

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.

Forty Days for Life

Glasgow's 40 Days for Life Vigil at the QUEH 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.

Annual Pro-Life Chain

Please join SPUC (Scotland) and Archdiocese on Saturday 27 April, from 11am, for the Annual Pro-Life Chain on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. This year we commentate the 51st Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Since the Act was passed more than nine million unborn children who have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. For those interested, we will also be praying the Rosary, led by Archbishop Cushley from 10am in Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh. For more information contact charlie@spucscotland.org or 0141 221 2094.

Accommodation Required

Vlad, a PhD student and valued member of the chaplaincy community for many years, is returning to Glasgow in May and is looking for a room to rent from mid-May until the beginning of August. If you can provide

a room for him, please contact him by email at the following address: m.turcanu.1@research.gla.ac.uk

Have You Ever Considered Adoption?

Have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a forever home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please visit www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (APRIL)

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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 31 March £212.47 (Gift Aid £43.00)
Second Collection £267.26
Last Year £442.70 (Gift Aid £64.00)
Second Collection £282.47

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Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

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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)

7 April 5th Sunday in Lent

Today's Gospel story is simply captivating, although Jesus speaks few words. He writes in the sand with His finger – a gesture which is unexplained and uncommented by the evangelist. It all builds up the tension, which is already huge from the very first moment the woman is brought to Jesus, as the crowd stands in silent expectation of a swift judgment. To be more precise: judgment had already been made. The woman was caught in the act, and the Law prescribes, that she be stoned to death. But Christ has not been born to bring death but life. He has become one of us to reveal God to us, but also to teach us how to live out our human lives. And today His teaching is twofold.

Firstly, Jesus shows us, that there is no judgment without mercy. Mercy is not an optional part of justice, rather it is its central part. A judgment which does not consider mercy is not just. This Christian principle has actually made its way to most of the European justice systems, whereby a sentence is not simply an act of punishment, but also a way of rehabilitating the culprit, a means of restoring him or her into society. Ideally it should be, if you like, a means of bringing the culprit back to life. It is, of course, a huge challenge not to think about vengeance when we are hurt. But before we throw a stone to condemn someone unconditionally we need to pause – even the worst criminals deserve true justice, the kind of justice which brings them back to life.

It is easier said than done, for it takes two to tango. The real question, therefore, which is asked of me and you, is: are we willing to give people another chance? Not just once or twice, but seventy-seven times. It takes a lot of courage and faith to base justice on mercy and not on vengeance, because we might be setting ourselves up for another disappointment.

Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, Jesus indicates that we can break out of the vicious circle of sin. He tells the woman: "Go and sin no more."

It is something, which we ought to consider seriously, especially, perhaps, when we prepare ourselves for the Easter confession. Do I really believe, that I can break away from my sins? Why do I go to confession? Of course, it is always such a great and liberating experience to know that my sins are forgiven. But confession should be more to me than

a therapeutic exercise. It should be a way of thinking about my future, whereby I take real steps to avoid what harms me. And it all starts with what I actually believe. Do I believe that sin is no longer a necessary part of my life after baptism? Do I believe that I have been given sufficient grace? Do I believe that Christ lives in me and that He "by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think"?

Christ has conquered sin and death and we are united to Him. I hope that the sure faith, that we are part of His body, and that nothing is able to separate us from His love, will give us courage and joy, and strengthen us. May it give us the power to show mercy and give life. May it spur us on to renew our lives, so that He may draw us ever more towards Himself, until we reach our perfection through Him, and with Him and in Him.

Fr Benedict Jonak O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday when we enter into the solemn time of Holy Week. So much of Jesus' life is pre-figured in the Old Testament and this is particularly true of the events of Holy Week. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist pointed to Him and said "Behold the Lamb of God." By saying this John the Baptist was indicating that Jesus Himself would be the sacrificial victim. Although hailed by the crowds today as the King of Israel Jesus was not going to be the kind of king they expected; instead He would be the "suffering servant" mentioned by Isaiah. Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross is pre-figured in the Old Testament by Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son Isaac at God's request. Isaac carried the wood to build the altar on his shoulders in the same way that Jesus bore the wood of the Cross, which would become His altar of sacrifice, on His shoul-

ders. Truly the Old Testament points to the New and the New Testament fulfils the Old.

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.

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 today 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.

Welcome

We welcome back Fr Paul Denney who will be joining us to preside at the Easter Triduum.

Palm Sunday

We are looking for two readers for the Passion on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, which is available on the side table in the Chapel.

Triduum

We are looking for readers for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. We also need twelve men willing to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday. If you are able to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheets, which are available on the side table in the Chapel

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,

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. 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.