

SCIAF Wee Boxes

It's that time of year again, when SCIAF ask you to take one of their Wee Boxes, fill it with any loose change you have in your purse or pockets at the of the day and return the box to SCIAF at the end of Lent. This year, once again, your donations will be matched £1 for £1 by the UK government, so please give generously and ensure that your donations reach SCIAF by **20 May** so they can be matched.

Lentfest

Lentfest is an imaginative fusion of faith and the arts brought together by AGAP, the Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project. Brochures giving details of this year's Lentfest events are available in the foyer. Also see poster on notice board.

Lenten Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage Milngavie - Balloch - Helensburgh:

For 18-35 year olds, **20-21 March 2020**. Inspired by the Polish "Extreme Way of the Cross", the Slighe na Croise Pilgrimage (Gaelic for Way of the Cross) is a penitential pilgrimage undertaken over 12 hours from evening to morning. The pilgrimage begins and ends with Holy Mass and is undertaken in complete silence, with stops every hour to pray a Station of the Via Crucis. With stunning views of the West Highlands and the isolation of the night, the pilgrimage is the perfect opportunity to truly contemplate the reality of the Passion. Join us and make this Lent one of real interior conversion. To sign up, e-mail KSC.Council.One@gmail.com

Glasgow Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Glasgow Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a weekend of renewal on **Friday 6 March: 7:30 - 9 pm** and

Saturday 7 March: 10:30 am - 4 pm. The theme is "A journey through Lent" with Fr Chris Thomas. This will take place in the **Immaculate Conception** church hall, 2049 Maryhill Rd G20 0AA. For more information, please phone Minin on 07448786569.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions (March)

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Feasts this Week

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 23 February £196.02 (Gift Aid £73.00)

Second collection £151.80

Last Year £314.18 (Gift Aid £86.62)

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 11.00 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)

1 March 1st Sunday in Lent

On this first Sunday of Lent, the readings have a rather demonic theme. Demons are mentioned on numerous occasions in the bible, but given our modern understanding of psychology and mental illness, it can be tempting to reinterpret such passages so as to understand them only in a figurative way and suppose that demons aren't actually real. This is a temptation CS Lewis warns us of in his satirical novel "the Screwtape Letters." The novel takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon called Screwtape to his nephew Wormword, who has the job of tempting a human being who is referred to as the patient. Wormword's more experienced uncle gives advice on how this should be done. In one of the letters, Screwtape writes to his nephew:

"Our policy for the moment is to conceal ourselves. Of course this has not always been so. But in the meantime, we must obey our orders. I do not think you will have much difficulty in keeping the patient in the dark. The fact that 'devils' are predominantly comic figures in the modern imagination will help you. If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade him that since he cannot believe in that he therefore cannot believe in you."

Now while the Screwtape Letters is a satirical work, the underlying message is very serious. Demons are real, and they are very manipulative and devious in the ways they try to frustrate God's plan of redemption. While we shouldn't foster an unhealthy interest in demons, neither should we choose not to believe in their existence, because if we don't believe in the existence of demons, then we won't believe we need to pray for protection against them. The reality is that demons are powerful creatures, and we can easily be deceived by them if we don't ask for divine assistance.

Demons themselves are fallen angels, and although angels are often depicted as having bodily forms, by nature, angels are purely immaterial, and this goes for demons as well. They are highly intelligent beings, far more intelligent than us, but by nature, they are entirely without bodies.

In the book of Revelation the ancient serpent is identified as Satan, and this is rather significant because in Hebrew, Satan literally means the accuser. Satan resents God's favour to mankind; that out of mere dust God created human beings in His image and created them to be His friends. Satan, in his arrogance, despises God's generosity and he looks down on human existence as totally inferior to his own. Thus, Satan has set out to prove that mankind is un-

worthy of God's love and friendship, and the story of Genesis might suggest that Satan has been rather successful. After the Fall, one can imagine Satan the accuser saying to God, 'Look, I was right all along: mankind is weak and untrustworthy and doesn't want your grace and friendship.' This is the point that Satan has been trying to prove ever since.

But although in sinning, we reject God's love and friendship, God never rejects us. God, in becoming incarnate in Jesus Christ totally undermines Satan's evil scheming. The Incarnation shows once and for all that mankind is capable of being friends with God, and Jesus Christ, through His life, death and resurrection, makes this divine friendship possible for the whole of humanity.

Today's Gospel is really showing that for Satan, the game is up. Satan is never going to be able to prove his point, because Jesus Christ embodies the friendship of God. Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who has come into the world for our salvation, and no matter how much Satan tries to tempt Jesus, Jesus will never abandon His mission to save us. Jesus suffered so much in order that we could be free from Satan's rule. In dying on the Cross, Jesus gave up everything for us, and this demands our response. Let us therefore renew our efforts this Lent to turn away from sin and to turn towards God, confident that Jesus will never abandon us to the power of Satan.

Fr. Robert Verrill O.P.

Catechist's Corner

Over the last few weeks as we have reflected on the meaning of grace, it has become clear that Catholic teaching on grace is firmly rooted in Scripture. Scripture testifies to how God has cared for His children throughout the ages, thereby enabling them to live with Him forever. He has kept His promises concerning our redemption as the cost of His only begotten Son. "Because of God's grace the gift of salvation is free, but it is not cheap." (Scott Hahn) Today, many people look at the story of Genesis trying to decide how compatible it is with our current scientific knowledge

about the universe's creation. However, rather than trying to reconcile two apparently irreconcilable accounts, we need to consider some other questions, such as *what* God created and *why* He created it. "Lent is a fitting time to reread Genesis in search of a clue as to what the ancient writer intended to say to his original readers." (Scott Hahn) If we read the account of Creation in this way, we shall find that religion and science, faith and reason are compatible.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday during Lent in the chapel at 12.30pm.

Confessions during Lent

There will be confessions every weekday during Lent at 12.45pm and on Saturdays at 10.00am.

Second collection

There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses during Lent for Sick and Retired Priests. However the collection on the fourth Sunday will be for SCIAF.

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**.

Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on **Thursday 12 March in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm** on the subject of "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword: Flannery O'Connor". Speaker Fr Kevin Douglas. All young people welcome

SSVP Bake Sale

The SSVP will be holding a bake sale on **3 March outside the Fraser building**. Funds raised will go towards blessing a family in need with a holiday. Please visit us and sample our baking skills! We would also love it if you could help us by baking or manning the stall. If you want to help contact us on our Facebook page or at svdp.glasgow.university@gmail.com.

GUCA Charity Tea Party

Mark your diaries, the annual GUCA Charity Tea Party will return on **Sunday, 8 March at 12:00 noon!** If you would be willing to donate a baked good and/or raffle prize for the event, please bring them along to the chaplaincy on **Saturday 7 or Sunday 8 March**, or email gucatholicasociation@gmail.com to make other arrangements. All parishioners are invited, and proceeds will go towards the GUCA Mission Trip to Uganda. More details to come in next week's bulletin.

OTHER NEWS

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.

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 QUEH. The Vigil will close on Palm Sunday 5 April at the QUEH. 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. See poster on notice board.

Lenten Reflection for Teachers and Support Staff

Archbishop Tartaglia will lead a Lenten Reflection for Teachers and Support Staff on **Wednesday 4 March at 6.15pm in Saint Andrew's Cathedral**. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

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 on the table in the foyer.