Faith Summer Conference
The Faith Summer Conference on “above all things love each other” will take place from 30 July until 3 August 2018. Book online at www.faith.org.uk or see Fr Ross for details.

AGAP Future Events
AGAP has organised the following events/activities taking place at St Mungo’s Retreat, 52 Parson Street. Advance booking is recommended: 0141 552 5527 or www.agap.org.uk
AGAP ‘INSPIRE’ evening on Friday 1 June at 7.30pm
AGAP ‘Lectio Divina Dramatica’ Tuesday 5 June at 7.30pm
AGAP Film & Faith Club: Sister Act (1992, Cert PG) Thursday 7 June at 1.00pm and 7.00pm.
See posters on notice board for details.

Musicians Wanted
Mass is celebrated each Monday at 7.15pm in Barlinnie Prison. The chaplains would appreciate the help of singers and musicians to lead the singing at the Mass. Commitment would be no more than once a month, but could be less. If you can help, please telephone the chaplaincy on 0141 770 2059 or email BarlinnieChaplaincy@sps.pnn.gov.uk

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
31 May—Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 June—Memorial of St Justin

What’s On This Week
Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Grace (ourladysequot;ofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com)
Catholic Society—Tuesday 6.30 to 8.00pm in the TV room. For under graduate 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 praise and worship with Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Anna (annapf@hotmail.co.uk)

Collections
Sunday 20 May £276.03 (Gift Aid £47.00)
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Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

27 May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
‘Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ Or more literally: ‘into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ That’s also what the original Creed says: ‘I believe into God the Father... and into the Son... and into the Holy Spirit.’ We are on a journey into God, a journey into the dynamic life of the Holy Trinity. It’s a journey into love. ‘I love you.’ Three of the simplest words in the world, but we use them to express an inexhaustible mystery in our human relationships.

‘God is love.’ Again, three simple words but they open up the infinite mystery of the Trinity.

‘The Lord is God indeed,’ we read in Moses today, ‘he and no other.’ Reason finds no problem in thinking of God as the Absolute, the One, but we need revelation to teach us about the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is Three and God is One; both are true mysteries, and they are connected. To appreciate why we cannot fully comprehend the mystery of the Holy Trinity (God’s personal three-ness), it helps to remember that we really cannot grasp the mystery of the Divine Simplicity (God’s substantial oneness) either.

The doctrine of divine simplicity states that God is not complex (made up of parts) in any way. Father, Son and Spirit are not parts of God, but One God. Easier said than understood! G. K. Chesterton recounts the story: ‘A lady I knew picked up a book of selections from St Thomas [Aquinas], with a commentary; and began hopefully to read a section with the innocent heading, The Simplicity of God. She then laid the book down with a sigh and said: “Well, if that’s His simplicity, I wonder what His complexity is like.”’

But God is not complex. The Platonists understood that simplicity is found at both the highest and lowest realities, both in the mere potentiality of ‘pure matter’ and in the luminous glory of the One.

God’s simplicity is not like pure matter, because God is pure Actuality, white-hot Light, total and unconditional Love. This actuality envelops and drives everything, as its source and goal, the Alpha and Omega. I’m deliberately mixing philosophical language with Scriptural images, because both reason and revelation should guide us on our journey.
into the mystery of the Triune God. Our journey into God’s simplicity will not take us back again to square one, empty-handed, but instead we will discover that a fullness has sent us out and a fullness will receive us home, transformed. There is a fullness in the simplicity that encloses complexity, like there is a fullness in the God whose eternity encloses time and is not enclosed by it. So, our journey into the Trinity is an attraction to the divine simplicity, not a stagnation in human simple-mindedness.

After all, there is a lovely simplicity in genius that differs from simple-mindedness. Often a beautiful object is found to have a simple rationale, despite its manifold appearance, whether it’s the mathematical iteration of the ‘Hofstader butterfly’ or the musical unfurling of a Bach fugue. We cannot draw the Trinity or compose its theme-tune, but there’s a decent medieval attempt in the simple yet profound pictogram called the Scutum Fidei (Shield of Faith) that summarises: the Father is God, the Son is God, the Spirit is God, yet the Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Spirit and the Spirit is not the Father.

The Trinity does not undermine the simplicity of God, because there’s nothing simpler nor stronger than persons united in love. The unity of God is a perfect communion of persons. And then St Paul pronounces God’s extraordinary invitation to us: receive the Spirit of God, let God dwell within you and make you his child, his heir, and take you into his glory. The Light is too bright for our eyes right now; it’s too pure and simple, but it beckons us, a beacon of Love, drawing us ever further into glory – into the Father, and into the Son, and into the Holy Spirit.

Fr Matthew Jarvis O.P.

**CATECHIST’S CORNER**

This Sunday’s feast of the Most Holy Trinity was introduced in 1344 by Pope John XXII. This feast is like “the Church’s Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for today’s mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost.” (Canon Pius Parch) St Augustine of Hippo explained how the reflection of the Triune God is mirrored in man himself. He personifies memory, intellect and will, having memory correspond to God the Father, intellect to the Son who is Logos, and will to the Spirit. He also indicates the Trinity in how we perceive things. There is the external object of sight, the sense impression in the eye, and the mental attention we fix on it that unites the two. In our imaginings too, we call a thing to mind, we have an image of a thing, and then our will directs us to the memory of it.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

**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.

**Expecting a Baby? New Mother?**

Come and share your story and increase your confidence in birth in a positive, supportive and confidential monthly discussion group. Contact Jackie Gillick (07704 763 560)

**Catholic Mothers Prayer Group**

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

**Saturday 2 June 2018**

Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass on Saturday 2 June. There will, however, be a Mass at 9.00am in the Memorial Chapel.

**Sunday 3 June 2018**

Please note that there will be no 6.15 Mass on Sunday 3 June as there will be the Corpus Christi Procession.

**Sunday Evening Mass**

Please note that there will be no 6.15pm Mass on Sundays during July and August.

**Bidding Prayers**

The names of the sick on the bidding prayers are being removed. If you want any names to be kept on the list please email Fr Ross to let him know.

**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 possible. Tickets prices are £10.00 for adults and £6.00 for students/children. 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.

**Remembrance Mass**

A remembrance Mass will be said in St Agnes’ Church, Lambhill today at 3.00pm for all who are buried in St Kentigern’s Cemetery, Western Necropolis Cemetery or Lambhill Cemetery. See poster on notice board for full details.

**Annual Memorial Mass**

The annual Memorial Mass at Linn Cemetery will take place on Saturday 2 June at 3.00pm. All Welcome. See poster on the notice board.

**Annual Summer Pilgrimage**

The annual summer pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland will be held in Dunfermline on Sunday 3 June. The day begins at 11am and at 1.45pm there will be a procession led by Archbishop Leo Cushley, who will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm. See leaflets on table in the foyer.

**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 poster on notice board for full details.