

Council of Christians and Jews

For our next branch meeting we would like to invite all of our members and friends to come along and hear our branch chair talk about her recent study tour in Israel. Come and hear her talk about how experiencing the situation on the ground influences the way one thinks about the major issues facing Israel today. This will take place on **Wednesday 22 May at 2pm** in **Giffnock Synagogue**, 22 Fenwick Road G46 6UE. See poster on notice board for details.

Linn Cemetery Annual Memorial Mass

The Annual Memorial Mass at Linn Cemetery will take place in the cemetery on Saturday 1st June 2019 starting at 3.00pm. All Welcome.

Mass in Spanish

Unidos en la fe. Spanish-speaking Catholics in Scotland, invite you to celebrate La Santa Misa, Spanish Mass, on **26 May at 12.30** in **Saint Mary's Star of the Sea** parish, Leith. The Mass will be followed by a pot-luck lunch, where you are invited to bring a meal made from a recipe of your home town. Contact: Mobile: 075118077830. e-mail: unidosenlafe123@gmail.com Facebook: @unidosEnLaFeEscocia. Twitter @UnidosFeEscocia. See poster on notice board for full details.

Additional support for Learning

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate the annual Mass for Catholic children and young people in the Archdiocese, who have special educational needs, on **Thursday 20 June at 7.00pm** in **St Andrew's Cathedral**, Clyde Street. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Archdiocesan Offices. See poster on notice board for details.

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

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 12 May £265.36 (Gift Aid £49.00)
Second Collection £176.60
Last Year £264.51 (Gift Aid £74.00)

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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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)

19 May 5th Sunday of Easter

At the beginning of today's Gospel we are told that Jesus speaks after Judas has departed. This is during the Lord's last supper with His disciples, during which Jesus tells His disciples that one of them will betray him. It is the one to whom He will give a morsel of bread who will betray him. How does Jesus know that Judas will betray him? In our scientific age when we think about predicting the future images of numbers being crunched by super-computers spring to mind. If we allow this image to rule how we envisage Jesus' predictive power then he becomes super-human, a man who looks like the rest of us, but who conceals super-powers under His human clothing.

The Jesus we encounter in Scripture is a man of exceptional intelligence and insight, but this does not entail that he is a super-man with special super hero powers. If we want to understand what is exceptional about Jesus, we need to attend to His own words. In today's Gospel He tells His disciples that He is the Son of Man, and that in Him God has been gloried. All human beings are related to God as creatures that are made in God's own image. In Jesus Christ, however, the whole of humanity is represented in our relationship to God. There is a unity between humanity and divinity in the person of Jesus Christ which is unique, and which allows us to call God 'Our Father'. This unity entails that in His humanity Jesus Christ dwells constantly in the presence of God, and it is this indwelling which enables Jesus to have insight into the future.

This insight should not be considered just to be like watching a film of the future. If you watch the last five minutes of a film you can make very little sense of what is going on, unless you already understand a great deal about the story and the characters. To have real insight into what is going to happen next in the film you need to see more than just a set of moving images. It is the wider context of the film which allows you to see what is coming next, and for most films this wider context is the world of human behaviour. What happens next involves how the characters react to the events which life throws at them. These events often are unexpected, but the reactions of the characters to these events are largely predictable.

In real life it is far harder to make sense of other people's reactions than it is in a film. Life is far more complicated than even the most sophisticated of films, and we are in-

volved in a manner which makes it difficult to always keep things in perspective. The intimate union Jesus has with His Father means that He is able to see the truth of life in a way which no one else can. But far from removing Him from involvement in life this union with the divine enables Him to be more truly human than any other human being. He is the Son of Man and can read the heart of all people. This is not the distant knowledge of a neutral observer, but the intimate knowledge of one who loves. There is nothing neutral about Jesus' knowledge of our hearts, and as he reads Judas' heart His own heart is breaking.

And so He tells his disciples that they must love one another as He has loved them. The truth of life which He reveals to them is the truth of the human heart, as we are loved and transformed with the love which He has received from His Father. In each of our lives there is the invitation of an unexpected event, something which shakes all our expectations and makes us into a new creation. Our reactions are predictable but through the friendship of the Son of Man our predictable lives are given an extraordinary ending: the living of His new commandment of love.

Fr. David Goodill O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

One of the greatest of Mary's virtues that we can imitate is her trust. Many people of faith can say without any difficulty that they *believe* in God, but how many can really say that they *trust* Him? Mary not only believed in God, but she trusted Him so completely that she was able to surrender totally her life to His will. The Jewish people knew that there are two aspects to faith. One is intellectual; it takes place entirely in our mind. This is the kind of faith we're talking about when we say that we believe someone. The second aspect of faith is trust. When we trust, we go beyond

merely believing in the truth of what we have been told, to surrendering ourselves to the one we believe. This is the kind of faith Mary practised. It is the kind of faith that we too must practise-to trust in Almighty God and His work in our lives. With Mary as our example, we too must learn to trust in Almighty God. But trusting in God is one of the hardest lessons on our faith journey to learn and one of the spiritual tasks that takes the longest to accomplish. (*Andrew Apostoli CFR*)

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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.

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.

6.15pm Sunday Mass

Please note that the 6.15pm Mass on Sundays ends today. It will recommence at the beginning of the next academic year.

Faith Summer Session

Summer Session 2019 runs from **29 July –2 August** in Woldingham Surrey. Cost **£180.00 (Concession £155.00)** Coach leaves Glasgow City Chambers at **1.00am**. Return coach from Woldingham leaves at approx. 11.30am. Cost of coach **£45.00** (concession £35.00) See notice board for details.

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 8LG 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.

Marian Age Pilgrimages

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.

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.

Monastic Experience Weekend

The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience what monastic life is about, during the weekend of **Friday 2 to Monday 5 August 2019**. there will be no charge for the weekend. See poster on notice board for details.