

### 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.

### Glasgow the Welcoming City

Glasgow City Chambers, **Sunday 23 June at 3pm**. You are warmly invited to join in the celebration of Glasgow the Welcoming City where we will hear of the work taking place in parishes across the city Supporting New Glaswegians, Addressing Poverty and Employment Issues. We will hear reflections from Faith and Civic Leaders and there will be music and song from Glasgow's schoolchildren, a Ghanaian Choir, the Salvation Army Band and St Mungo Singers. All welcome. Refreshments will follow in the Satinwood Suite. See poster on the notice board.

### Marian Action

Marian Action, a group which for many years has been involved in apostolic work among homeless people, are holding a lectio divina based meeting this coming **Tuesday, 28 May**, in Cafe Simon, next to St Simon's Church, Partick Bridge Street at **7pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to pray about the work, and also to meditate on Jesus' word in the Gospel. For further information, please email [marianaction@rocketmail.com](mailto:marianaction@rocketmail.com) or phone John on 07547734668.

### 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

30 May-Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
31 May-Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 June-Memorial of St Justin

### What's On This Week

**Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm** contact Giuseppe ([ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com))  
**Catholic Society—Tuesday 6.00 to 8.00pm** in the TV room. For under graduate students. Contact Conor ([conorgildea288@gmail.com](mailto:conorgildea288@gmail.com) or Carter ([carterlyon@gmail.com](mailto:carterlyon@gmail.com)).  
**SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly**, contact Lily Kearns ([turnbullssvp@gmail.com](mailto:turnbullssvp@gmail.com))

### Collections

Sunday 19 May £299.46 (Gift Aid £54.00)

Last Year £276.03 (Gift Aid £47.00)

*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)

### 26 May 6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus, in the final discourses to his disciples at the Last Supper, is alerting them to the fact that soon things won't look good, but, in spite of appearances, that is how it is meant to be and things will turn out fine because it is part of God's plan. As Jesus says: "And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe."

Jesus is soon to be taken away from them, arrested, and crucified. When this happens, it will seem that things have gone disastrously wrong. It will seem that Jesus has been defeated and that He is just one more false prophet.

Hopefully, when these horrendous events take place, somewhere at the back of the disciples' minds will be some memory of Jesus's words. Hopefully, even in the midst of doubt and terror, Jesus's words will provide some reassurance and His disciples won't lose faith. This is how it is meant to be. It will turn out fine because it is part of God's plan.

But even after the Resurrection there is still another shock to come. After the great joy of seeing the Lord, risen from the dead, they will need to say goodbye to Him again. The Son must ascend to the Father.

It is hardly surprising that the disciples would regard Jesus going away from them, even if He is going to the Father, with a certain sadness. Jesus presumably realises how they will experience His going from them, so He says to them that if they love Him, then they would rejoice because He is going to the Father. But they should also rejoice because, as Jesus says: "I go away, and I will come to you."

But what does Jesus mean by this? Jesus clearly seems to be referring to His Death and His Resurrection, going from them and coming back to them when He is risen. But I think Jesus is also referring to the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus goes to the Father so that the Father will send the Spirit in Jesus's name, and that the Risen Lord will be with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascends to the Father, but He does not abandon us.

I think it is fair to say that many Christians think that if Jesus were physically with us today in the flesh, then our Christian lives would be better than they are. It is a very understandable thought. Certainly, it would be wonderful to be able to hear Christ's words and to witness His great works for ourselves. But the Gospels encourage us to question this line of thought and to see the good in our current situation. And we should not forget that many who heard Jesus' words and who witnessed His great works did not follow Him once the novelty wore off or it became inconvenient.

But there is another reason. Jesus's Death and Resurrection and His Ascension into the Father's glory bring us into a new stage of humanity's relationship with God. This is the stage in which we have the Church and in which we have been given the Spirit, our Counsellor, our Helper, our Advocate.

There is nothing second class about this; and there need be nothing second class about our Christian lives today. Admittedly, we have not witnessed Jesus's preaching and great works when He was physically with us, but we have the gift of the Spirit, who guides us, who makes the Risen Lord present in our hearts.

How do we know this? Because Jesus is Risen, and He has given us words of reassurance. He must go to the Father, so that the Father will send the Spirit in His name. This is how it is meant to be. Things will turn out fine because it is part of God's plan.

*John O'Connor O.P*

### CATECHIST'S CORNER

Last week we saw that trusting in God is one of the spiritual tasks that takes the longest to accomplish. Why should that be? It's because we have so many fears. Our fear prevents us from giving ourselves completely to God. It makes us hesitant and prompts us to hold back. We might be afraid to put our trust in God because we don't know what He might ask of us if we do surrender all that we are to Him. We are afraid that He might ask more of us than we can give. We also fear the unknown. We don't know what lies beyond our immediate experience and we are reluctant to go beyond what we know. In the spiritual life there is a certain measure of the unknown. When we commit ourselves to God we don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future. We know that God will always be with us. Our Lady didn't let any fear of the future or of the unknown keep her from giving her unreserved consent when the Archangel Gabriel presented her with God's plan for her life. Mary never faltered in her trust, because she knew that God would always be with her to help her fulfil what He

was asking of her, just as He will always be with us to enable us to fulfil His will for us.

### CHAPLAINCY NEWS

#### Ascension Thursday

This Thursday, **30 May**, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Thursday will be at **8.05am and 1.05pm**.

#### 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 waster-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.

### 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

### 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.

#### 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.