

during Lent? Please contact Louise MacLeod at 0141 354 5555 or
getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk to find out more.

Racial Justice Sunday Service

A service will take place today at 4.00pm in **St Peter's Church, 46 Hyndland Street, Partick, G11 5PS**. The main speaker is Professor Anthony Reddie, Director of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture, a leading scholar in the field of black theology and editor of *Black Theology*. All welcome. Refreshments will be available in the hall. See poster on notice board.

Stay in Scotland after Brexit

If you are a EU citizen and you wish to remain in Scotland after Brexit, you will have to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021 to continue living here. Leaflets are available at the back and side of the chapel giving full details. Please take one away with you.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (February)

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered

Feasts this Week

10 February-Memorial of St Scholastica
14 February-Feast of St Cyril and St Methodius

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 2 February £274.35 (Gift Aid £15.00)

Second Collection £107.63

Last Year £375.85 (Gift Aid £75.00)

Thank you for your generosity. Please consider Gift Aid—we receive back 28p on every £1.

Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

**TURNBULL HALL
UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**
15 Southpark Terrace G12 8LG
Tel. 0141 339 4315

Chaplain
Fr Ross Campbell
RCchaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk

Chaplaincy Secretary
Rosemary Inglis
rcsecretary@glasgow.ac.uk

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)

9 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The verses in the Gospel today are calling to that apostolate which is part and parcel of being a Christian. Every Christian has to strive for personal sanctification, but he also has to seek the sanctification of others. Jesus teaches us this, using the very expressive simile of salt and light. Salt preserves food from corruption; it also brings out its flavour and makes it more pleasant; and it disappears into the food; the Christian should do the same. The Lord has said "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

Several years ago, preaching on this very gospel for the close of the Dominican Order's 800th. year Jubilee, the Holy Father contrasted Christian living (as salt and light) with what he called 'the carnival of human curiosity', a 'pseudo-festive superficiality', a 'culture of the ephemeral'. This is the world of purely human oracles and their mantra, 'Baby I was born this way', as though nature unaided by grace has reached its goal. Without grace it is true we are born *this way*: to sin and to die. This is the world of mercy without repentance, a mockery of true salvation and the mother of dissolution (so says our master St Thomas). This is the world of conscience undermined of its dignity, reduced to a subjective lack of self-reproach. The world without salt and light—without grace—is insipid and dark. It merely rehashes some ancient error or lie, rebranded and marketed for humanity left hungering in the dark.

Jesus does not call us Christians *to become* salt and light to the world. He says we are that already. But through infidelity to Christ we will (as salt) lose our savour and be thrown out and tread upon, or (as light) be put under a bushel and presumably extinguished.

Immediately before these verses come the Beatitudes, addressed in general terms: to the poor, to those who mourn, etc. Right at the end of the Beatitudes Jesus shifts His language to the second person: blessed are *you* when *you* are cast out, when *you* are persecuted, when *you* are calumniated. He says that to be a Christian is to be persecuted. So we are salt and light only because we are *persecuted*. That is, because we are conformed to Christ, the Persecuted One, the Saviour of salt itself, the True Light coming into the world.

The Holy Father reminds us that the context of our preaching, with words and deeds, is to a world running after novelties of rehashed lies, to those with *prurientes auribus* (2 Timothy 4:3), itching ears! Itching ears ache for the balm of unstinting approval and lies. And

so our temptation as evangelists becomes very strong: to water down Truth, and to offer the world the savourless darkness it has become comfortable with—repackaged to look shiny and tasty!—but still the same old errors. Jesus says, ‘The Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil’ (John 3:19). And Pope Francis warns, ‘Woe to salt that loses its savour! Woe to the Church that loses her savour!’

The Truth that is Christ is a hard truth, but it is the only Truth. The Love that is the Spirit is a hard love to accept, but it is the only Love that makes all loves possible. Our savour, our light is from fidelity to Christ. Only such Love and Truth can be recognized as coming from the Father, that *men may see your good works and give glory to the Father in Heaven!*

“The Church must be present to groups (even those who do not believe in God) through those of her members who live among them or have been sent to them” (*Ad Gentes 11.36*).

Fr Leon Pereira O.P.

Catechist's Corner

With regard to Grace in the New Testament the focus is on God's gifts to man, especially in offering him a new life in Christ. By Grace man now becomes an adopted child of God and “can henceforth call God ‘Father’ in union with the Only Son” (CCC1997). By becoming an adopted child of God through Sanctifying Grace man is divinised and “partakes of the Divine nature and eternal life” (CCC1996). St Augustine in his commentary on Psalm 49 (50) makes the point that only God the Son, who is co-equal with the Father and has existed from all eternity, is truly the Son of God. “The rest that are made gods, are made by His own Grace, are not born of His substance, that they should be the same as He, but that by favour they should come to Him and be fellow heirs with Christ.” God's gift of divinising man is available only

through grace; it is not a right man can demand from God.

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

Parking

The council are again trying to change the parking restrictions in this area. They intend to do away with resident parking bays and make all bays available for either residents or pay and display. This will apply from 8.00am until 10.00pm seven days a week. Forms are available for objections to be made to the council and copies of the form are available at the back and the side of the chapel. If you object to having to pay for on street parking when attending Mass or one of our events, please complete one of these forms and return it direct to Glasgow City Council, Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, **FREEPOST NAT2684**, Glasgow G1 1BR, to reach them by 14 February 2020. Please do **not** return it to the chaplaincy.

Aid to the Church in Need

There will be an appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need at all Masses on **Sunday 9 February**. Kitty Moran will be speaking at the Masses about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Please give generously to this appeal. See poster on notice board.

GUCA Retreat

The GUCA Retreat to Pluscarden will take place from **30 March until 3 April**. If you are interested in going, please sign the sign up sheet on the student notice board. The deadline for signing up is Friday **14 February**.

GUCA Ball

This years GUCA Ball will be held on Saturday **23 May 2020 at 7.00pm** in the Glasgow University Union. Tickets priced at **£30.00** are now available from the Student Office. **A non-refundable deposit of £10.00 to be paid by 19 March** and the balance of **£20.00 to be paid by 19 April**.

Palm Crosses

With Lent approaching we are looking for palm crosses to be burnt and used on Ash Wednesday. If you have any at home please bring them into the chaplaincy by **21 February**.

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on **Thursday 13 February in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm** on the subject of “The Pen is Mightier than the Sword: J.R.R. Tolkien”. Speaker Dr Giuseppe Pezzini. All young people welcome

Day of Prayer

Friday 28 February is the world Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse in the Church. Stations of the Cross will be said in the chapel at 12.30pm for all who have suffered abuse.

Parish Community Room

The renovation of the long-anticipated front Community Room is nearly finished! We are looking for donations of furniture and appliances to complete the room, in-

cluding a kettle, mugs, tea/coffee, chairs, children's toys, and more. Please contact Ashlee at Ashlee.lally@gmail.com if you can help! Donations should **not** be handed into the Secretary's office.

OTHER NEWS

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

<https://www.stalloysius.org/alloysian-life/vacancies>

or you may collect an application form from the Human Resources department of St Aloysius' College at 45 Hill Street, Glasgow G3 6RJ, telephone number 0141 331 9297.

Archdiocese of Glasgow Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on **17-24 July 2020**, by air from Glasgow. Seven nights full board: **£948 for Hotel Padoue, Hotel Solitude or Hotel Eliseo. £799 for hotel Agena. £495 for seat only**. Enquiries: Independent pilgrims – call Joe Walsh Tours on 0141 530 5060 or e-mail info@joewalshstours.co.uk Assisted pilgrims – call Elizabeth McKee 0141 558 0994 or write to 125 Cortmalaw Crescent, Robroyston G33 1TD. See poster on notice board.

SCIAF Volunteers

SCIAF is looking for volunteers to help during Lent. Could you do a short talk about our Wee Box Big change appeal at a parish