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.

Considering Primary Teaching?
There will be an information evening for people considering applying for Initial Teacher Education programmes in St Patrick’s Primary School, 10 Perth Street, Glasgow G3 8UQ on Tuesday 6 November from 6.30-8.00pm. There will be various representatives present to explain what support is on offer and answer questions. See poster on notice board for details.

Catholic Nurses Guild of Scotland
The Catholic Nurses Guild of Scotland’s annual day of Recollection will take place on Saturday 17 November from 10.30am until 4.00pm in The Schoenstatt Centre, the Clachan, Campsie Glen G66 7AB. Cost £20.00. All nurses, health care workers and friends welcome. For further Information and to book please contact 01475 725 252 or 0131 665 3639. See poster on notice board.

Scottish Council on Human Bioethics
The Scottish Council on Human Bioethics’ Annual conference will be held on Saturday 17 November. Venue: Filmhouse Cinema Edinburgh, 88 Lothian Road EH3 9BZ on the subject of the Ethics of Creating Transhuman Persons. See poster on notice board and flyers on table in the foyer.

SCIAF Real Gifts
SCIAF’s Real Gifts make excellent presents at Christmas while helping families in poor countries free themselves from hunger, poverty and injustice. There are some Real Gift catalogues on the table in the foyer. If you don’t already have one, please take one and give the gift that changes lives. See poster on notice board.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions
(October)
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Feasts This Week
8 November-Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus
9 November-Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 November-Feast of St Leo the Great

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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4 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the end of His ministry it is not surprising that the religious authorities want to know what is the basis of Jesus’ authority. After all, in cleansing the Temple He had challenged the symbol of their authority. Jesus, like Jeremiah before Him, had attacked the way God’s law had been carried out by the Jewish priests—with sacrifices and holocausts in the Temple—but ignored in the way that so many of God’s people were treated with disdain and injustice. The temple, instead of being a place of prayer for all nations, had grown inward-looking, excluding the Gentiles. These religious authorities suffered from what we might call today a polarised mind; this is the attitude in which someone is fixated on one point of view exclusive of any competing points of view. So Jesus is attacked by the Pharisees, the Saducees, and the Herodians as they try to catch Him out and make Him take sides on contentious issues such as the resurrection or the tax paid to Caesar. Now today it is the turn of a scribe to address Jesus. The scribe is fair and open-minded. He has listened to Jesus’ wise replies to the other leaders and seems genuinely interested in wanting to know how Jesus would answer what had become a familiar question among lawyers. With 365 prohibitions and 248 positive commands in the Torah, was there a basic principle behind all this detailed legislation which could interpret it well? So he asks, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus answers by quoting the Shema which we read in the first reading from Deuteronomy. “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.” Love of God comes first but it is not enough. Jesus quickly adds another command taken from Leviticus 19. “You must love your neighbour as yourself.” These two together are the key to true interpretation. These two commandments existed separately in Judaism. It is apt that Jesus, who unites both the human and the divine in Himself, should bring the two together. But is all this legal discussion too abstract? We sense in Luke’s Gospel that love of neighbour must be spelt out in concrete terms. Jesus makes it clear there that the neighbour includes the hated Samaritan. It is he who proves himself a neighbour by acting and not being exclusive in his love. But Jesus does not expect theory without practice. Throughout His ministry He has
shown what the love of God means, and as He goes to Gethsemane and Calvary He will show what the love God and doing His will means. The Incarnational Son shows in practice what it means to love God and neighbour at the same time.

So how is Jesus' teaching received? The scribe can acknowledge the truth in what Jesus says and recognise that the one universal God they worship has no place for exclusion and separation and that loving God with all one's strength and one's neighbour as oneself is far more important than holocaust and sacrifice.

The detailed legislation of the Torah has been replaced by Jesus' double command to love. The Church now becomes the place where Christians are called to put into practice Jesus' double commandment to love.

The Church is always in danger of being riven by polarising tendencies where groups are fixated on one idea and will not give room or listen to others' views. We need to see how Jesus brings together rather than separates; makes love of neighbour closely linked to love of God. And then, we can admire, too, the scribe of today's Gospel. He was not imprisoned with his own rigid views but was willing to listen carefully and to approve what Jesus said. Even a scribe could change and enter the Kingdom of heaven. What Jesus said to us of the Good Samaritan could also be said of the sympathetic scribe: "Go and do likewise."

Fr David Sanders O.P.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

During the month of November we pray for the holy souls in Purgatory. However, what do we mean by Purgatory and where did the idea originate? The Church teaches, as doctrine, that there is a place or state which she calls Purgatory, because she recognises that man is fallen and, despite his best intentions, is liable to commit sin. Since "nothing unclean will enter into Heaven" (Rev 21:27), God, who wills that everyone should be saved, has prepared a place for those who are not entirely free of the stain of venial sin when they die. A place where they can be completely cleansed before entering Heaven. Clearly, except in the case of martyrs and saints, the majority of us will have to spend some time in Purgatory. Over the next few weeks we shall consider some aspects of this doctrine, the roots of which "like those of the intermediate state, lie deeply embedded in early Judaism" says Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

November Lists
November Lists are available at the side and back of the chapel. Please take one, fill it in and place it in the basket at the foot of the altar.

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.

Deanery Priests
The priests of the deanery are meeting here on Monday 5 November.

Accordingly, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel from 12.00-12.45pm at which all are welcome.

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

Glasgow Faith Forum
A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk will be on Thursday 15 November in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm on the subject of "Holy orders: Called to be Christ in the World." Speaker Fr Ross Campbell. All young people welcome.

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. Please note that they only collect clothes, household textiles, shoes, bags etc. They are unable to take bric-a-brac. See poster on notice board.

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.

FORMED
P7-S4? This event is 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.

LECTIO DIVINA

LECTIO DIVINA is a quarterly event for S5-30 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

Faith Winter Session
The Faith Winter Session will take place from 27-29 December 2018 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.

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