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
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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Turnbull SSVP—Mondays, fortnightly, contact Lily Kearns (turnbullssvp@gmail.com)

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.

21 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The Son of man also came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (10:45). This line is a key that unlocks the Gospel of Mark. In this one statement, Jesus identifies Himself both with the suffering servant from Isaiah and with the Son of man from the Book of Daniel. This passage calls us to a faith which can hold together both images of the Son of man: the one who is broken and humiliated on the cross and the one enthroned in glory and seated at the right hand of the Father. The request from James and John makes some sense if it is considered in the context of the holy city to restore the lost throne of King David, then, although the request seems to be very self-serving, it is reasonable. But set against the identification of Jesus with Isaiah’s suffering servant, the request of James and John fails to make much sense, beyond misplaced ambition. The brothers do not know what they are asking. Ironically, it will be two robbers “one on his right and one on his left” who will take the very places that they seek.

Just before the brothers’ make their request, Mark tells us that Jesus and the disciples were going up to Jerusalem. Jesus went before them. As they followed Him, Mark says that the disciples were both amazed and afraid. Their amazement and fear were not because of the dangers that Jerusalem presented. Jesus Himself provoked in them both amazement and fear. Here, they see Jesus walk ahead of them, with an extraordinary freedom and authority. He holds His own destiny firmly in His hands and will see it come to fulfillment. Again and again, in the Gospel of Mark, this same authority provokes a similar mix of amazement and fear in those who encounter Jesus.

When asked, “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” James and John should have answered, “No!” Or maybe, “Not yet.” They did not fully understand that He is the only one who in bearing their iniquities can “make many to be accounted righteous” (Is 53:11). This is the cup and the baptism. The indignation of the others shows that they all fail to grasp the scale of the self-renunciation that is involved. A while before, He had told them that they must be “last of all and servant of all”, but now He puts Himself before them as one who will seal
His service by giving His life. When He drinks His cup and undergoes His baptism, they will be scattered, having fled in fear. But the Risen Jesus will tell them that He is going before them into Galilee where He will gather them so that later on they too will be able to share His cup and His baptism. For some of them it might eventually mean martyrdom but surely it also means that they share His way of service and, in this way, the cup He drank and the baptism He underwent. And together with James and John, we are given seats at His banquet, a prize won by Him and not us. It is true that the request of James and John lays bare their ambition, but it is also true that their honesty is revealed. Despite the negative light in which they are seen here, by the time of Mark they must have been revered as among the first chosen by Jesus and entrusted with preaching the Good News. Their story is handed on to us with good reason. If Jesus is followed in faith and honesty, then confusion can be driven out by wisdom, fear by courage, pride by humility, rivalry by collaboration, and selfish ambition by a self-giving love. There is hope for all of us yet. Such is the life-giving power of the ransom, which he has paid for us.

**CATECHIST’S CORNER**

The fourth Precept of the church instructs the faithful to observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. Observing these days helps us to prepare for the liturgical feasts and also helps us to learn to control our instincts. Just as the holy days of obligation have been reduced in number, so the number of days during which we are asked to fast and abstain from meat have been reduced. There are now only two days of fasting and abstinence, one of which is Ash Wednesday and the other Good Friday. Some will remember the time when the Church instructed us to abstain from meat on Fridays. This is no longer required, although we are expected either to abstain from meat on a voluntary basis or to take on some other form of penance.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

### 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, RCchaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk for further information.

### 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.

### Holy Day of Obligation

**Thursday 1 November** is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the **chaplaincy** will be at **8.05, 1.05 and 5.05.** There will also be a Mass at **11.10** in the **St Andrew's Building.**

### Vigil for Vocations

There will be a Vigil for Vocations in the Chapel on **Friday 2 November,** beginning with **Holy Mass at 7.00pm,** followed by Adoration and ending with **Benediction at 9.00pm**

### Glasgow Faith Forum

A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk will be on **Thursday 1 November** in Turnbull Hall at **7.30pm** on the subject of “Penance & Anointing of the Sick: source of growth and healing.” Speaker Fr Scott Deely. All young people welcome.

### 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.

### Choral Mass

The 6.15pm Mass on Sunday 28 October will be a Choral Mass with the University choir providing the music. Cheese and wine in the upstairs hall after the Mass.

### Ice Hockey

An ice hockey match is taking place on Wednesday 31 October at 7.30pm between Glasgow Clan and Cardiff Devils. Tickets £5.00 (students) £10.00 (non students). A sign up sheet is on the student notice board.

### RCAG Youth

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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