Day of Confessions
Priests will be available all day in St Andrew’s Cathedral, Clyde Street on Thursday 20 December from 7.45am until 5.45pm.

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 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.

Vigil in Honour of the Sacred Heart
An all-night vigil will be held in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday 7 December-Saturday 8 December in St Andrew’s Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4YF. Opening Mass at 8.00pm and closing Mass at 6am. See poster on notice board for full details.

Blessing of the Crib
There will be the blessing of the Crib in George Square on Wednesday 5 December at 6.30pm. Music will be provided from 6.00pm by Alba Brass and local Primary Schools. All Welcome. See poster on notice board.

Carols for Peace
The above event will take place in Glasgow city chambers, George Square on Sunday 16 December at 3.00pm. Hosted by the Lord Provost’s Office, a collection will be taken up for the Lord Provost’s fund. All welcome at this event to pray for peace in the world. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Satinwood Suite. See poster on notice board for details.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions (December)
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Feasts This Week
3 December—Memorial of St Francis Xavier
7 December—Memorial of St Ambrose
8 December—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

What’s On This Week
Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Giuseppe (ourladyseateofwisdomglasgow@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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Sunday 25 November £353.70 (Gift Aid £79.00)

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Masses
Sunday 9.00am and 11.30 am
6.15pm (during term)
Monday-Friday 1.05pm
Saturday 10.30am

Confessions
Monday/ Wednesday /Friday 1.45pm (or any time on request)
Saturday 10.00am
Rosary
Monday-Friday 12.45pm (during term)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 1.30pm-6.00pm finishing with Benediction (during term)

2 December 1st Sunday in Advent

Advent is a break in the liturgical cycle. The colours change. We put on purple. It is a new year. We prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas by waiting. Like a pregnancy the time of waiting is important. We relive that time of waiting for the messiah which the Old Testament records. His birth is not just to be part of the endless natural cycle of death and rebirth. Jesus will break out of this cycle and offer us a saving freedom. But to appreciate this we have to be patient and get the right perspective on Him.

And that’s why today on the first Sunday of Advent the Church insists that the Jesus who came at the first Christmas is also the one who will come in majesty at the end of the world. We look at the past but in the light of the future. By the time Luke wrote this gospel the temple whose destruction Jesus predicted had fallen. Now today Jesus looks to the future and foretells the end of the world. The story which began at creation will come to a climax. It is not just an endless cycle. The Christ who comes at Christmas is the Universal King of Creation whom we celebrated last Sunday.

Christ is not just a personal saviour. He is the cosmic Christ who will bring God’s purpose for His creation to fulfillment. It is not just my personal end in death which is central today but the end of the world. And to describe this we need the language of apocalyptic. For some this is strange weird language and yet it is the only language which we can use to describe the apocalyptic world we live in. What sort of world is it? It is a world of atomic destruction and global meltdown, a world of terrorist massacres and extermination camps. It is a world which brings fear and anxiety. Or as the gospel says it is a world ‘of men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven are shaken’

Who can save this world? The God who created it, who created the sun, the moon and the stars and who has the power to shake again these heavenly elements. This apocalyptic language is not to be taken literally but rather it symbolises God’s control over his universe. And now just as Christ predicted the end of the temple so he predicts the endless cycle of the world will be broken when the Son of Man comes in a cloud of power and great glory to establish a new creation.

So the end of the world is not a time to cower in fear. Jesus tells His disciples, but rather a time to stand erect, with heads held high because now their liberation is near at hand. This is the perspective with which we begin Advent. We wait and long for the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem again but in the hope of his second glorious coming.
And that hope gives us the confidence to break free from the stifling atmosphere of false premature celebrations of Christmas which try to satisfy us too easily. In early times Advent was a season of fasting but now it is one of feasting so that by Christmas we are dying to fast.

So Jesus tells us to learn patience and waiting.

Don’t be coerced by indulgent shopping and too many office parties. Advent is a beautiful season full of the riches of scripture and the liturgy. Stay awake, be attentive in prayer and enjoy the silence which can only be filled by Christ. Advent prepares us to appreciate the Child born in the manger who will give His life for us on the cross. With confidence in His cosmic saving power we can face a apocalyptic world with hope.

David Sanders O.P.

CATECHIST’S CORNER

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas when the Son of God’s first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the season of Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

The season is one of anticipation and hope, although at its beginnings the emphasis was much more on penitence, fasting and sin. It is not just a celebration of when the baby Jesus was born, but looks beyond to the time when Jesus will come again, not weak and vulnerable but in power and with authority. The Liturgy emphasises both the First and Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and our accountability and faithfulness at His coming.

Advent is also a spiritual journey through the truths of Salvation that point to the birth of the Messiah, to a reaffirmation that He has come, is present in the world today, and will come again in glory.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Sunday Evening Mass

Please note that the 6.15pm Sunday evening Mass will be discontinued from Sunday 16 December. It will resume on Sunday 6 January.

Chaplaincy Advent Devotions

On Saturday 15 December, Solemn First Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be held in the chapel at 7.00pm with Confessions. This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesday Adoration will end this Tuesday and will re-commence next term.

Lunch Time Café

Please note that our lunch time café is now closed. It will re-open at the start of the next academic term.

Advent and Christmas

Saturday 15 December-Solemn First Vespers (Evening Prayer) 7.00pm with Confessions (followed by mince pies & mulled wine)
Sunday 16 December-Mass 9.00am and 11.30am
Monday 17 to Friday 21 December-Mass 1.05pm
Saturday 22 December-Confession 12.45pm
Sunday 23 December-Mass 9.00am and 11.30am

Tuesday 25 December-Mass of Christmas Morning 11.30am (followed by cheese & wine)
No evening Mass
Wednesday 26 December-Mass 1.05pm
Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 December-No Mass
Sunday 30 December-Mass 9.00am and 11.30am
Monday 31 December-Mass 1.05
Tuesday 1 January-Mass 1.05pm
Normal timetable resumes thereafter

Lauds (Morning Prayer)
Sung Lauds (Morning Prayer) on Monday mornings has now stopped. It will resume in the new semester.

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. Open to all young people! Contact: conorgildea288@gmail.com or carterlyon@gmail.com

Carol Concert
The Academy of Sacred Music are presenting an evening of Christmas Music and Carols on Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm. Payment by donation at the door. All welcome. All proceeds going to the Chaplaincy.

Mary’s Meals
Mary’s Meals West End Street can collection is on Saturday 8 December. To volunteer for 2 hours please contact: Deirdre 339 8328 or email deirdreoreilly2005@yahoo.co.uk

White Flower Appeal
SPUC’s annual White Flower Appeal will be held today. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses.

Turnbull Hall Christmas Dinner

Turnbull Hall’s annual Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm. Tickets are priced £5.00 and are available from the student office. All welcome.

Music at Mass

The music group at the 6.15pm Sunday Mass is looking for new members to join us in the new semester - if you sing or play an instrument such as piano, guitar, flute, violin etc. please speak to Thomas Starkie or email 21193525@student.gla.ac.uk

RCAG Youth

LECTIO DIVINA

LECTIO DIVINA is a quarterly 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 B8L 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.