His father rushed to greet him and gave him little chance to make the fine speech he had prepared. As Pope John Paul II says, "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, it nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (DM5§2). The father, having departed entirely from the behaviour which would have been expected of him in these circumstances, preferred to rejoice

**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)

that his son had returned; that he had found his dignity as a son and that, although for a time he had been lost, he had been found again. When the father said that his younger son "was dead and is alive again" (Luke 15:24) he was transferring the son's covenant status from curse to blessing.

When the elder son arrived home and heard the sounds of a great party coming from within his home, rather than hurrying to join it, he asked one of the servants for the reason for the sounds. On being told that his younger brother had returned and that the party was for him, he was greatly angered. When the father came out from his house to meet the elder son, he pleaded with him to come in and his refusal was a public humiliation. Now that the younger son has healed the rift between himself and his father, it is evident that it is the elder son who is now lost. He saw himself as a slave who had spent his life obeying orders and working, not for a father but for a hard taskmaster who had not even allowed him to celebrate with friends. He is completely lost in resentment of both his father and his younger brother.

This Lent let us return to our Heavenly Father asking Him for his forgiveness for our failings, certain that, like the father in Jesus' parable, He is waiting eagerly to forgive us.

### **CATECHIST'S CORNER**

Sloth is probably the most perplexing of the seven deadly sins and one that is hardest to define. Many probably think that it refers to laziness, but in fact it is often related to the Latin idea of *accidia*, which is sometimes translated as "spiritual weariness". It begins with losing our appetite for God and a disinclination to pray. St Thomas Aquinas describes sloth as "sadness and abhorrence or boredom regarding spiritual or divine good." Many a Christian has substituted a taste for liturgy, church music or

theological ideas for a desire for God Himself. So what is the antidote to sloth? How can we restore the delight in life and the passion for goodness that are its opposites? St Thomas Aquinas advises us to listen to the spiritual wisdom of the masters of the spiritual life. The problem for us is that one of the effects of sloth is to make us feel that no-one has any wisdom to impart. However, if we make the effort to listen to the masters of the spiritual life, we may get a surprise. One of those masters of spiritual wisdom is St Paul, whose advice is to "rejoice in the Lord always." If we do this, we can defeat this final deadly sin.

### **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.

#### **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.

### **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 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](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.