

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 12 November from 6.30-8.00pm. This event will focus on preparing for interview. Representatives from the University of Glasgow, the Archdiocesan Primary Head Teachers Association (APHTA), Church and Local Authority Church Representatives will be present to discuss the application process, Teacher approval etc. and to explain what support is on offer and answer questions.

Cardinal Winning Lecture 2019

Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Vatican Secretary for Relations with States, will deliver the 2019 Cardinal Winning Lecture on the morning of Saturday 16 November. The lecture will take place in the University of Glasgow, Bute Hall. Mass, 9.00am, will precede the lecture and will take place in the University Memorial Chapel. To book your place please register at <https://cardinalwinninglecture2019.eventbrite.co.uk>. This event is open to those who have registered for tickets in advance only. Ticket holders are required to bring a printed copy of their ticket along with photographic ID. Only the person whose name appears on the ticket will be permitted to attend the event. See poster on notice board for details,

Adoption Week Scotland

As Adoption Week approaches St Margaret's are looking for suitable adopters throughout Scotland who can provide a safe, loving and caring home for children seeking adoption. If you are considering adoption please see poster on notice board for full details of events.

Remembrance Mass

A Remembrance Mass will be held in St Agnes' church, Lambhill on Sunday 10 November at 3.00pm. All welcome. Tea in Church hall after Mass. See poster on notice board.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (November)

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Feasts this Week

- 4 November-Memorial of St Charles Borromeo
- 8 November-Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus
- 9 November-Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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 27 October £390.60 (Gift Aid £38.00)

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3 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wealth, it is often thought, can buy happiness and status; men and women strive after money not because it has any intrinsic worth but because of what they hope to gain with it. Today's Gospel introduces us to Zacchaeus, a man that we're explicitly told was a wealthy man, who had made his fortune, it seems, from being a senior tax collector in Jericho, a town made rich by the production and export of a precious perfume known as balsam. However, Zacchaeus's wealth does not appear to have won him either status or satisfaction in life. His shortness of stature suggests the former, so nobody in the crowd respects him enough to part and let him through. He has no friends to help him up so Zacchaeus, a self-made man, has to help himself and climb the sycamore tree alone. Money does not buy him affection nor respect nor friendship.

However, we're also told that Zacchaeus is anxious to see Jesus, which tells us that he longs to see God; he longs for happiness. For as St Augustine famously said, "our hearts are restless until they rest in God". We each experience a profound human desire to know the truth, to love the good, and to behold beauty, so Zacchaeus, in his anxiety and strivings to see Jesus, thus stands for everyman who is restlessly seeking God. His wealth, though, brings only transient happiness, a counterfeit joy that neither lasts nor truly satisfies. For only the vision of God brings peace to the human heart, but only in heaven can one see God face to face, hence only in heaven shall all our strivings cease. Until then, Zacchaeus has to strive and climb to see Jesus.

The Gospel also makes it explicit that Zacchaeus is a sinner, or at least, that was his reputation – such was the lot of all tax collectors. But God sees beyond appearances, and He knows the goodness in the human heart. Accordingly, even if Zacchaeus had committed sins of avarice, the Lord knows the potential of the human heart to be converted and saved by His presence, His gracious look of love. Hence, overlooking Zacchaeus's limitations and sins, Christ looks at Zacchaeus and calls out to him, "Come down".

Jesus then declares that He must stay with Zacchaeus, that is to say, the Lord is in need of his hospitality. In this way we see the humility of God who became Man so as to dwell among us, and we see, too, the mercy of God, for Jesus was only passing through Jericho but on account of Zacchaeus's need He wills to remain and stay with him.

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)

And something vital happens when Zacchaeus opens up his house and his heart to the Lord. While the onlookers complain and murmur against God's mercy, Jesus is busy doing what he does - mercifully seeking out and saving the lost. Thus Christ has come to befriend Zacchaeus and so to lead him to repentance. As we hear in Wisdom: "Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord."

By extending His hand to Zacchaeus in friendship, the friendless tax-collector is enabled by this grace to respond likewise; his heart is opened up by God's love. So Zacchaeus responds with a gesture of genuine repentance, for his actions reveal a deep change of heart, a recognition that wealth is useless if it is not put at the service of others; if it is not used to restore justice. Happiness in this life, indeed, comes from such acts of love. Thus Zacchaeus is saved not by his wealth, nor by any earthly commodity, but through being loved by Christ and by his love for others. These bring a peace and lasting joy that no earthly fortune can obtain.

Fr Lawrence Lew O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

The Church dedicates July to the Precious Blood. By examining references in Sacred Scripture concerning redemption by blood, we receive a greater understanding of the great beauty and dignity of the Theology of the Precious Blood. Like all ancient religions, that of Israel saw blood as something sacred, for blood is life. The great importance of blood is visible in the sacrificial ritual. In ritual sacrifice, blood was sprinkled on the sides of the altar or sprinkled before the sanctuary or smeared on the horns of the altar. On the Day of Atonement blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat of

the Ark. The Covenant of the Law was sealed in blood signifying the kinship bond that the covenant established between the Lord and Israel. If the New Testament puts an end to the bloody sacrifice of Jewish worship, it is because it recognises the value and meaning of "innocent blood" of the "Precious Blood" poured out for the redemption of mankind. For this reason we must never forget that what we receive from the chalice in Holy Communion is not wine, but the Precious Blood of Christ.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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.

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.

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. Open to all young people! Talks this year will focus on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Contact: aoifeong@hotmail.com or celicogiu-seppe@gmail.com

Mass Times

The votes are in and a majority want to change the times of the 11.30am and 6.15pm Masses. Accordingly, from the First Sunday in Advent (1 December) the times

of these Masses will be 11.00am and 6.00pm. The 9.00am Mass is unchanged.

November Lists

November Lists are available at the side and back of the chapel. Please take one, fill it in and place it in the basket at the foot of the altar.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will be here on **Sunday 10 November** for their annual Textile Collection after the 9.00am and 11.30am Masses. Please note that they only collect clothes, household textiles, soft toys, shoes, bags etc. They are unable to take bric-a-brac. See poster on notice board

Shoebox Appeal

Glasgow University SVPD society are once again taking part in the "shoe box appeal" - but we need your help! We will be taking donations until the 17th of November, boxes will be handed out after Mass. You can decide whether to donate a completed box, or just individual items, which the group can then make up into whole boxes suitable for each age group. We are looking for children's toys, stationary, toiletries and accessories. If you would like more information about what to donate, want to help out, or have any questions about the appeal, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Parking

Please note that from 6 Southpark Terrace onwards parking is reserved for Permit Holders only. You should avoid these spaces or you will be booked by the traffic wardens.

OTHER NEWS

For the Attention of all Parish volunteers with (or pending) PVG certificates
All volunteers working with children or

protected adults should now have attended the Safeguarding level 1 training. For those who still require to attend please note the next **Level 1** training dates, which take place in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow, G1 4JY are: Saturday 23 November (2 sessions am & pm; Saturday 7 December. **Induction part 2** training is also now in place, which all volunteers require to attend. Training dates for **Part 2** are: Saturday 26 October (2 sessions am & pm) in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow; Wednesday 13 November in Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardonald, G52 3QU; Monday 2 December in St Mary's, Duntocher, G81 6DL; Saturday 7 December in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow, G1 4JY. It is essential to book a place to ensure we have handouts for you and can contact you if there any difficulties. Anyone wishing to book onto this, or any other training course, please call the safeguarding office on 0141 226 5898 or book directly from the Archdiocese of Glasgow website Safeguarding page www.rcag.org.uk.

The Eucharist in Scripture

A series of video talks by Dr Scott Hahn, author of *At the Lamb's Supper*. He will walk us through the scriptural roots of the Blessed Sacrament. Where we find the institution of the Eucharist in Scripture, what we actually believe is happening at Mass, and why the Eucharist is at the centre of our faith. The course started on Tuesday 22 October at 7pm and was repeated on Thursday 24 October at 2pm. The course will run for the following six weeks, on both Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons finishing just before Advent. The meetings will take place in the hall of St Gregory's, 130 Kelvindale Rd., Glasgow G20 8DP. All most welcome.