

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.

Life Issues-Build a Pro-Life Future

The above conference takes place on **June 22** in **St Augustine's Coatbridge**, commencing with Mass at 10.00am. Tea/coffee will be served after Mass and the conference will commence at 10.45am. tickets can be booked on-line and lunch is included. Telephone 07905 196 390 for further information. See poster on notice board for details.

Annual Pilgrimage Mass at Scalan

The annual Pilgrimage Mass at Scalan will take place this year on Sunday 16 June, Trinity Sunday at 4.00pm. It was on this feast in 1769, 250 years ago this year, that Bishop George Hay was consecrated Bishop in the upstairs chapel in the present Scalan building.

Bishops' Conference of Scotland

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Scottish Catholic Interdiocesan Tribunal, is currently looking to recruit a part time administrative assistant (21 hours per week, **salary £14,943.0**) to provide an effective and professional secretarial and administrative service to the Judicial Vicar and team of volunteers. To obtain an Information pack for this post please

either email recruitment@bcos.org.uk or write to, Bishops' Conference of Scotland, 64 Aitken Street, Airdrie, ML6 6LT. Closing date for receipt of applications: **12 noon on Monday 17 June 2019**

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (JUNE)

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

Feasts this Week

3 June-Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions

5 June-Memorial of St Boniface

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 26 May £229.38 (Gift Aid £54.00)

Last Year £276.03 (Gift Aid £47.00)

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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)

2 June 7th Sunday of Easter

Last Thursday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. With our modern understanding of the world, the Ascension can be rather hard for us to comprehend. After all, surely if you go up and up into the sky, you don't go up into heaven at all, but you just end up going into outer space. So, what was it that the apostles witnessed at the Ascension and what does the Ascension actually teach us? Well, there's another story about Jesus which has a number of parallels with the Ascension and that can shed some light on this question. This is the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

Both the Transfiguration and the Ascension took place on a mountain, and this is significant, because mountains are where God likes to reveal Himself. In the Old Testament, both Moses and Elijah had personal encounters with God whilst up a mountain. Furthermore, in both the Transfiguration and the Ascension, something very dramatic happened to Jesus; in the Transfiguration, His appearance changed, and His clothes became dazzling white, and in the Ascension, He ascended into heaven. Thus, both events reveal something of the glory of Christ which is normally hidden from people's eyes.

It's also significant that a cloud is mentioned in both stories, for in the bible a cloud often depicts the presence of God. We're told this very explicitly in the book of Exodus, where the Israelites were said to have been led by the Lord in a pillar of cloud. The Transfiguration and the Ascension are very reminiscent of this. In the Transfiguration, a cloud overshadowed them, and in the Ascension, a cloud took Jesus from their view. So, the cloud is very symbolic of Jesus' intimate relationship with His heavenly Father.

Another similarity is that in both the Transfiguration and the Ascension, two men appeared: Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, and two mysterious men in white at the Ascension. At the Transfiguration, Peter wanted to make three booths in some kind of vain attempt to hang onto this experience rather than see it as a preparation for something greater; Peter wasn't at all ready for Jesus' departure.

When it came to the Ascension, the apostles were still not entirely ready. The apostles were left amazed staring into heaven, and they had to be told by the two men in white 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.'

Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah about His departure at His Transfiguration, and this

departure was fully realised at His Ascension, but it was not a departure that left His disciples abandoned. Jesus' departure is about leading His people into freedom, into the promised land.

Jesus' departure was difficult for the apostles to accept, but their experience of the Transfiguration and the Ascension helped them to grow up in spiritual maturity so that they could witness to the power of God's redeeming works.

It was at the Ascension, that the apostles came to realise that Jesus Christ had been exalted to the heights of heaven, and although it's difficult to express what it must have been like to come to this realisation, the point is not to dwell on exactly what the apostles experienced, but to dwell on what was promised. The promise of the Ascension is that since Christ has been exalted to the heights of heaven, we too can share in this exaltation. When Jesus' disciples witnessed His Transfiguration, they didn't leave rejoicing, because as yet they weren't at all ready to share in the glory that they had witnessed. But after the Ascension, the disciples did leave rejoicing, because it was only then that they began to realise that what had happened to Jesus was going to happen to them. Thus, our hope in our celebration of the Ascension, is that we too will be raised up with Christ and be glorified with Him, and this is certainly a cause for great rejoicing.

Fr Robert Verrill O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart can be traced back in a general way to the New Testament in the writings of St Paul and St John, although they do not specifically mention a devotion to the Sacred Heart. They do, however, focus on Christ's great love for all mankind and the love of God as symbolised by the Heart of Jesus can be found in the Fathers

of the Church also. It was only around the eleventh and twelfth centuries that this devotion began to develop. During succeeding centuries it was practised in a general way by many people, until, in 1856, Pope Pius IX yielded to the prayers of the Catholic world and ordered the celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Universal Church. On 11 June 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In his encyclical *Annum Sacrum* he said that a "most auspicious and most divine sign is offered to our sight, to wit the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ... Herein must all hopes be set, from hence must the salvation of men be sought and expected."

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 waster-paper basket.

Second Collection

The second collection today is for Communications.

Priests for Scotland – Enquirers Day

Discerning a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood? Wanting to know more about how to apply for the Priesthood in Scotland? Priests for Scotland are holding an information day on Saturday **15 June** from **10am to 3pm**. To book a place please contact your Vocations Director,

Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk or e-mail office@pfs.org.uk

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.

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.