

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (January)

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world.

Feasts this Week

21 January-Memorial of St Agnes
24 January-Memorial of St Francis de Sales
25 January-Feast of the conversion of St 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)

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Masses
Sunday 9.00am and 11.00 am
6.00pm (during term)
Monday-Friday 1.05pm
Saturday 10.30am

Confessions
Monday/Wednesday /Thursday/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)

19 January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John the Baptist has been described as the parting voice of the Old Testament and it is to the Old Testament that we must look to begin to understand his description of Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The lamb occupies an important place in the story of the people of Israel. In the first few pages of their sacred text we encounter Abel, son of Adam and Eve, offering a lamb in sacrifice to the Lord. An atonement sacrifice of lambs would become part of the daily ritual of the Temple in Jerusalem. When God asks Abraham to go to one of the mountains in the land of Moriah – perhaps the mount on which the Temple would later be built – and offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering, the unsuspecting Isaac asks his father ‘where is the lamb?’ Abraham’s responds ‘God will provide’ – words which only become clear at the close of the Old Testament when John the Baptist points to Christ and says ‘Here is the Lamb of God’. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a suffering servant of God, a man who would be despised and rejected by men and wounded for the transgressions of the people. He compares this suffering servant to a lamb that is led to the slaughter. From the very beginning of His life, Jesus is on a trajectory that will lead to the sacrifice of the Cross.

Jesus would be crucified on the feast of the Passover. This feast recalled the Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt. At the moment of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt lambs had been slaughtered and eaten. The blood of those lambs had been painted on the houses of the Hebrews so that when the Lord ‘passed over’ the land of Egypt those within were kept safe from the plague that was to be unleashed. The yearly remembrance of Passover, which inaugurated the journey of God’s people towards the Promised Land, still involved in Jesus’ day the slaughtering of lambs in the Temple. John the Baptist was the son of a priest, Zechariah, who would have participated in the daily Temple sacrifice. The blood of the Passover Lamb delivered the Israelites in Egypt from death in Egypt. When John describes Jesus as the Lamb of God he pointed to the definitive sacrifice that would deliver humanity from everlasting death. So Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament story. The golden thread that had run through that story was God’s covenant relationship with His chosen people which began when God had said ‘I will be your God and you will be my people’. Everything recounted in the Old Testament records the fortunes of that covenant-relationship and, more importantly, looks forward to its consummation in the advent of the Messiah, the Christ.

What also becomes clear in the story is that this Jewish Messiah, this servant of the chosen people, would be a Saviour not just for the people of Israel, but for all people. He would take away the sins of the world. Until he came, the task of the chosen people of the Old Testament, as Isaiah insists in our first reading, was to act as a light to the nations. And this task of being a light to the nations is one that we must continue. We have just emerged from Christmastide with its great celebrations of the Nativity, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. We have seen Jesus revealed to his own people - Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, Anna. We have seen Jesus revealed to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi. We, who through the gift of faith, recognise Jesus as the Son God who takes away the sins of the world, have the ongoing mission, like John the Baptist, of pointing out Jesus to the world. Strengthened by the grace given to us in the Eucharist, the sacrament which makes present the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, we must go out as signs and instruments of the love, mercy, and forgiveness that Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, offers to all peoples of the world.

Fr Thomas Skeats O.P.

Catechist's Corner

In the Holy Mass we hear the words "the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you" However, what do we understand by Grace? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "Grace is a participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life" (CCC1997). It is a supernatural gift freely bestowed on us by God. It is entirely unmerited and there are no pre-conditions for receiving it. Grace brings us salvation, but it also requires a response from us. It requires us to keep our baptismal promises to renounce Satan and all his empty promises and it helps us

to remain faithful to the Gospel and to the teaching of the Church. "Among the mysteries of Catholicism, none is more practically important than the doctrine of grace. It is the very heart of Christianity on its human side, since it describes the panorama of God's dealings with men." (John Harden S.J.)

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.

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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.

6.00pm Mass

The 6.00pm Mass has now resumed.

Lunch Time Café

Our lunch time café has now reopened. Come up after Mass and sample the menu.

Burns Supper

The Chaplaincy annual Burn's supper will be held on **Friday 24 January**. Tickets are available from the student office. All welcome. **BYOB**.

Choral Mass

The **6.00pm Mass on Sunday 26 January** will be a Choral Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia in the Memorial Chapel. Accordingly, there will be no Mass that evening in Turnbull Hall.

Chaplaincy Forty Hours 2 February-4 February

Our Forty Hours Devotions this year will take place from **Sunday 2 February** until **Tuesday 4 February**. There will be adoration from after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 3 February till before 6.00pm Mass and from 10.00am to 8.00pm on Monday and Tuesday. Holy Hours will take place from 7.00pm until 8.00pm on Monday and Tuesday.

OTHER NEWS

Newman Association:

"The Ethical Dimension of Educational Provision and Research" - a talk by Professor Lindsay Paterson, which will take place at The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 January 2020. All welcome. Non-members: donation £3 - includes refreshments. See poster on notice board for details.

Job Vacancies - St Aloysius College:

Sports Hall Receptionist, hours: 3.30pm - 6pm, Monday and Wednesday during school term time. £9.00 per hour. Catering Assistants, hours: part time - 20 hours / term time - 39 weeks per year. £9.09 per hour. Further details about how to apply for these positions may be found on our school website
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or you may collect an application form from the Human Resources department of

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