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
1. November—Solemnity of All Saints
2. November—Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

What’s On This Week
Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Grace (ourladyseatofwis-domglasgow@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)

Collections
Sunday 21 October £285.52 (Gift Aid £59.75)
Second Collection £162.57
Last Year £329.13 (Gift Aid £178.93)
Thank you for your generosity. Please consider Gift Aid—we receive back 28p on every £1.
Gift Aid forms available from Rosemary

28 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus leaves Jericho with his disciples and a crowd. These people have seen His miracles; no doubt some of them have personally benefited from His healing power. They have been delighted by what they have seen, and they want more. After fifteen miles or so, they are going to call out for wonders, but before they have even gone one mile, they are faced with the possibility of a striking miracle: Bartimaeus wants Jesus to restore his sight. Whereupon a lot of these people who want more miracles, try to prevent a miracle! By some perverse instinct, they tell Bartimaeus to shut up. Do they suppose Bartimaeus is beyond Jesus’ power to heal? Do they begrudge Jesus’ generosity? Do they have their own plan for what the day is to bring, so that they are unwilling to let a small miracle delay the uphill journey to Jerusalem where a great victory is imminent? Jesus makes them bring Bartimaeus to Him, and makes him able to see —physically, but also spiritually, because Jesus’ approach has evoked faith. Bartimaeus uses his new-found sight to follow Jesus on The Way — his Way of the Cross.

One way to examine our conscience is to ask where we fit into this event. Do we suppose that some person — or some situation — is beyond Jesus’ power, so that we do not bother to pray for physical or spiritual healing? Are we reluctant to make space in our parish or congregation for “awkward” people? When we have the chance to help someone grow morally and spiritually, do we hold back because of laziness, or fear — or because it secretly pleases us to remain better than they are? If so, we begrudge Jesus’ generosity. Do we guard our own plans for the day, or for the next hour, so jealously that we refuse to let some small need or some small kindness derail us? If we do adjust our plans, do we do so with a bad grace? Are we eager to bring people to Jesus, or do we have to be pushed into doing so? In all such matters, we need to ask ourselves regularly whether we have been insensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings, and have needed the Holy Spirit to give us a push.

Or do we occupy Bartimaeus’ place in the event? Do we need Jesus to heal us? If so, do we ask Him for mercy? Certainly, Jesus can always evoke greater faith, stronger spiritual sight! Bartimaeus saw the need to follow Jesus to Jerusalem, where Jesus was to bring salvation and reveal — indeed, enact — God’s victory over hatred and cruelty, over Satan and death. As we move from hearing the Gospel reading to celebrating the Holy Eucharist, we are called to
“follow Jesus to Jerusalem” and witness His Sacrifice. The Consecration of the Eucharist brings home to us Jesus’ giving of his Body and Blood on the Cross, and charges us to imitate what we celebrate, to live sacrificially. We are asked to see what Bartimaeus saw, the need to enter into Jesus’ Sacrifice. And we who are nourished by his Body and Blood may be filled with the Holy Spirit, who can push, or prompt, or – most often – gently accompany us on The Way.

Fr Richard Conrad O.P.

CATECHIST’S CORNER

The fifth and final Precept of the Church reminds the faithful that they should help to provide for the needs of the Church. Canon Law explains that this is so that the Church has available to it those things which are necessary for divine worship, for apostolic and charitable work and for the worthy support of her ministers (CIC228§1). The faithful comply with their obligations through the weekly Sunday collection and those special collections which occur during the year. The Gospel of Matthew recounts how Jesus provided the sum which He and Peter were required to make in respect of the Temple tax (Matthew 17:24-27) in accordance with God’s instructions to Moses (Exodus 30:13). Jesus by this action gives the faithful an example which they should copy. Although in Exodus God told Moses how much individuals should pay, Jesus gave no such instruction, nor does the Church. However, a useful yardstick is to consider how much one would pay for a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and put that amount, at least, into the weekly collection.

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, RCHchaplaincy@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 Deeley. 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 today is 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.

Mary’s Meals
Mary’s Meals will be here on Sunday 18 November for their annual Textile Collection after the 9.00am and 11.30am Masses. They are unable to take bric-a-brac. See poster on notice board.

Faith Winter Session
The Faith winter session will take place from 27-29 December in Stonyhurst College, Hurst Green Lancashire BB7 9PZ. A bus is available from Glasgow City Chambers at 10.30 on 27 December. The returning coach will leave Stonyhurst at approx. 13.30 on 29 December. Full cost is £40.00 (concession £25.00). See leaflet on notice board for details.

Mass for Deceased Clergy
Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate the annual Mass for deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese of Glasgow in St Andrew’s Cathedral on Thursday 15 November at 1.00pm. See poster on notice board.

RCAG Youth FIND
$5-25? 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