Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions

(May)
That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Feasts This Week
10 May-Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

What’s On This Week
Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Grace (ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com)
Catholic Society—Tuesday 6.30 to 8.00pm in the TV room. For undergraduate students. Contact Ruairidh (Ruairidh@live.co.uk). Follow us on Facebook-Glasgow University Catholic Association or Twitter-@GUCatholic
SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly, contact Lily Kearns (turnbullssvp@gmail.com)
St Teresa of Avila Prayer Group-Every Monday at 7.30pm, contact Mollie Stegaroiu (mollie_195@hotmail.com) or on facebook at St Teresa of Avila prayer Group (Turnbull Hall)
RISE—Thursday 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Chapel for Charismatic prayer and praise. Contact Anna (annapf@hotmail.co.uk)

Collections
Sunday 29 April £364.33 (Gift Aid £82.00)

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6 May 6th Sunday of Easter
In today’s gospel, prayerfully received, the voice of Jesus is heard, the joy of His quiet love is experienced and the desire to do good enflamed.

Nowhere else in the scriptures is the voice of our Risen Lord received in the heart of the Christian disciple with such immediacy and intimacy as in these five chapters of the Last Supper Discourse in St John’s Gospel. Our Master’s voice comes addressed to each unique disciple across the centuries and across the continents. He is speaking in the threatened calm of the Upper Room in His last hours of freedom. When He finishes speaking, He will descend to the Garden of Gethsemane and His Passion will begin. Jesus makes it explicitly clear that He is addressing, and consecrating into His sacrifice of the next day, Good Friday, not just those disciples in the room but all those who will come to be disciples through them. You and I. He is consecrating and commissioning – co-missioning – us into the one mission He has received from the Father. Elsewhere He will say: “As the Father sent me, so I send you”. Here He says, “As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Remain/abide in my love”. This is an abiding presence, not transitory or changing but the gift of a permanent relationship within the Divine life of the Holy Trinity. Within this shared life He now reveals: “I shall not call you servants anymore for a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father”. Nothing is closer to divinity than to be a fellow worker with God. Nothing closer to God than to imitate the divine self-giving. “Love one another as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love then to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you–love one another.”

This “desire to do good”, which Pope Francis speaks about above, is not burdensome but joyful. It springs from the graced experience of the quiet joy of His love for each one of us. In times of uncertainty, confusion and insecurity we hear the Master’s voice in our hearts: “I have chosen you”. “You did not choose me, no I chose you”. Jesus is speaking to us from the eve of His Passion, and He warns us that the way of discipleship is costly: “In the world you will have trouble”. But in all the dangers and diffi-
cultures of our Christian lives it is in the
flow of His grace, from the Holy Vine of the
Crucified Christ, of whom we are branches,
that we can bear fruit and fruit that will
abide. “I have told you this so that my own
joy may be in you, and your joy may be
complete.”

Peter was one of those disciples addressed
by Christ in the Upper Room. Peter who
was to deny Him. Peter to whom He ap-
ppeared after His Resurrection. Peter who,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Risen
Lord, proclaimed the New Creation at Pen-
tecost in Jerusalem. The same Peter is
active in our first reading, responding to
the Spirit’s creation of a new humanity in
Christ, which will include all na-
tions. What Peter and his companions and
Cornelius and his friends experience is a
“Pentecost for the Gentiles”.

The Pentecostal mystery, which we are
anticipating throughout Eastertide is
working powerfully and gracefully in the
Church and in the world as it was in St
Peter’s day. There is a peace and a joy that
the world cannot give. Christian peace
and joy are fruits of the Holy Spirit. Their
source is in the depth of the Trinity and
their outreach to the whole world and all
humanity in it joys and its hopes, is sor-
rrows and grief, its sinfulness and its call to
holiness.

Fr John Farrell O.P

CATECHIST’S CORNER

In His farewell address to the disciples,
Jesus stressed the importance of His
“return to the Father”, the culmination of
His whole mission: indeed he came into
the world to bring man back to God, not on
the ideal level-like a philosopher or a mas-
ter of wisdom-but really like a shepherd
who wants to lead his sheep back to the
fold. It was for our sake that He came
down from Heaven and for our sake that
He ascended to it, after making Himself in

all things like men, humbling Himself even
to death on a cross and after having
touched the abyss of greatest distance
from God. Therefore, Christian hope,
found on Christ, is not an illusion but an
anchor that penetrates Heaven where
Christ has gone before us. And what does
the human person in every epoch need
other than this: a firm anchorage in life?
Here once again is the wonderful mean-
ing of Mary’s presence among us. Turning
our gaze to her, like the first disciples, we
are immediately directed to the reality of
Jesus: the Mother points to the Son who is
no longer physically among us but awaits
us in the Father’s house. Let us, therefore,
turn to Mary in the fullness of Easter joy.
(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Holyday of Obligation
Thursday 10 May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holyday of
Obligation. Masses will be at 8.05am,
1.05pm and 5.05pm

Foreign Coins
Please do not put foreign coins in the
collection or in for votive candles. They
cannot be banked and are disposed of in
the nearest waste-paper basket.

Old Pound Coins
Please do not put old pound coins in either
the collection or in the for votive candles.

Race Night
Come along to the Race Night on Saturday
12 May at 7.00pm to raise funds for the
Rome pilgrimage. £25 to sponsor a race,
£5 to sponsor a horse and £3 to sponsor a
jockey. For sponsorship, speak to
Giuseppe, Thomas or Deryn.

Expecting a Baby? New Mother?
Come and share your story and increase
your confidence in birth in a positive,
supportive and confidential monthly discus-
sion group. Contact Jackie Gillick (07704
763 560)

GUCA Ball
The GUCA ball will be held on Friday 25
May 2018 in the GUU. Tickets for this
event are £25.00 and are now available.

Mass Booklets
If you have any of the Booklets for the East-
er Triduum at home, can you please return
them to the Chaplaincy as they will be re-
quired again. Thank you very much.

Catholic Mothers Prayer Group
Please join us each month for a peaceful,
prayerful evening and a cup of tea. Meet in
the TV Room on 2nd Thursday of each
month from 8-9pm. All mums welcome!
Contact Ashlee Lally, email
ashlee.lally@gmail.com, for more details.

RCAG Youth
Monday 21 May Lection Divina for young
people at 7.00pm in the upstairs hall
with Archbishop Tartaglia.

Second Collection
There will be a second collection next Sun-
day for Communications.

OTHER NEWS

Bishop Robert Barron
Will those of you who signed up to go to
the talk by Bishop Robert Barron in the
Usher Hall, Edinburgh on Thursday 6
September at 7.30pm please give your
ticket money to Fr Ross as soon as possi-
ble. Tickets prices are £10.00 for adults
and £6.00 for students/children. See poster
on notice board for details.

International Nurses Day Mass
The International Nurses Day Mass will be
held in the Glass Chapel, Carfin on Wednes-
day 9 May at 7.00pm. All health care work-
ers and friends welcome. For information
contact either 01475 725252, email:
janecarkin@yahoo.co.uk or
0131 665 3639. See poster on notice board
for details.

Boswell Book Festival
The above book festival will take place at
Dumfries House, Cumnock, Ayrshire over
the weekend 5/6 May 2018. Cardinal Vin-
cent Nichols will be speaking on Saturday 5
May at 2.00pm with Sir James MacMillan
about his life and passion for sacred
music. If you are interested in going to this
event, please see poster on notice board
for details.

Young Adult Retreat
The above retreat for those who are 18 to
40 years of age will be held in St Mary’s
Retreat Centre, Kinnoull, Perth from 29
June until 1 July. Cost is £150.00
(discounts available for students and the
unwaged). Application forms are on the
table in the foyer. See poster on notice
board for details.

Marian Age Pilgrimages
Knock and Lough Derg/Donegal
Marian Age Pilgrimages to Knock and
Lough Derg/Donegal from Monday 2 July
to Friday 6 July 2018. Cost for Knock and
Lough Derg £285.00 per person, for Knock
and Donegal £375.00 per person. See post-
er on notice board for full details.

Remembering Notre Dame’s Contribu-
tion to Catholic Education
You are invited to celebrate the feast of St
Julie Billiart with the Notre Dame Commu-