Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions
(October)
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

Feasts This Week
15 October-Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus
17 October-Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
18 October-Feast of St Luke

What’s On This Week
Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Grace (ourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@gmail.com)
Catholic Society—Tuesday 6.00 to 8.00pm in the TV room. For under graduate students. Contact Conor (conorgildea288@gmail.com or Carter (carterlyon@gmail.com).
SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly, contact Lily Kearns (turnbullssvp@gmail.com)

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Last Year £329.52 (Gift Aid £64.00)
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5th National Divine Mercy Conference
Saturday 20 October 2018 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Hosted by the Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland in St Augustine’s Church, 12 Dundyvan Road, Langloan, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ.
Special Guest Speaker DANA together with Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz and Anthony Giety.
You can attend the whole day or part of the day. There will be a Holy Hour followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.
Register at: WWW.GLASGOWAC.UK/CATHOLICCHAPLAINCY/DIVINEMERCY
Or Email: rcchaplaincy-fodms@glasgow.ac.uk Tel: Helen Border 01505336269 for an application form. Fee £5.

Fatima, the Ultimate Mystery
Pope Francis requests us to say the rosary every day during the month of October. Come and see the unique approach of this film, which is being shown in St Helen’s, 32 Langside Avenue, Glasgow G41 2QS on 22 October at 7.00pm. Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.uk. See poster on notice board for details.

SCIAF Emergency Appeal
SCIAF are appealing for your support as they respond to the Indonesian earthquakes and tsunami. If you wish to donate to their appeal, you can do so by visiting www.sciaf.org.uk or by phoning 0141 354 5555.

Artists & Musicians for Mary’s Meals
There will be an art exhibition and music recitals in House for an Art Lover, Bellahouston Park, Glasgow on Monday 29 October from 10.00am in aid of Mary’s Meals. See poster on notice board for full contact details and prices.

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The story in today’s gospel is a familiar and wonderful short story filled with lots of tensions and emotions. It begins with a man approaching Jesus and asking Him the important question, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus seems to rebuke the man a couple of times, yet he ignores the rebukes and continues to ask his burning question. Saying that he has been faithful to the commandments all his life; what more must he do to be complete? This is clearly a good person who awaits further instructions from Jesus. Jesus responds out of love for him and offers the challenge: “go sell what you have and give it to the poor…then come follow me.” At this point the man backs off; “his face fell and he went away sad because he had many possessions”.

Jesus was asking the young man to be His disciple. Sadly, he said no to Jesus’ offer. He chose holding on to his possessions over following Jesus. The issue for him was that he could not part from his possessions which were extensive. I have often wondered what happened to him afterwards: did he rethink his position and turn to Jesus? Did he continue to trust and covet his riches? We will never know since this is the only time we encounter him in his encounter with Jesus. The call to be a disciple is indeed a profound decision to follow Jesus. How might this man have stacked up against the twelve that Jesus called to be disciples? My inclination is to think he would have been equal to the challenge of disciple-ship.

This is where we fit into the gospel story. We are all (rich and poor alike) called to be followers of Jesus, to serve at His side in a word, to be disciples. We, too, need to assess what it is we need to “sell” so that we can more faithfully be with Christ. What is it that might hinder us from responding to Jesus’ call? What might we do about it?

Let’s put ourselves in the shoes of the rich young man asked to follow the Lord. We too come to the encounter with Jesus as good persons looking to add spiritual depth in using our God-given talents. Are we perfect? Clearly not! But the twelve Jesus called to be followers during His public ministry were hardly perfect themselves. As they journeyed with Jesus on the plains and hills of Galilee and in the streets of Jerusalem we discover one who totally sold out on Jesus for a wad of silver, another who denied that he even knew Jesus, and a pair of brothers who seemed interested only in their being on the right and left hand of Jesus.
in the kingdom.
The story of the rich young man might also be called “following Jesus: the ups and downs of being a disciple”; or “Here is the beginning of a long journey down the road with Jesus”; or “following Jesus a call to love as he loved”. To be a disciple means everyday faithfulness, not success as perfection and the pursuit of perfection implies. We’re called to trust the good God.

“Only God is good,” Jesus says in the beginning of His dialogue with the man: to be a disciple, then, is to set one’s eyes on God and not on possessions (read here one’s gifts and accomplishments). The man was sad because he valued his possessions over the call of Jesus. With God’s help we can and will be disciples.

Fr Tom Shanahan S.J.

CATECHIST’S CORNER

Last week we considered how the second Precept of the Church instructs us to confess our sins at least once a year. The third Precept follows on from this and instructs us to receive the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season. This “guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal Feasts, the origin and centre of the Christian Liturgy” (CCC2041).

This is the bare minimum expected of Catholics. The church, however, encourages us to receive the Holy Eucharist frequently and to enable us to do so has relaxed the period of fasting before Holy Communion. The original period of fasting was from midnight the day before receiving Holy Communion, but Pius XII reduced this period to three hours to enable the faithful to receive Our Lord’s Body and Blood more frequently and so to grow in holiness. In 1964 this period was further reduced by Paul VI to the present period of one hour before Holy Communion. “Whoever is to receive the blessed Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from all food and drink, with the sole exception of water and medicine” (CIC91§1).

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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

Adoration Sign-up Sheet
There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the side of the Chapel. Please sign up to be a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament, as there must be someone present in the chapel while the Blessed sacrament is exposed on the altar.

Lauds (Morning Prayer)
There will be Sung Lauds (Morning Prayer) every Monday morning at 8.10 in the chapel. Rolls and sausage/bacon will be provided afterwards upstairs by the Knights of St. Columba.

RCIA
RCIA has restarted on Thursdays from 6.00pm until 7.00pm in the Office. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic should contact Fr Ross, RC Chaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk for further information.

Second Collection
There will be a second collection at all Masses next week in aid of Missio Scotland.

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. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 18th September. Open to all young people!
Contact: conorgildea288@gmail.com or carterlyon@gmail.com

GUCA Leaflets
New GUCA leaflets are available for collection at the back and the side of the Chapel.

GUCA Autumn Trip
GUCA have organised an autumn trip to Stirling from 27-28 October. Cost is £35.00 which include transport by train and accommodation. Payment for the trip is to be made by Monday 15 October.

SSVP
Dear brothers and sisters the SSVP partake in weekly tea runs for the homeless. Donations of biscuits would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in to any SSVP member during the week. Thank you and God bless.

Glasgow Faith Forum
A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk will be on Thursday 18 October in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm on the subject of “The Holy Eucharist: The pledge of eternal glory.” Speaker Mgr Patrick Burke. All young people welcome.

Safeguarding
Helen Border, our safeguarding co-ordinator will be presenting the annual safeguarding report at all Masses today.

Sunday Night Dinner
This week the students’ Sunday night dinner will be cooked by Fr Nick Welsh. A sign-up sheet is on the student notice board.

RCAG Youth
LECTIO DIVINA
LECTIO DIVINA is a quarter event for 55-30 year olds, during which Archbishop Tartaglia will be leading us in the prayerful reading of the Gospels. Afterwards there will be pizza and Compline. It will take place in Turnbull Hall, G12 8LG on Monday 8 December 2018, 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019.

OTHER NEWS

RCAG Youth
FIND
S5-25? This event is for you! Come along and FIND out about your Catholic faith and meet other young people at RCAG Youth’s ‘FIND’ event. This event will run every Thursday from 16.00-18.30 in Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street. See our website for more information: www.rcagyouth.co.uk.

RCAG Youth
FORMED
P7-S4? This event if for you! Come along to RCAG Youth’s monthly event FORMED and discover more about your faith through fun activities, inut and games. There will, of course, be pizza too! This event will run on the first Friday of most months from 16.30-19.00 in Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street. See our website www.rcagyouth.co.uk.

AGAP Theatre: Actors Required
Interested in acting in AGAP’S forthcoming theatre productions? Request a call back at 0141 552 5527 or email info@agap.org.uk to arrange a relaxed no-pressure audition and discuss availability. See poster on notice board for full details.