Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions (February)
Hear the cry of our many brothers and sisters who are criminally trafficked and exploited. They are not merchandise. They are human beings, and they must be treated as such.

Feasts This Week
14 February - Feast of St Cyril and St Methodius

What’s On This Week
Legion of Mary—Monday 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Giuseppe (ourladyseatomourladyseatofwisdomglasgow@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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10 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary time

Paul wants to remind the Corinthians of the gospel that he had preached to them, the gospel which they had received. He is, of course, not referring to a book. When someone mentions ‘a gospel’, we tend to think of the four gospels of the New Testament. There is a tendency to think of the word in the written form. We may even think of Luke, the gospels we have at today's Mass. Paul, however, is not referring to a written book.

There is still a lot of debate concerning when specific books of the New Testament were written. It is likely, however, that Paul wrote to the Corinthians, before any of the four gospels were written. In reality, it is generally accepted that the epistles, and certainly Paul’s letters to the Corinthians, were written before the Gospels.

So, when Paul talks of the “gospel”, he is not referring to the four gospels with which we are familiar. In all probability, Paul is not referring to a written book at all. Instead, he is talking about a ‘message’, something to be preached and taught. Paul tells us what he first taught the Corinthians: “Christ died for our sins”. The good news though is that Christ was then “raised to life” again. There is a message that evil does not defeat goodness. No matter how bad things seem, goodness will overcome. That is a message Paul wants people to hold onto. It is not a book, but a message or a belief. It is a message, once given and received, that can’t really be lost again.

It is a message that can be related to the gospel reading for today from Luke. The reading describes the call of Peter and others to apostleship. Peter feels unworthy as a sinner and resists the call. Perhaps Peter foresees that his sins will be responsible for Jesus’ death as Paul suggests. Whatever the case, Jesus does not leave matters that way. He persists and recruits Peter as an apostle. Whatever sins Peter has committed and will commit in the future, he will be an apostle who preaches the message and brings countless to faith. As sins, ultimately, were not a defeat of Jesus, so Peter’s sins do not defeat his preaching as an apostle.

Paul keenly identified himself as an apostle. Peter felt unworthy to be an apostle and so does Paul, but that sense of unworthiness has to be overcome. In Luke, Peter asks Jesus to leave him because he is a sinful man. In Corinthians, Paul declares that he barely deserves to be called an apostle. In the end, both accepted the call to apostleship. We have
to hold onto the idea that good will overcome evil; that Christ is victorious over sin. Preaching that message and bringing people to faith in it, made Paul an apostle. By holding true to that belief and teaching it ourselves, we share in the work of Paul and the other apostles.

The significance of our four gospels is the message they preach rather than their physical existence. If all our copies of the four gospels were suddenly lost never to be found again, the gospel itself, Christianity itself, would continue to be preached. The writings that are collected into what we call The Bible are the writings collected by the Church and preserved because they tell us about God. They’re not just any old writings, but neither are they meant to fossilise the message.

They are meant to inspire and continue to inspire the life of the Church, now and through the ages. They are essentially Church documents, the founding documents of the Church, the Church built on the message that Jesus died and rose again, meaning that good will triumph over evil. A living Truth handed down in the Church through all the Ages, preached and lived as well as written about.

Fr David McLean O.P.

CATECHIST’S CORNER

How did the Church decide that there were seven sins so serious that she called them “deadly sins” and which sins are they? The origins of the list are obscure and originally there were more sins classed as “deadly”. However, Pope Gregory the Great reduced the number to seven and that number has remained constant since then. The list has varied at times, as has the order in which they come. By the time of the high Middle Ages it had become a standard way if organising sin. St Thomas Aquinas gave a classic analysis of the seven sins in his “De Malo” (On Evil) and used the list extensively in his great “Summa Theologicae”. So, what are these deadly sins? They are Pride, Envy, Anger, Gluttony, Lust, Greed and Sloth and over the coming weeks we shall look at each of them and consider why these particular sins are so serious.

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.

Glasgow Faith Forum
A series of talks for young people aged 16-25. The next talk is on Thursday 21 February in Turnbull Hall at 7.30pm on the subject of “Ecclesiology: Models of the Church”. Speaker Fr Nick Welsh. All young people 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. Open to all young people! Contact: conorgildea288@gmail.com or carterlyon@gmail.com

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 2119352S@student.gla.ac.uk

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

Discernment Evenings
Discernment evenings will be held next year on the following dates for those thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood: 8 March, 12 April and 10 May. Please contact Fr Ross (Ross.Campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk) for further information.

GUCA Ball
The GUCA Ball will take place on Saturday 18 May at 7.00pm in the G1U. Tickets: £30.00 (£10.00 deposit), are now available from the GUCA Office. Full payment is due by 18 April.

Sunday Night Dinner
The sign up sheet for the Sunday Night Dinner is on the GUCA notice board.

Parish Family Project
The Parish Family Project has begun! We are fundraising for £10,000 to renovate the front computer room into a Family and Community Room, and to landscape the gardens. We are looking for active parishioners to join our Fundraising Committee. Please join us in the front computer room on Sunday 17 February from 12.30-1pm, for our Family Vision Day to share ideas and find out more about the Project. Our first Committee Meeting will be Sunday 24 February from 12.30-1.15. Tea/coffee and nibbles will be served. To find out more, please visit our Facebook Page: TBH Parish Family Project or speak to Ashlee Lally.

Family Pancake Day Party
Please join us in the upstairs cafe on Tuesday 5 March from 6-7pm. We will provide the pancakes, you bring the fillings, toppings, and the family! All are welcome. Requested donation of £2, all money going towards the Family Project Fund.

Parking at the Chaplaincy
Please do not park in the reserved bays as they are for the use of Fr Ross and Chaplaincy staff.

RCAG Youth

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 11 March 2019 and 20 May 2019.

OTHER NEWS

An Afternoon with Our Lady
There will be an afternoon with Our Lady at the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph’s Robroyston on Saturday 23 February at 2.30pm. It will consist of Rosary, Benediction and Blessing of the Roses. Tea/coffee will be provided and there will be a showing of the most recent film on the Message of Fatima "Fatima - The Ultimate Mystery”. See poster on notice board.