something to eat afterwards. Our Reflection this month is “The Gift of the Spirit”. This will take place on Wednesday 25 September at 7pm in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, G5 0YT. Come and See!

Scottish Catholic Medical Association (SCMA)
2019 Autumn Meeting and AGM “Living our Faith at Work”. Dr Dermot Kearney is a Consultant Cardiologist in Newcastle Upon Tyne and current president of the UK Catholic Medical Association. This event will take place in Turnbull Hall, 15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG on Saturday 26 October. The schedule is: 10:30am – Public Mass in Turnbull Hall Chapel; 11:00am – Presentation by Dr Kearney followed by questions and discussion; 12 noon – AGM; 12.30pm – networking lunch (buffet). RSVP by midday on Monday 21 October 2019 at the latest if able to attend (numbers needed for catering and preparations) – please e-mail scottishcma@gmail.com to reserve a place. See poster on notice board.

Rachel’s Vineyard
A Rachel’s vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 October 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else’s abortion experience. For more information, please call/text St Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Rachel via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions (September)
Let us pray this month that politicians, scientists, and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

Feasts This Week
23 September-Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina
27 September-Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

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 Aoife (aoifeong@hotmail.com or Giuseppe (celicogiuseppe@gmail.com)
SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly, contact Lynette (turnbullssvp@gmail.com)

Collections
Sunday 15 September £277.10 (Gift Aid £52.00)
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Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

Is Jesus praising the unjust steward in today’s Gospel for his dishonesty? That can certainly seem to be the message that comes across on a first reading of the text. At the very least, He seems to convey a certain – one might say ironic – admiration for the cunning of the steward, who, having lost his master’s trust because of his wasteful administration of his master’s affairs, uses a little bit more fraud with his master’s accounts to make himself some friends to look after him once he leaves his post. It’s clear, though, and doesn’t really need saying, that the steward is not straightforwardly offered to us as an example for imitation. He is described by Our Lord as ‘dishonest’ (v. 8) and is clearly to be numbered among the ‘sons of this world’ with whom Christ contrasts the ‘sons of light’. Nevertheless, it is his example of using money to make friends which Christ explicitly holds out to us (v. 9). So what’s going on?
It’s Jesus’ explanation at the end of today’s passage which allows us to find a way in to the lesson of this parable. In particular, Christ’s question, ‘If you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?’ should make us stop and think. Now, we could choose to read this narrowly, and take it that Our Lord is giving us careers advice, or counselling only those who have responsibility for other people’s affairs. Apart from the intrinsic unlikelihood of that, though, one would really expect the advice to be the other way round if it were about showing oneself to be a good estate manager: how do you expect someone to trust you with all their property if it’s seen you can’t manage your own? It’s just not the case, in the ways of this world, that people are trusted to possess property of their own because they prove to manage other people’s property well.
Rather – and this should be clear when Our Lord speaks of using money to make friends who will welcome us into eternal dwellings (v. 9) – it seems clear that the contrast between stewardship and possession is the contrast between this life and the next. In terms of the parable, what’s clear is that in this life our situation is akin to that of a steward, entrusted with the management of what is not ours. This should be obvious when we consider the truth we profess in the Creed of the com-
ing of Christ to judge the living and the dead, when we will have to give an account of our life and the decisions we have made – including decisions about the spending of money and the use of material goods. As the prophet Amos reminds us, too, sinful decisions about wealth are not a ‘victimless crime’, either. To pursue wealth at all costs is to oppress the poor, and is thus a grave injustice. Now to put it bluntly, when we acquire property unjustly, that is called theft. For this reason, many Fathers of the Church say quite straightforwardly that to retain wealth beyond what is sufficient for one’s needs is to steal from the poor, and that the support of the poor from excess wealth is not a work of mercy, but of strict justice.

This, then, is the imitation of the steward which Christ proposes to us in today’sparable: not the imitation of his dishonesty, but of his liberality.

Fr Gregory Pearson O.P.

**CATECHIST’S CORNER**

As we saw last week, the Church has dedicated January to the Holy Name of Jesus. It has always been traditional for Catholics to bow their heads when they hear, or read, the name ‘Jesus’. As St Paul says, “at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in Heaven, on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10). Although we do not “bend the knee” at Jesus’ name, we do revere it because He is the Son of God. The Commandments tell us “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.” In John’s Gospel, Jesus identified Himself with God the Father when He said: “he who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). He also declared, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). Accordingly, if God’s name is to be held holy, then the same reverence must be given to Jesus name. We do not revere His name out of fear for what might befall us if we do not, but out of love, since in Him we find consolation and joy.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

**Welcome Mass**

The 6.15 Mass today is a welcome Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia. It will be followed by cheese and wine in the upstairs hall.

**Lunchtime Café**

Our lunchtime café re-opens tomorrow after the 1.05 Mass. Come and sample the best value lunch (£3.00) on campus. Everyone welcome.

**Foreign Notes/Coins**

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

**Sunday Evening Mass**

The 6.15pm Mass on Sunday evenings recommences today.

**Second Collection**

Thank you for your response to the special collection in aid of SPRED’s work in the Archdiocese. This will help to sustain and grow SPRED’s ministry to our fellow paghioners who have learning or developmental disabilities. The work of SPRED also depends on people becoming involved in a SPRED group, either sharing faith and friendship with one person who needs extra help to take part in the life of the Church, or driving someone to and from their SPRED group. For those interested in finding out more or who think that SPRED might benefit a family member or friend, there will be an information evening in St. Philomena’s parish hall, 1255 Royston Road Glasgow G33 1EH on Wednesday, 25 September at 7 pm. All welcome.

**Tuesday Adoration**

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament re-commences on Tuesday 24 September from 1.30pm until 6.00pm ending with Benediction.

**Morning Prayer**

The Knights of St Columba are organising Morning Prayer every Monday at 8.15am followed by rolls and bacon, starting on Monday 23 September and continuing during term time.

**RCIA**

RCIA will re-start on in October. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic should contact Fr Ross, RCChaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk for further information.

**Glasgow Faith Forum**

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on Thursday 3 October in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm on the subject of “The Mission: Being a young Catholic in Scotland today”. Speaker Ruairidh MacLennan. All young people welcome

**Catholic Society**

The purpose of the society is for young Catholics (and those interested in Catholicism) to socialise, discuss and discover the faith. We meet every Tuesday after 6.00pm Benediction at the University Catholic Chaplaincy during the academic year. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 24th September. Open to all young people! Talks this year will focus on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Contact: aoifeong@hotmail.com or celicogiuseppe@gmail.com

**GUCA Leaflets**

New GUCA leaflets are available for collection at the back and the side of the Chapel.

**Student Sunday Dinners**

Student Sunday dinners will re-commence on Sunday 29 September after the 6.15pm Mass.

**Music Groups at Mass**

The music groups at 11.30am and 6.15pm are always looking for new cantors and musicians. If you can help please speak to them after Mass. We also have a chant schola at the 9.00am Mass. Please speak to one of them if you wish to join them.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Considering Primary Teaching?**

There will be an information evening for people considering applying for Initial Teacher Education programmes (primary school) in St Patrick’s Primary School, 10 Perth Street, Glasgow G3 8UQ on Tuesday 17 September at 6.00. This event will focus on the application process. Representatives from various organisations will be present to discuss the application process, Teacher Approval, etc. and to explain what support is on offer and answer questions. See poster on notice board.

**Holy Mass for newly Married Couples**

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Holy Mass for the newly married couples of the Archdiocese in Saint Andrew’s Cathedral on Sunday 6 October at 3pm. All couples of the Archdiocese married during the past few years are invited. See poster on notice board.

**St Francis and St Clare Youth Prayer Group**

Are you aged between 18-35? St Francis and St Clare prayer group warmly invites you to an evening of prayer, intercessions, formation, talks and sharing and a wee