

have been touched by our work here in Scotland and around the world. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal, Bishop President of SCIAF at St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin on Thursday 21st November at 7 pm. If you are not able to attend on this occasion but would like a loved one to be remembered at the Mass, please contact Siobhan Wright at SCIAF on 0141 354 5555.

#### ACN #RedWednesday Event

Sponsored by John Mason MSP. A multi-faith event for the people of Scotland to stand in solidarity with those who have been martyred for their faith. All religious intolerance is wrong and for too long the world has ignored religious persecution. Aid to the Church in Need would like to invite all parishioners to our #RedWednesday Event on **Wednesday 27 November from 5.30pm to 8pm** in the Fairfax Somerville Room, The Scottish Parliament. Entrance is free. For security reasons you must be registered for this Event. For full event details, please visit: [acnuk.org/scottishredwednesday](http://acnuk.org/scottishredwednesday).

#### Education Sunday

This is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are "Promoting Gospel Values" in our homes, schools and parishes.

#### 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

21 November-Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
22 November-Memorial of St Cecilia

#### 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 Aoife ([aoifeong@hotmail.com](mailto:aoifeong@hotmail.com) or Giuseppe ([celicogiuseppe@gmail.com](mailto:celicogiuseppe@gmail.com))  
**SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly**, contact Lynette ([turnbullssvp@gmail.com](mailto:turnbullssvp@gmail.com))

#### Collections

Sunday 10 November £212.20 (Gift Aid £73.00)  
Second Collection £418.20

Last Year £242.12 (Gift Aid £19.00)  
*Thank you for your generosity. Please consider Gift Aid—we receive back 28p on every £1.*

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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)

#### 17 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we grow older we perhaps become more sympathetic to the teaching of Heraclitus – all is change, everything is in a state of flux, nothing is stable. In the bustle and complexity of our everyday lives it is easy to be unaware of how much is changing, including ourselves, until something breaks into our self-absorption and brings this to our notice.

The Temple Jesus knew had been rebuilt after the Israelites returned from exile, and had been constantly embellished since. And yet, as Luke knew, writing after the destruction of the Temple and the city by the Romans in 70AD, within a generation it would be razed to the ground, testament to the fragility of human structures and hopes. Yet out of this desolation the people of Israel shaped a new way of worshipping God, not centred on one beautiful place, however splendid and sacred, but in the synagogues, the prayer rooms of their scattered communities. And this pattern of prayer and worship endures to this day.

The church today appears to be in the throes of similarly profound changes, by some welcomed, by others feared. The current model of the church as human institution, dating from the 16th/17th centuries, seems unable currently to meet satisfactorily the challenges and expectations of its members in the face of, for example, the ongoing trauma of the abuse scandals (most importantly that of the victims but also the damage done to the wider Christian community). Or the conflicts between those who see hope in the evolution of an encultured Catholicism in the discussions of the Amazon synod against those who would find hope in a more static picture of reception of unchanging traditions. Or the new questions and challenges technological advances bring to the very notion of human identity.

But the church is not only a human institution, and that is the basis of our hope amid present uncertainties. Jesus himself, through the gift of his Spirit, promises us a wisdom that will guide us home to God through our perplexities. Inspired by his recent canonisation we might take comfort in the words of a famous hymn by St John Henry Newman, "Lead, kindly light, amidst the encircling gloom, lead thou me on".

How then to perceive the light of God's wisdom? We must first do so in humility, in receptive listening, allowing the idols of our fears and false certainties to be purified by

God's word. But that demands of us patience, a word derived from suffering. Our endurance, Jesus says, will win us our lives. So, in considering our response to difficult issues we must abjure the automatic reaction driven by our innate prejudices in favour of receptive listening to those to whom we attempt to proclaim good news. Of course, that is not to say we must uncritically endorse positions contrary to the values of the gospel. It is rather to see effective proclamation of the good news as entering into a dialogue, in which, if honest, we may find our own positions also challenged and changed. This is not to say that we necessarily abandon our own deeply-held beliefs; rather it is recognising that while we have some grasp of truth we do not fully possess it, and are ever, patiently, striving for a more complete understanding. Jesus is our way, our truth and our life, and in holding to His name (His teaching and example) we will come, through His Spirit, to sharing in God's life. Our endurance is asked of us in bearing witness to the gospel by our way of living despite the reaction that will provoke. Equally, if we are to speak of God's love and mercy to those desperate to hope we must show we can understand and empathise with their concerns and try to discern a way to go forward with them towards God's kingdom. We too need to find a new way of worshipping God which speaks to the challenges of our time without denying the truths of our heritage, rather rendering them accessible.

*Fr Gregory Murphy O.P.*

### CATECHIST'S CORNER

The Church dedicates September to Our Lady of Sorrows. When we think of sorrow in connection with Our Lady, the first image that comes to mind is of her standing at the foot of the Cross. However, tradition says that there were seven sorrows, some-

times referred to as seven dolours, in Our Lady's life. These are; the prophecy of Simeon; the flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem; the meeting with Him on the Via Dolorosa; the Crucifixion; the taking down of His body from the Cross and His burial. From this it is evident that Our Lady understands the sorrows that people encounter today. Just like refugees now, she had to flee with her husband and child to a strange country for safety and she too saw her child brutally killed. In all our sorrows we can turn to her, confident that she knows what we are suffering and sure of her help.

### CHAPLAINCY NEWS

#### 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

From the First Sunday in Advent (1 December) the times of Sunday Masses will be 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm.

#### Second Collection

There is a second collection today for Education Sunday.

#### Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on **Thursday 28 November in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm** on the subject of "The Challenge (II): Building a Culture of Life." Speaker Sr Roseann Reddy. All young

people welcome.

#### Shoebbox Appeal

Glasgow University SVDP 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.

#### White Flower Appeal

There will be a Second Collection on Sunday 24 November in aid of the White Flower Appeal.

#### Turnbull Hall Christmas Dinner

Turnbull Hall's annual Christmas Dinner will be held on **Thursday 19 December at 7.00pm**. Tickets are priced **£7.00** and are available from the student office. All welcome.

#### Mary's Meals

Thank you for your generous response to the appeal last Sunday by Mary's Meals. The second collection raised £418.20 which will help them provide more meals for hungry children in many countries.

#### Advent Mass

During Advent there will be a Rorate Mass (Candlelit Mass of Our Lady) every **Thursday at 6.00pm**.

#### 29 November

On **Friday 29 November** there will be a Vigil Mass of St Andrew at **6.30pm**. Our Student Cell of the Knights of St Columba will be raised to a full council. A social will be held in the upstairs hall after the Mass.

#### 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: 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](http://www.rcag.org.uk).

#### SCIAF Mass

In November, the month of the Holy Souls, SCIAF remembers those supporters who are no longer with us. Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those who