**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions (MAY)**

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

**Feasts 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 (cronorgildea288@gmail.com or Carter (carterlyon@gmail.com).

- **SSVP** — Monday’s, fortnightly, contact Lily Kearns (turnbullssvp@gmail.com)

**What’s On This Week**

- **Collections**
  Sunday 28 April £309.58 (Gift Aid £44.00)
  Second Collection £130.59
  Last Year £364.33 (Gift Aid £82.00)

  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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**Marian Age Pilgrimages to Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal**

Marian Age Pilgrimages to Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal from **Monday 1 July** to **Friday 5 July** 2018. Cost for Knock and Lough Derg £285.00 per person, for Knock and Donegal £375.00 per person. See poster on notice board for full details.

**Glasgow Diocesan 2019 Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The above pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Tartaglia, will take place on 12 –19 July, leaving by air from Glasgow. Prices for 7 nights full board are £849.00 for Hotel Padoue, Hotel Solitude and Hotel Eliseo. Seat only is £495.00. See poster on notice board for full details.

**Sisters of Notre Dame**

You are warmly invited to celebrate 50 years of Sainthood of Julie Billiart with the Notre Dame Community in Scotland at the Immaculate Conception Church, Maryhill Road, on **Friday 10th May** at 7.00 pm. There will be Mass followed by refreshments. See poster on notice board.

**Salesian Sisters’ Jubilee**

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Salesian Sisters arriving in Scotland, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Keenan at **3.00pm** on Saturday **24th August** in St. Fergus Church, Ferguslie Park, Paisley. All are invited to share in this celebration of Holy Mass and for a buffet in the school hall afterwards. We would love to see people who have been involved with our work anywhere in Scotland. If you intend coming for and staying for the buffet please let us know for catering purposes. You can email your name and number of people coming to fmajubilee50@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there.

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In the end, every human life comes to a point, a simple ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to love, to truth, and to the gift of creation. There is a unity in our lives, but we cannot grasp that unity for ourselves, we cannot be sure what our final decision will be. Even as we approach the end of life, there is still doubt, and the last few days, hours, or even moments may be significant. Time is elastic, you can to through years of life without much happening of any importance and then a lot can happen in a very short time.

I think this is why today’s Gospel should be seen as a unity. There are three parts to the story, the miraculous draft of fish, Jesus asking Peter if he loves Him, and then the odd prophecy of his death. The prophecy is odd because it is not obviously about the death we know about in tradition. St Peter being nailed to an upside down cross, seems rather different from this depiction of an old man being cared for, losing his freedom and becoming utterly dependent on others as he approaches death. There is a unity there though, a unity to be found both in the life of St Peter and in the nature of all lives. The miracle of the fish is both a reference to the past and the future. Once St Peter had been a fisherman, but soon he would be a new kind of fisherman. The miraculous catch, because it is the work of Our Lord, because it is done in obedience to Him, is both the repetition of his past life, and the start of a new life. When we are in the presence of Christ, what we have been, what we are now, and what we will be are one.

Then there is the question of St Peter’s love. The question is couched in terms of the present. ‘Do you love me?’ but the present contains the past and the future, because it is Jesus the Christ, who is posing this question to all of us. St Peter has a past, we all know about this past, his betrayal. That failure echoes throughout the whole of the history of the Church. We will remember the words of St Peter until the end of time. ‘I do not know Him’. Yet we also know that St Peter is to be redeemed and is with Christ forever, not in spite of those words but through them. The grace of God is great enough. Only Christ can truly know that St Peter loves Him, because He sees the whole of his life, He alone knows all things.

Then there is the third part, where Jesus predicts the death of St Peter. Why is it so different from the way the Church has remembered the death of St Peter? I assume that
this passage was aimed at readers who knew how St Peter had died, but there must have been a time when these words of Christ were remembered, not least by St Peter himself, before his death. The words are not wrong. They did not mislead Peter about his death. Instead they speak of the deeper meaning of his death, and all death. We may wish to continue forever, speaking, acting, making, sharing life, and being part of this world. Yet all lives come to an end. The depiction of the martyrdom of St Peter: as if it were the work of carers who look after an old man, speaks of the true purpose of God. He it is who binds us up, takes away our freedom, and wraps us up for the new life. If we live in faith and hope, then no matter how our death comes to us, sudden or not, peaceful, or violent, understood or while we are unaware, that death will give glory to God. Meanwhile, come and follow Him.

Fr Euan Marley O.P.

CATECHIST’S CORNER

May is the month of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. While Liturgically we are in the Easter Season, we devote our- selves to Our Lady, honouring her for her essential role in the Incarnation and Paschal Mystery by which Her Son brought us new life. Devotion to Our Lady is the surest way to discover true devotion to her Son and loving her causes the love of the Lord to grow strong in us. Saints tell us that no one devoted to Mary will be lost. This must be true. Devotion to Our Lady is a sign that we are pleasing to God, because God, as you would expect, loves those who love His Mother. That is why He gave Her, entrusted Her, to us and to Her. So that by doing the Will of Her Son we may thus enjoy His presence in her company not only on earth but in eternity. You see, heaven is possessing Jesus and Mary. Son and Mother cannot be separat- ed; we cannot choose between them. We either love them both and are devoted to them both or we shall not possess either. But if we love them and serve them in this life we shall be with them forever in the company of all the saints who are there because they loved the Mother of God.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Discernment Evenings
A discernment evening will be held on the following date for those thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood: 10 May. Please contact Fr Ross (Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk) for further information.

Foreign Coins
Please do not put foreign coins or notes (including Euros) in the collection or in for votive candles. They cannot be banked and are disposed of in the nearest waste-paper basket.

Old Pound Coins
Please do not put old pound coins in either the collection or in the for votive candles as they are no longer accepted by the bank and will be put in the nearest waste-paper basket.

Second Collection
There will be a second collection next Sunday for Ecclesiastical Students.

May Devotions
The Legion of Mary have organised May Devotions in the Chapel on Thursday 16 May. They will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7.00pm until 8.00pm, followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Dinner will be provided afterwards.

Summer Concert
A Summer Concert for Bob Simans will be held in the upstairs hall on Saturday 1 June at 7.00pm. Please come along and enjoy an evening of music provided by the Salon Trio, the St Cecilia String Orchestra, who will perform Elgar’s Serenade for Strings, a solo harpist and singers from the Academy of Sacred Music. Refreshments will be provided after the concert. Entrance by donation. Proceeds will go to the Academy of Sacred Music. All welcome.

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.

Charity Race Night
Join us for a full evening of fun at the Race Track, here in Turnbull Hall on Saturday 11 May from 7.00pm to 10.30pm. Entry £5, winners at each race! Families welcome, BYOB. Profits benefit the Parish Family Project. Tickets on sale after Masses, online, or at the door.

6.15pm Sunday Mass
Please note that the 6.15pm Mass on Sundays will end on Sunday 19 May. It will recommence at the beginning of the next academic year.

Mass Booklets
If you have any of the Booklets for the Easter Triduum at home, can you please return them to the Chaplaincy as they will be required again. Thank you very much.

Accommodation Available
One of our community is looking for a female flatmate for the next academic year. The room is available from June. If interested please email Justyna at: justynaklara@yahoo.se

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 8LJ on 20 May 2019.

OTHER NEWS

Glasgow Serra 31 Club
The 31 Club asks parishioners to commit to offer one Mass each month for the next year for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. A 31 Club poster is on the notice board and you are encouraged to choose a date which suits you and print your name on the poster against that date.

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.

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.