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### 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer & Fasting Vigil

On **Saturday 22 February** the 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer and Fasting Vigil for an end to abortion will commence with the celebration of **Holy Mass at 1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral**. Archbishop Tartaglia will be the celebrant. The 40 Days for Life Vigil will then take place as before from Ash Wednesday 26 February from 8am until 8pm each day outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the QEUH. The Vigil will close on Palm Sunday 5 April at the QEUH. Please consider what you are going to do for Lent, come and pray for a culture of life here in Scotland and around the world. If you would like more information, then please contact [Ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie1615@outlook.com). 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.

### 20-40 Network Supper Club

Aged 20-40? We are hosting a supper-club networking event at **The Butterfly and the Pig** in on **7 March** at **7pm**. Tickets are £28 for a two-course meal from a fantastic menu plus coffee. Thereafter you can mingle in the bar with a live band and you have complimentary entry to the neighbouring Buff Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other young Catholics so please come along. Just email [2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com) to buy a ticket.

### 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

22 February-Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle

### 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 9 February £191.78 (Gift Aid £8.00)

Second Collection £174.32

Last Year £297.52 (Gift Aid £29.00)

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

Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

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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)

### 16 February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do you find convincing?

I suspect the simplest answer would be, 'Someone who sounds truthful.' Not just not lying, but understanding rather than just knowing: Tone of voice matters as much as words, or more: if I sound pompous, or condescending, or just "saying the right thing", then why should you believe me?

I think this may be a good starting point for understanding those strange words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved." The dots and strokes are the vowels of the Hebrew alphabet, the language of the Jewish scriptures, the Old Testament. The basis of Hebrew writing is just the consonants – but the vowels are needed for the words to make a sound. Also changing the vowels changes the meaning. Normally people would have remembered the vowels, but they were sometimes written in for beginners like me. Furthermore, the Jewish Scriptures, in which the Law is contained, are to this day sung in Jewish services. Reading was not enough – singing is needed for the full sound to be present. And really to sing, we have to believe in and be truly present to the words and the music. We need to be open to their deepest meaning. We need to let the words abide in us, disturb us, change us.

So this is not Jesus imposing the Jewish Law on the first Christians in all its details. It is Jesus taking us to the heart of the Law of God, the observances of which (such as abstaining from pork) were signs only relevant to a particular time and place. Jesus confronts us with the terribly destructive effect unjust anger can have. He challenges us with how we look at others: do we look at them in love, rejoicing that this child of God exists, or do we ultimately see them as simply for our use – sexually or otherwise? Do we take with our hands what we need, or whatever this consumer that is me happens to want at this particular moment? Is our yes really yes and our no really no?

This is obviously a huge challenge, and Jesus uses deliberately shocking language about tearing our eye out or cutting off our hand if they cause us to sin. And of course, often we're thoughtless rather than malicious. But that's the point – just because my anger was thoughtless because I was in a bad mood about something else doesn't mean it caused any less damage to the person I yelled at. Again, we might think about things, but just be too quick.

Perhaps this is why St. Paul, in today's second reading, is critical of the wisdom of his age. They had their philosophers just like we do. Some of them, known as Sophists (as in

sophisticated) taught people to be smart, to win every argument, but with little concern for whether they were actually right. In the verses just before, Paul says to the people of Corinth – a smart, upwardly mobile place – that when he came to them he did not use “lofty words or wisdom” to proclaim the mystery of God, but rather decided “to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”. It would have been too easy for Paul to compare the cross of Christ with the cross symbol in the Timaeus, a philosophical dialogue by the great Greek philosopher Plato. The Corinthians would have “got” the cross immediately: it was the reconciliation of stillness and movement, the reconciliation of opposites in general. True, but not true enough for the mother who has lost a child or the refugees freezing in the snow. When we have listened to such hard truths, heard the full, honest sound and let it disturb us, prayed over it, then we can understand the true depths of philosophy. We can think and speak the truth.

*Dominic White O.P*

### Catechist's Corner

The vocation to eternal life is a supernatural one which man, if he relied on his natural abilities only, would be unable to achieve. The gift of sanctifying grace enables us to carry out good deeds, which we might desire to do but which we might find difficult without supernatural prompting. “Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate with His work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church” (CCC2003). Every good work that we do, we do at the inspiration of God working in us. God, therefore, at various times in our lives gives us additional help so that we can overcome difficulties

and carry out our good intentions. “God activates our every act, stimulating us to know and will and do things, causing in us not a disposition but an actual movement.” (St Thomas Aquinas) This additional help is called actual grace, which we need for our salvation. Actual grace is granted by God for the performance of salutary acts and is present and disappears with the action itself.

## 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 celicogi-useppe@gmail.com

### 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**.

### 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.

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on 26 February and is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Mass times are 8.05am, 1.05pm and 5.05pm.

### Safeguarding Statement

The annual safeguarding Statement will be read at all Masses on Sunday 23 February.

### ACN Appeal

ACN have written to thank us for the very generous response to their appeal last Sunday. The total received was £410.84 made up as follows:

£174.32 from the collection bags at Masses  
£113.54 from Gift Aid envelopes handed direct to Kitty Moran

£122.98 from sales at their stall.

Johanna Cox has also very kindly offered to be the Chaplaincy's link person for ACN. See poster on notice board for details.

### Uganda Fundraiser

There will be a second collection next Sunday, in aid of the Uganda mission trip.

### 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, including 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](mailto: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.

### Pro-Life Mass

This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, **19 February** in **Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT**. There will be **Adoration at 6pm**, followed by **Rosary at 7pm** and **Mass at 7.30pm**. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Dominic Quinn.

### 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 during Lent? Please contact Louise MacLeod at 0141 354 5555 or