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Time to end the #aggro

Archbishop joins Pope in call for new effort at civil dialogue on social media

ARCHBISHOP Tartaglia has joined Pope Francis in calling for a toning down of the online aggro which is disfiguring social media and wider society.

In messages to mark World Communications Day, both the Holy Father and the Archbishop highlight the worrying phenomenon of social media being used to foment hatred and division.

In his message Pope Francis says: "In the social web identity is too often based on opposition to the other, the person outside the group: we define ourselves starting with what divides us rather than with what unites us, giving rise to suspicion and to the venting of every kind of prejudice (ethnic, sexual, religious and other).



"This tendency encourages groups that exclude diversity, that even in the digital environment nourish unbridled individualism which sometimes ends up fomenting spirals of hatred ..."

The theme was taken up and amplified by Glasgow's Archbishop.

Speaking as head of the Bishops' Conference Communications Commission,

Archbishop Tartaglia said: "We have learned from sad experience that the internet and social media can be misused to define ourselves by what divides us ... The internet and social media should be an opportunity to promote encounter with others, but, as we know, it can also increase our sense of isolation."

Archbishop Tartaglia went on to appeal for a tone of on-

line civility to replace the harshness of much digital discussion.

He said: "The positive use of the internet and social media depends on respectful communication. Respectful communication speaks the truth in charity. If every user of social media spoke the truth in charity, many people, including young people and children, would be happier, safer and better informed."

The Church intervention comes in the wake of a series of scandals which have seen politicians forced to flee their homes after online death threats; the alarming rise of so-called "fake news" to foment disinformation even by senior politicians and fears of the internet being used as a training ground for radicalisation.

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The Little Flower to visit prison



EXCLUSIVE

PRISONERS in Barlinnie, Scotland's biggest jail will be the first to have the opportunity to see and venerate the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux during their visit to the Archdiocese this autumn.

The dramatic choice of programme is something of a tradition for pilgrimages involving the relics and at the same time a strong echo of Pope Francis's call for the Church to "go to the peripheries" in outreach to the men and women of the 21st century.

The relics of the Little Flower will come to Glasgow on Monday September 16, when it is planned that Archbishop Tartaglia will receive them at the prison before an evening transfer to the church which bears the name of the saint of Lisieux, St Teresa's, Possilpark.

After services in the parish church, it is expected that the relics will be brought to the Cathedral on September 17 where they will remain for two days.

It is foreseen that parishes will arrange group visits to the relics during their display in the Cathedral. Primary schools too will play an active role in the visit of the relics with arrangements still to be finalised.

The relics will remain in the Cathedral until the lunchtime Mass on September 18 before continuing their journey.

Historic

Fr John Lyons, Parish Priest of St Albert's and a prison chaplain welcomed the significance of the visit to Glasgow's historic prison.

He said: "From the moment the possibility of the relics coming to Barlinnie was first mooted by Archbishop Tartaglia the prospect has been greeted with enthusiasm by the Governor, staff, prisoners and my colleagues of all denominations in the Chaplaincy Team.

"I am certain it will be a special occasion of grace for all of us and a clear sign of the inclusive nature of the message we carry."



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Archbishop's Diary

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Sun 2nd: 10am – Mass for St Mungo's Academy and Camp Marist – St Mary's Calton; 2pm – St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society Mass – St Andrew's Cathedral

Mon 3rd: 11am – Meeting of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Edinburgh

Tues 4th: 9.30am – Meeting of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Edinburgh

Wed 5th – Fri 7th: Global Conference for Catholic Education in Catholic Schools – UN, New York

Sun 9th: 12noon – Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults – St Andrew's Cathedral

Tues 11th: 7pm – Confirmations – Christ the King

Wed 12th: 7pm – Confirmations – St Dominic's Bishopbriggs

Thurs 13th: 7pm – Confirmations – Christ the King

Sun 16th: 12noon – Mass for those people who were received into the Church at Easter – St Andrew's Cathedral

Mon 17th: 7pm UCM Closing Mass – St Ninian's Knightswood

Tues 18th: 10am – 10th Anniversary Mass of St Constantine's PS in St Constantine's Church; 7pm – RCAG Youth Network – Curial Offices

Thurs 20th: 7pm – ASN Mass – St Andrew's Cathedral

Sat 22nd: 12noon – Mass to mark the 50th Anniversary of Corpus Christi parish

Mon 24th: 12 noon – Board meeting of The Mungo Foundation

Thurs 27th: 3pm – Meeting of the Archdiocesan Education Advisory Group

Recycling nun's charity gets Government thumbs up

By Brian Swanson

A COMMUNITY-BASED recycling charity headed by a nun and inspired by the Pope's concern for the planet, has been warmly praised by Scottish environment minister Roseanna Cunningham (right).

Gorbals-based Glasgow Play-Resource Association run the only Creative Re-use Centre of its kind in Glasgow.

It recycles donated goods and sells them through its Scrapstore funding a number of craft projects in schools, nurseries, and adult community groups and at the same time saving waste from ending up in landfill sites.

Landfill

During a visit to GPA's Moffat Street premises Ms Cunningham was told that the charity's recycling saved seven tonnes from going to landfill last year.

The minister said: "I was delighted to see first-hand Glasgow Play-Resource Association working so well with



the local community on an initiative that is reducing waste going to landfill while providing children with resources to support their play and learning. The hard-working team behind the GPA are an excellent example of how we can all think creatively in taking action to help protect our environment."

Sister Margaret Rose Bradley who has been a Sister of Notre Dame for 48 years, and is chair of the board of directors said: "What we do is very much inspired by the messages from Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si' about our responsibility to care for the planet and we do it in a very practical way".

"Apart from a very small grant from Glasgow city council we receive no funding so what we achieve here is a

great tribute to our volunteers and all those who help us by donating goods to recycle and re-use and re-use."

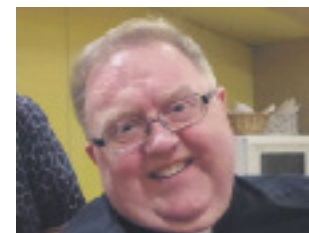
Co-ordinator Sarah Paterson, who has worked as a volunteer with the project for 15 years said: "I'm still amazed at what people hand in and the uses that they put them to. We were once given old shop mannequins and students from the art school, bought loads of them. We always ask people to show what they did with the stuff they bought from us and some students used them to make tables – and they looked amazing."

"Recently Sister Margaret Rose came across a load of industrial cable reels which we had to collect in a hurry from the building site but we sold most of them in a couple of days including some to nurseries who converted them to outdoor tables and chairs. It just shows that everything has a second life."

■ **For more information about GPA visit its Facebook page, email info@glasgowplay.org.uk or call 0141 423 3033**

New Vicar General for Archdiocese

GLASGOW has a new Vicar General... Archbishop Tartaglia has named Monsignor Hugh Bradley (top right) to the important role, which he will fulfill while remaining Parish Priest of Holy Cross, Crosshill.



He succeeds Monsignor Paul Conroy (below right) who stepped down as Vicar General last month.

Paying tribute to his outgoing VG, the Archbishop said: "After seven years of dedicated and diligent service as Vicar General, Monsignor Paul Conroy has asked to stand down from this Office, and I have acceded to his request."

"Mgr Paul has been an invaluable friend, adviser and colleague in the work of governing the Curia and the Archdiocese. I wish him all health and happiness for the future as he continues his priestly ministry as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Bridgeton."

The Archbishop said he was "pleased" and "grateful" to Mgr Hugh for taking on the role as he announced the appointment in a letter to priests.

Mgr Hugh comes well prepared for the role, having previously served in the Congregation for Catholic Education in the Vatican and as General secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

He told *Flourish*: "I am honoured and humbled to take on the role in my home Archdiocese. I will do all I can to be a support to the Archbishop in his ministry and hopefully be of service to the clergy and the laity of the parishes of the Archdiocese as we go forward. I ask for the prayers of those who know me and those who don't as I take on this new role!"

Bethlehem lecture

A CHARITY aimed at strengthening links between the universities of twin cities Glasgow and Bethlehem will be launched next month.

Brother Peter Bray, vice chancellor of Bethlehem University will give details of the new initiative during a

lecture organised by the St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education.

It will take place in lecture room 213, St Andrew's Building, 11 Eldon Street, Glasgow, on Friday June 7 between 5 and 7pm.

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9 June
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Saint Barnabas', Shettleston
Saint Helen's, Langside
16 June
Saint Anthony's, Govan
Saint Joachim's, Carmyle
23 June
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Dr Tom defies time with poetry launch

A DISTINGUISHED Catholic scholar, believed to be the oldest living graduate of Glasgow University, has produced a book of poetry at the age of 103, writes Brian Swanson.

Dr Thomas A. FitzPatrick, former vice principal of Notre Dame College of Education, and a Fellow of St Andrew's Foundation of Glasgow University, graduated in Maths and Natural Philosophy in 1936.

The former pupil of St Mungo's Academy, which he attended from 1922–32, was a Met officer with the RAF during the war and gained a geography degree in 1955.

Dr FitzPatrick, describes his book, *Much Ado About Something*, as a book of verse for boys and girls and dedicates it to his five great grandchildren and 'all little children who do not know when not to ask awkward questions.'

The author, a father of three, whose wife Nora, a pianist, linguist and artist died in 1990, lives in the south of Glasgow and is a parishioner of Holy Cross, Crosshill.

He has been praised for his



'lively mind' by Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti who described the book of verse as "lovely".

Dr Leonard Franchi, former director of the St Andrew's Foundation said: "Dr Tom FitzPatrick is one of Scotland's most distinguished Catholic intellectuals. His many publications on the history of Catholic education in Scotland are still consulted by contemporary scholars in the field. Dr FitzPatrick's long career at the heart of Catholic education has given him a unique status as teacher, scholar, historian and now poet."

■ *Much Ado About Something* is available from Pauline Books and Media, Glasgow, price £7.50

Where have all the songbirds gone?
The lark that once o'er Cathkin's height
with silvery tongue and trills,
dispelled the night with song bursts
bright,
and scattered Glasgow's ills,

is heard no more. On Mavis Quay,
or by the Kelvin's side,
the sounds of blackbird, linnet, thrush,
have muted been, and died.

Where are the songs of yester-year,
the songs my father sang?
How can we sing, renaissance bring
if we recall not

Churchyard

It's just down there, beside the
village,
anent the blackened, dark church tower,
beneath the elm whose crown of leaves
sways gently in the evening air.

There our troubles, all, are ended,
there our fathers rest, contented.
Until the great arising day
there we can find sweet sleep and stay.

(Tr. TAF)

Shalom Shabat

The sky is blue, the earth is green,
Blackbirds, carillon gaily!
The distant hum of many men
is well beyond my weakened ken.

Rioting in USA.
Hope arrested in LA.
Tension, violence in SA.
Serb and Croat make no stay.
Christians one another slay.
Ireland sings its dreadful lay,
Minstrelsy has had its day.

Carmel joins its hands to pray,
Lord, give us another day.
Peace has not yet come to stay.
Amen, amen, amen they say.

The Little Flower's message of hope



By Archbishop Philip Tartaglia

It's a great joy to be able to announce that the relics of St Therese of Lisieux will be in Glasgow on 16-18 September 2019 after having toured the other seven dioceses of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

The visit of the relics is a God-given opportunity for us to honour the Little Flower, to pray for her intercession and follow her "little way" to holiness through Mary to Jesus by offering our daily joys, sorrows and sacrifices to the Lord, all for love.

Typically, she is quoted as saying: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

Even as a contemplative Carmelite Sister, St Therese prayed for the missions and for the spread of the Gospel. She is in venerated as the patron saint of the missions.

Famously, as a young girl of 14, St Therese prayed for the conversion of a convicted murderer, who, although he never admitted his guilt, at the last, kissed the figure of the crucified Jesus just before his execution.

Later, when she wrote about this, St Therese took this to be a sign that her prayer had been answered and that the man had asked forgiveness of God.

Because of that, it is recommended that her relics, when they are on visitation, should, if possible, be taken to a prison. Accordingly, when the relics come to Glasgow, the first stop will be Barlinnie Prison, where the Prison Administration and Chaplains readily agreed to the visit of the relics.

May St Therese's prayers bring hope of forgiveness to prisoners and to all of us!

Scotland's good news on climate change

In the last few weeks we at SCIAF have been celebrating major progress in the effort to tackle the global problem of climate change. Following years of campaigning, the Scottish Government has committed to take significant steps to address the problem, following the publication of independent, expert advice on the issue. It's a huge step forward and will ensure Scotland plays its part in tackling the issue.

In his encyclical letter of 2015 to the bishops of the Catholic Church concerning our relationship to nature and the environment, Laudato Si, Pope Francis issued a rallying call to the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to come together to tackle climate change. It is everyone's duty, he said, to care for our common home.

Our responsibility to act as stewards of creation, by looking after our environment and helping those in developing countries who face losing their homes, livelihoods and loved ones due to more frequent and severe storms, floods, drought and increasingly unpredictable weather, is something we at SCIAF are passionate about.

We, like Pope Francis, believe that climate change is



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a moral issue, and that wealthy countries who have created the problem through burning fossil fuels since the Industrial Revolution have a responsibility to resolve it and help people in poorer countries who are suffering the consequences.

For years you, our supporters, have campaigned with us and our partners at Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, for politicians to put in place robust legislation to tackle the problem. Last month we finally saw your hard work pay off.

The Scottish Government has now committed to deliver radical new cuts to Scotland's greenhouse gases by 2045. This means the harmful

effects of emissions being released into the atmosphere will be cancelled out by measures such as planting trees to absorb the gases.

We're delighted that the Scottish Government heard our collective calls for action and will now strengthen the Climate Change Bill going through parliament. The report from the Committee on Climate Change, an independent organisation set up to advise governments on the issue, confirmed urgent action must be taken. The report gave serious scientific backing to our claims that Scotland and the UK can be world leaders in tackling this global issue and set an example for other countries to follow.

We work with people around the world who have done least to contribute to the problem but are suffering most as a result of it. Our local partners tell us food and water supplies are being stretched to breaking point by increasingly unpredictable and severe weather.

The recent cyclone affecting Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi is evidence of the devastating impact extreme weather events can have on some of the world's most vulnerable

people. More than one thousand people lost their lives when Cyclone Idai hit, while many others were left homeless.

The plight of our sisters and brothers around the world cannot be ignored. That's why the Scottish Government's commitment to do more to tackle the problem is so significant.

None of this recent progress would have been possible without your help and we at SCIAF, and those we work with overseas are so grateful for all that you have done.

Following the commitment from the Scottish Government to do more to tackle climate change, we must now focus on urging the UK Government to ensure the whole country meets its international obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement.

Our campaign for climate justice is far from over. However, it's important for us to take stock of just how far we've come.

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St Aloysius' tower set for a new and safe future

ONE of Glasgow's best-loved churches is getting a facelift.

Renovation work is well underway on the historic bell tower of St Aloysius Church, Garnethill following a £93,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

The project to restore the tower, with a total cost of £400,000, including £100,000 raised by the parish community, is expected to be completed by the end of the year and is the latest phase in a renovation of the church which began in 2004.

The 45m high tower of St Aloysius, the city's only Jesuit church, has dominated the skyline above Garnethill since it opened for worship in 1910 but a series of earlier surveys revealed a number of serious defects.

Water leaks from the tower into the church caused dampness and damage to plaster which cannot be replaced until the tower, topped with a magnificent gold cross, is repaired.

Two years on from the launching of a fund-raising campaign that work has finally begun.

Specialist builders and other experts will now carry out urgent masonry repairs to the red sandstone tower, including

By Brian Swanson

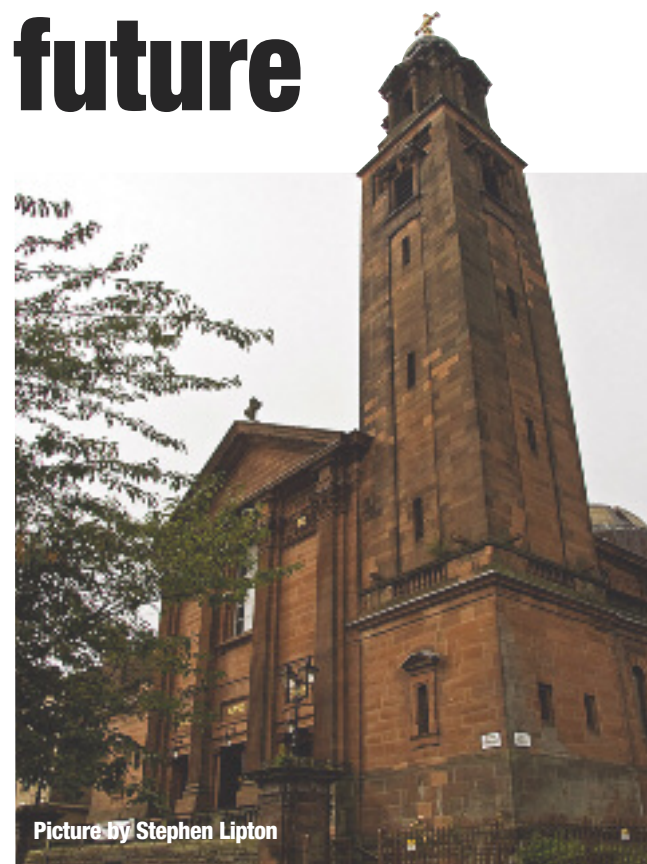
repairing and repointing defective stonework, and removing large amounts of weeds.

The project is being part-funded by Historic Environment Scotland and The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Although reasons for making such grants are not make public it is widely believed that the awards panel were particularly impressed by the provision of volunteer run ESOL classes – English for Speakers of Other Languages – which are now in their third year and which attract around 50 refugees and asylum seekers each week.

Thanks to the 40 volunteers, led by former senior civil servant Kevin Wyber, the students – mostly men and with an average age of 25 – learn not only English but also the culture of the city they now call home by taking part in numerous social activities. Generous parishioners have even donated second-hand bikes so that those who live some distance from the city centre church can still get to the classes.

As part of the restoration project a group of volunteers and students will explore the heritage of Garnethill using



Picture by Stephen Lipton

photographs videos and essays some of which will be included in an exhibition later this year.

A Heritage Lottery fund spokesperson said: "The church is open seven days a week and the sanctuary and halls are used by a wide range of local groups. As well as ESOL classes, they are used by musical groups and choirs, a creative writers group and a film group. The project

will build on this existing engagement and provide opportunities for people to engage with the heritage of the church."

Fr Dermot Preston SJ, parish priest at St Aloysius' said: "We are delighted at the news of this grant award which will mean we can, at last, make the building watertight and maintain the church-tower as an important heritage landmark on the skyline of central Glasgow."

Lentfest play will woo festival



A FULL-SIZED wooden cross was among the objects loaded into the back of a transit van as AGAP took to the road with this year's Lentfest play and the tour hasn't ended yet ... for Glasgow hit Lentfest drama is to be staged at this year's Edinburgh Festival.

The date with the capital's Fringe programme followed sell-out performances across the archdiocese during Lent.

Audiences flocked to

parishes in great numbers to support what has become something of an institution in the Scottish Catholic Church. Within a couple of hours, a church hall is transformed into a theatre space with lights and sound to transport the audience into another place and time.

Over the past 12 years AGAP has revived the Church's tradition of ministry through drama and this year's play saw a large ensemble cast and crew of 25 people bring to life Christ's Passion.

"A Sign of Contradiction:

The Passion Story" was the second instalment in AGAP's dramatization of the life of Christ, which began with "The Christmas Story" in 2018.

"It was important that we staged a play that stayed faithful to the Gospel but spoke to our own time," said writer-director Stephen Callaghan. The play was enacted in present-day costume but the dialogue wove scripture and historical information into a fast-flowing narrative that told the events of the first Holy Week from a different angle.

Perhaps the most unusual

feature was the absence of an actor portraying Christ on-stage. Callaghan said, "This was a deliberate decision to allow viewers to imagine Our Lord for themselves. Audience feedback to the production has been amazing and the cast and crew are very keen to take the play further."

Performances for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival have already been confirmed for 10th/11th August to at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate and a short national tour is being considered for the summer.



The PCT – St Nicholas Care Fund aims to help in Christ's name those in need in our communities. Grant applications are encouraged from groups and organisations whose aim is to tackle an identified social need in and around Glasgow.

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Time has come to learn the rules of civilised dialogue

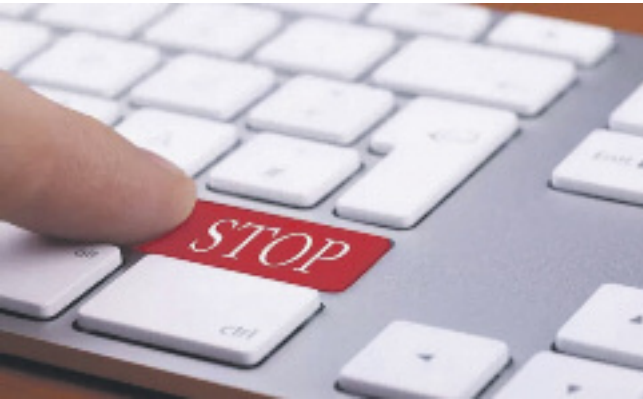
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We are great at building magnificent churches and cathedrals and inspiring wonderful art. We are second-to-none when it comes to caring for the poor and sick and out-cast (the largest non-government provider in the world). We are also pretty impressive at educating young people (the Church operates the world's largest non-governmental school system).

But we are also rather too expert at being horrible to each other, and nowhere does that dismaying trend manifest itself more than on social media.

That's why it is so important to read the Pope's and Archbishop Tartaglia's plea for civility marking this year's World Communications Day.

For if truth be told, the



Catholic web has turned into the bloody battlefield of a civil war in recent times. Whether it be on questions of liturgy or Church discipline; the Pope's outreach to the marginalised or even the development of Church teaching on the death penalty, you don't have to look far to find digital damage being inflicted by one Catholic on another on a

quasi-industrial scale.

It's as though many people, who vaunt their piety in "real life" feel free to behave like wreckers and assassins online.

Some of the "fake news" tactics of the Trump presidency have seeped into internet Catholicism, especially in the USA, where a new generation of shock-troops, apparently more loyal to the



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Republican Party than the Holy See take daily aim at the Holy Father and his closest collaborators. They use language that is ungracious and utterly uncharitable, while all the while proclaiming their Catholic orthodoxy.

Such tactics, I fear, cannot be overcome by reason or an appeal to civility. Instead, good example must be the best response.

That means in our own social media use we must overcome certain natural tendencies and avoid retreating into the ever-tempting digital trenches. I would highlight a few key rules which are as valid for digital as they are for daily life:

- Do not speak only to those who share your own views. To do so is tempting, for sure. If you do your beliefs are fortified, your fear disappears and your ego is massaged. But to what end? To preach to the converted is a fool's game – at best a waste of time, at worst a form of self-delusion.
- Don't operate in "echo-chambers" where your own initial views echo and return louder than ever because the audience to which you broadcast (or better the individuals with whom you dialogue) share your own premises.
- Be brave! Dare to follow on line those whose views you may not share... for it is only by knowing what other people

think and write that you can gauge your own views and beliefs, test the strength of your own arguments (or prejudices) and engage in respect-filled dialogue.

- Do not resort to entrenchment... do not respond to barriers of opinion by trying to bulldoze the barrier out of the way. The more one tries to force one's interlocutor into submission, the more the interlocutor digs in, reinforcing the wall of incomprehension and making any prospect of meaningful engagement, let alone mutual enrichment, remote to say the least.

- When faced with a wall do not try to knock it down, but rather try to find a way round it, seeking out the "opponent" where he or she is. It is essential to try to understand the person we are trying to engage with on their home territory. There, we can look at a problem from their perspective, and use our imagination to discover approaches which will help them see the validity and reasonableness of our own.

The imperative of charity and the great command to "love one another as I have loved you" is not suspended the moment we open Twitter!



Archbishop's letter for Communications Sunday

IN his message for World Communications Day this year, Pope Francis returns to the theme of the internet and the world of social communications, reminding us that no matter what technology might offer us the human person does not want to be left isolated and alone.

In his letter, Pope Francis draws our attention to an ambivalence in social media that we have begun to experience ourselves. We appreciate greatly that online sources represent an extraordinary possibility of very speedy access to knowledge and information. Just think, for instance, of how we use the internet to travel. At the same time, we have also wakened up to the fact that through social media we may be exposed to disinformation and to the conscious and targeted distortion of facts. Hence, the widely used term 'fake news'. Sadly, it seems, the shared data that helps us to connect can all too easily be manipulated in order to gain political or economic advantages.

The Holy Father advises that the positive potential of social media is based upon two of its original reference points: the net and the community. The internet was invented to connect human beings together in a supportive network and in a closer community. A community that is life-giving and healthy will be animated by feelings of trust. It will pursue objectives that benefit everyone. The responsible use of language and means of communication will be pivotal to the good of the community linked by internet and social media.

As we know now, all too often, however, online identities and communications are based on opposition to the other, on delegitimising the other and their legitimate points of view, and on severely limiting their freedom of speech. We have learned from sad experience that the internet and social media can be misused to define ourselves by what divides us rather than by what unites us, giving rise to suspicion, to bullying, and to the venting of every kind of prejudice.

The internet and social media should be an opportunity to promote encounter with others,

but, as we know, it can also increase our sense of isolation, with young people most exposed to the illusion that the social web can completely satisfy them on a relational level.

This dramatic situation reveals a serious rupture in the relational fabric of society, one we cannot ignore. This raises various questions and challenges. While our governments seek legal ways to regulate the web and to protect the original vision of a free, open and secure network, we all have a responsibility to promote its positive use.

The positive use of the internet and social media depends on respectful communication. Respectful communication speaks the truth in charity. If every user of social media spoke the truth in charity, many people, including young people and children, would be happier, safer and better informed.

In other words, speaking the truth in charity, and allowing the truth to be spoken, is a recognition that we are part of a community. Lies, on the other hand, divide us, and, as Pope Francis points out, are a selfish refusal to recognize that we are members of one body; lies are a refusal to give ourselves to others, thus losing the only way to find ourselves.

Realising that we are part of one Body, whose Head is Christ, will help us to see others as our neighbours not our competitors. It is important to remember always that online communications should complement, not replace, actual encounters and interaction with others.

Technology should pave the way for dialogue and a culture of respectful and civilised communications. It will then serve the interests of humanity and the plan of our creator, that we should love one another as He loves us.

Yours devotedly in Christ

Philip Tartaglia

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School Prayer

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Through Christ, our Lord

Amen

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10,000 and counting...

A REMARKABLE milestone was achieved during this year's Caritas ceremony as the number of young people to receive the award since it began eight years ago reached 10,000.

Despite this heartening statistic there are no plans to single out the individual pupil who reached that significant landmark because as one of the organisers said, every participant, from the first ceremony until now, is special.

The awards are the continuing legacy of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Scotland in 2010 in which he famously urged our young people to "be the saints of the 21st century."

The winners received awards by volunteering time in their schools and parishes, offering help and support to others and by demonstrating

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that these actions of loving service are inspired by their faith.

This year as Archbishop Tartaglia noted in his address of welcome, 1200 sixth-year pupils received Caritas awards while almost 4000 primary school children successfully took part in the junior version – the Pope Francis Faith awards.

There was loud applause for guest speaker John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education who praised the work of Catholic schools and declared: "The Caritas awards give our young people outstanding opportunities to serve which will be of huge value not only to each and every one

of them, but to the community and to the country."

As the growing number of pupils taking part in the Caritas journey clearly demonstrates, the enthusiasm to deepen and in many cases rediscover their faith, shows no sign of diminishing.

Celebrations on the day by pupils and their extended families tend not to be restrained affairs and this year, was no different.

The cavernous Armadillo, more used to rock concerts, pantomimes and conferences, buzzed with excitement as more than thousand final year pupils and their families prepared to receive their Caritas medal in an atmosphere of shared joy, pride and love.

The annual Caritas awards ceremony, let there be no doubt, is now a joyful and eagerly anticipated fixture in the calendar of our Catholic schools.

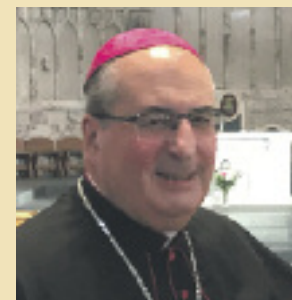


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A SOUTH SIDE primary has obtained an extraordinary HMI Report.

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Archbishop Tartaglia said: "I am delighted to congratulate the Head Teacher, Staff, Pupils and School Community of Our Lady of the Missions Primary School, Glasgow, on achieving such a splendid HMI Report. It was especially pleasing for me to note that, among the many outstanding strengths of OLM, the Inspectors agreed that the Catholic faith dimension of the school, which is based upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ, permeated the whole



life of the whole school, influencing the positive ethos and happy atmosphere of the school, together with teaching, learning and attainment. This is the explicit programme and aim of every Catholic school in Scotland, and the Catholic education family shares proudly in the achievement of Our Lady of the Missions Primary School."

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Headteacher, staff and pupils extend their best wishes to all our 2019 Caritas award winners! Well done!



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ON Saturday 18th September 2010, on the steps outside Westminster Cathedral in London, Pope Benedict XVI spoke these powerful words to representatives of young Catholics from across the United Kingdom:

I wish to speak to you from my own heart, and I ask you to open your hearts to what I have to say. I ask each of you, first and foremost, to look into your own heart. Think of all the love that your heart was made to receive, and all the love it is meant to give. After all, we were made for love.

At that moment I was sitting inside the Cathedral, listening to these words being broadcast. I had been privileged to participate in a beautiful Mass during which the Holy Father had spoken about the powerful image of the crucified Christ on the huge crucifix that hangs above the Cathedral nave. He implored all the faithful to bring "the reconciling power" of Christ's sacrifice to the world in which we live. He prayed that Catholics of the United Kingdom would recognise that they have been "called to consecrate the world to God through lives of faith and holiness".

As I listened to the Holy Father address the young people, I was humbled by the power of these words:

We were also made to give



love, to make love the inspiration for all we do and the most enduring thing in our lives.

It was at that precise moment that the idea of the Caritas Award was conceived.

The day before, I had been in Princes Street Edinburgh as thousands of young school children gathered to participate in

the St Ninian's Day Parade to welcome Pope Benedict XVI as he arrived at the start of his visit to the UK. I had then travelled to Glasgow's Bellahouston Park for the celebration of Mass in the bright September sunshine. With thousands of others, I was struck by the prayerfulness of that ceremony, inspired by the Holy



The Archbishop greets John Swinney MSP



The pride of St Ninian's, Kirkintilloch



Moderator and Minister help distribute medals



Caritas guests of honour

"I heard Pope Benedict's power for love'... it was at that precise moment that the Caritas award was born"

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Caritas story



All smiles for St Margaret Mary's

teaching delivered by the Pope during his visit. Crucially, it also set out a number of specific action points which, with the active co-operation of schools and parishes, we then put into practice in the next few years.

Looking back now, I am delighted that the development of the Caritas Award was one of those action points. It was designed to build on the work already being done in Catholic secondary schools to involve senior pupils in 'good works', putting the Church's social teaching into action in their daily lives. Using 'Deus Caritas Est', the first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, as a reference text, we developed a number of teaching resources to help pupils to understand how they were "made for love" and how "Caritas" should be at the heart of their actions in supporting those most in need. We also tried to build the Caritas Award experience on a solid foundation of prayer and spirituality.

As I reflect now on the thousands of young people who have been presented with Caritas Award medals by the Bishops of Scotland since 2012, I thank God for all the teachers, parents, clergy and parish volunteers who have worked hard to support them on their Caritas journey. I know that Pope Benedict XVI was impressed by the commitment of so many people to faith-inspired action. Just so, I know that Pope Francis has commended the many Primary school children who have achieved the Pope Francis Faith Award for the service they have given in their parishes.

My prayer now is that our schools and parishes, together with parents, will continue to work in partnership to provide opportunities for young people to be inspired by the Church's teaching and tradition in order to lead lives worthy of Our Lord by giving pure and generous love ("Caritas") to others.

and women who laboured over the centuries to hand down the faith to us. He urged us all to "Strive to be worthy of this great tradition!"

As the fervent days passed immediately following the Papal Visit, I vowed to ensure that the great teaching that we had been privileged to receive from Pope Benedict XVI would not evaporate and be forgotten by pupils and teachers in Scotland's Catholic schools. In the office of the Scottish Catholic Education Service, we set about developing a 'legacy plan' of the Papal Visit to ensure that the key messages brought by the Holy Father to the young people of Scotland would not be lost. We published a plan with the title "Strive to be Worthy". Illustrated with photographs taken at the major events, it summarised some of the key



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THE STAFF AND PUPILS OF TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

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By Michael McGrath
First Director of SCES

Father's own spirituality.

In his homily the Holy Father reminded us of the great missionaries Ninian and Columba who brought the Gospel to Scotland, as well St Margaret & St Mungo and all the great mean

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Grasp the Caritas opportunity...

Lewis, you have just completed your final year at St. Mungo's Academy in Glasgow. Could you tell us why you decided to take on the Caritas Award in sixth year?

Being brought up in faith based schools and raised a Roman Catholic, I had a good understanding of the teachings of the church.

However, in recent years it became increasingly tough to apply these teachings to my daily life.

Exams and a social life took over and I found myself somewhat lost with my faith.

With some great teaching in my Religious Education classes in my school, St Mungo's Academy from the likes of Mr Mann and Mr McWatt, I had a rejuvenated interest in how my faith could make me a better person.

Caritas, for me, seemed like the perfect opportunity to explore how to apply faith based values into my life and interactions with others. It would also give me an opportunity to be recognised for faith based activities within my school community.

So I saw it as a chance to make myself a better person and also to make a greater contribution in the school community.

Zambia

You were recently involved in a visit to Zambia with Missio. Can you tell us a little about how that came about, and how your involvement in Caritas helped you in your work there?

Just under a year ago the opportunity to apply for the missionary experience was advertised in my school.

The experience was led by my two teachers Mr Gallagher and Mr Mann, who after the trip went to work for Missio! This was a loss for the school because he was a great teacher but he's doing lots with different schools now...

I and four other friends were chosen after several selection stages and preparation began for our trip.

My experience in Zambia contributed towards my faith element of the Caritas award. A significant amount of my hours came from volunteering in the school and orphanage and visiting faith based projects across Lusaka.



LEWIS O'NEILL who travelled to Zambia as part of the St Mungo's Academy group with Missio Scotland, was chosen to be interviewed on stage at this year's Caritas awards ceremony by co-host Maura Currie. The teenager, who will begin a course in economics and philosophy at Glasgow University in September, talked about rediscovering his faith and his inspirational teachers. We reproduce the interview in its entirety.

It was an incredibly insightful experience which gave us all a renewed perspective on our faith. In particular, it taught me the power of community after seeing how religion binds together local towns and keeps important educational and health projects alive and thriving.

Opportunity

We have some pupils in the audience today who may be thinking about getting involved in the Caritas Award in the future. What advice would you give them?

I would tell them to absolutely grasp the opportunity with both hands.

I think that passing the award without wholeheartedly committing to it would be a waste of the great potential the award has to help you explore and invigorate your faith.

I would also point out how rewarding it is to engage in the award.

While not everyone will go on a trip to Zambia, helping out in your local parish or in the school helps keep Catholic values strong and relevant in the lives of young people.

St Margaret Mary's Secondary School Caritas 2019

Congratulations to our successful Caritas candidates: Amy Kelly, Alisha Logue, Chloe Malone, Caitlin McGuire, Megan McKenzie, Demi Paesano, Abby Stewart, Alexandria Thomson, Dara Venning, Aleksandra Warzecha and Natalia Wolniak.

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Fr Martin's book has changed my life

I SPEND a good deal of my personal life campaigning, and I am aware I inhabit an activist's mindset!

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I had a string sense that any 'go to' text in contemplative prayer had to avoid diluting the great Christian tradition while also speaking to ordinary Christians like me and those I knew in contemporary language. Fr Martin Laird's "Into the Silent Land" was a blessing to me and to anyone to whom I have recommended it.

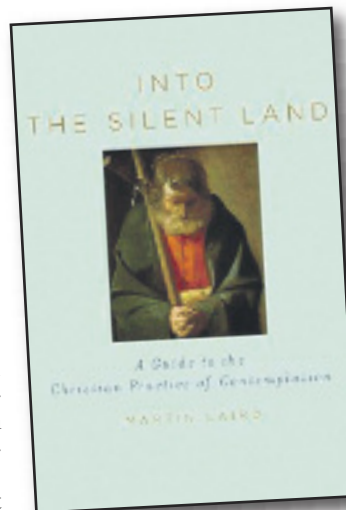
It is a short book, that invites the reader to look inwards, it asks us to look at the 'noise', in our lives and thus the noise in our prayer. This mind often leads us away from stillness, locating us in a place where we can become stuck in our 'reactivity'. Those places perhaps where we do not control our emotions but where our emotions control us!

Fr Martin communicates from deep personal experience. Clearly, he is someone who through his ministry has had the joy of learning from other faith traditions. I recognise in his writing that this encounter has both deepened his prayer and helped him become more authentically Catholic as all healthy inter-religious and intercultural dialogue should.

However, this also enables the telling of a crucial story that needs to be told in our Church today. Many Catholics are now seeking 'secular', and 'spiritual', traditions to feed

their spiritual and religious needs. Fr Martin reminds us that we have within our own Catholic tradition a contemplative, meditative prayer that is available and open to all baptised believers, and that can shape us though God's grace into the people God has called us to be. Nothing has been 'grafted on' here to make it look and feel more Catholic. This is the ancient and most authentic form of Christian prayer being renewed in our own time.

Fr Martin's is a professor at Villanova university but a prof with a poet's heart! In walking with us he is not prescriptive, he does not avoid difficult challenges nor offer easy answers. He is someone who from the power of his own experience of God's presence in prayer, invites us to explore it for ourselves, and trust that the God who created us is waiting and communicating with us in the silence that is beyond all other silence. He knows that in all the great faith contem-



plative traditions 'distractions', can beset and frustrate us. Here again he is a contemporary voice that recognises the relentless pace of contemporary living, while neither inviting us to withdraw from it (an option and call for the very few!) but to inhabit this busyness differently.

It is perhaps in this area most that this book most changed my life.

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Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation by Fr Martin Laird OSA, Oxford University Press, 2006

Years ago (I now realise) I had embarked on 'contemplative prayer', naively hoping it would eliminate 'suffering' or 'eliminate the storms' in my life that I often encountered. What I have learned from journeying into the silent land was that this was impossible, that the storms of life never go away (obvious to most I'm sure but I'm a slow learner!) However, by committing this prayer day to day, through God's grace we can be inside the storm differently, we can cease to be overwhelmed by its sheer force, remain rooted in our 'true self', and remem-

ber that pain is inevitable in life but suffering is often optional and dependant on how we choose to respond to the struggles of life.

This is a book that was life-changing for me. I believe will become a spiritual classic of the future. A book written by a humble priest who wants us all to know that in prayer we will not need to search for God, God will seek us out and if we are open, become once more, the source of our life, hopes and joys and the balm in our times of pain and suffering, if we can but risk a walk 'Into the Silent Land'.

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Glasgow pupils to be inspired by Anne Frank legacy

By Brian Swanson

SECONDARY pupils from schools across Glasgow will be at the heart of a forthcoming exhibition exploring the life and modern legacy of Anne Frank.

Her famous diary, written when she was 14 and hiding for two years from the Nazis with her family in Amsterdam, continues to inspire generations of young people throughout the world.

And when the poignant and thought-provoking 'Anne Frank + You' Exhibition opens on June 6 at the St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, young people, many of whom are the same age as Anne was when she wrote her diary, will take centre stage telling her story to visitors.

During the past year the Anne Frank Scotland charity has been working with young people to train them as peer guides and ambassadors.

One of them, Aakansha Singh, 14, from St Mungo's Academy said: "Anne's story should live on because we can always learn something from it. It should also be shared so that history doesn't repeat itself.

"Perseverance could be taken from her story to apply to us today. Another lesson is not to let prejudice cloud your judgement towards people and not allow hate in."

And Tamzin McLeish, 15, from St Roch's said: "The lessons that can be taken from the Holocaust is that people can't be bystanders.

"We have to learn from history in order to stop this from happening again as people nowadays are passive and this



Picture courtesy of Anne Frank Fonds, Basel, Switzerland

helps us remember what people can do to each other.

"Anne's story is motivating as she was our age and is now one of the most famous females in history."

The other schools taking part are Hillhead High, Whitehill Secondary, Lourdes Secondary, Notre Dame, Eastbank, Bannerman High, St Andrew's, Bellahouston Academy and Shawlands Academy.

Paula Fraser, the charity's project manager for Scotland said: "Anne Frank Scotland has now been working with young people all over the country for 11 years, and they never fail to impress, surprise and inspire me with their empathy, insight and creativity.

"These young people, who become our Anne Frank exhibition peer guides and Ambassadors, relate to her as an ordinary teenager, who expresses her thoughts and feelings so honestly and eloquently in her diary, while she is trapped in such terrible circumstances.

"In the month of June, when we commemorate the 90th anniversary of Anne's birth, it is so fitting that we are able to

display 'Anne Frank + You' in Glasgow for the first time.

"We think the message of the exhibition is powerful and relevant here and now, for all of us – as Anne said: "Nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne and her family were betrayed by a Nazi sympathiser and sent to Auschwitz. In 1945 she and her sister Margot were transferred to Bergen-Belsen where they died of typhus just two weeks before the Allies liberated the camp.

Eva Schloss (pictured), a Holocaust survivor, Anne Frank's childhood friend and Otto Frank's stepdaughter, who has just celebrated her 90th birthday will be the guest of honour at the opening of the exhibition.

An author, peace activist and humanitarian, she has dedicated her life to telling Anne's story to audiences throughout the world.

■ The free exhibition runs from June 7 to June 30. For more information www.annefrank.org.uk



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No place for anti-semitism

ARCHBISHOP Tartaglia has spoken out about the ever-present risk of anti-semitism in society.

The Archbishop's warning came at a Mass in the Cathedral, during which the leader of Glasgow's Catholics reflected on the scriptural passages of the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

He said: "You know what anti-semitism is. You know its history, a history in which Christians too were guilty. You know of the sufferings of the Jewish people. You know of the Holocaust. You hear of the presence and even a new rise of anti-semitism today in the world and in some ideologies.

"You may or may not agree with everything the State of Israel does, but, my dear friends, there is no place for anti-semitism in our thoughts or attitudes or politics... There is no justification for hating the Jews or for discriminating unjustly against them or against any people because of their race."

The Archbishop added: "The Jewish people were called by God to be the Chosen People. They are our older brothers and sisters in faith. Together with them, we acknowledge and live by the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments."

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ST ANDREW'S Hospice is holding its annual Paws in the Park event at Strathclyde Park on Sunday 18th August 2019 from 11am until 3pm.

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Archbishop's message of welcome ahead of the great big Italian picnic

ONE of the favourite traditions of Glasgow's Italian community is being relaunched this month with the help of specialist cheese throwers from Tuscany!

The niche sport is included in the newly revamped "Scampagnata" which will take place this year at the traditional venue of Alva in Clackmannanshire on Sunday June 23.

Archbishop Conti will get the ball rolling with a Mass at the park pavilion for members and friends of the Scots Italian community at 12 noon on the big day.

Speaking ahead of the event the Archbishop told Flourish: "The annual Scampagnata is a venerable tradition in the story of the Scots-Italian community.

"It represents for many a fond recollection of the happy (and apparently always sunny!) days of youth, while for others of more recent vintage, it has become a much ap-

preciated opportunity to meet friends and enjoy a little bit of Italian culture.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to continue the tradition of celebrating Mass to start the day, and I extend a warm invitation to all to join me for that lovely traditional moment of prayer and community.

Challenge

"The challenge of making the day ever-attractive to new generations, while maintaining its traditions, is not an easy one. So I commend the trustees and members of Italian Scotland for their sterling efforts to renew and relaunch the event maintaining the traditions of old but with the addition of new activities and attractions.

"The wider atmosphere of uncertainty caused by Brexit has been stressful for many in the Italo-Scozzese world. But amid the clouds of uncertainty I detect also a mood of great solidarity among our fellow citizens who want to state loud and clear that the Italian com-



munity (and indeed all EU citizens) are valued and esteemed by Scots who are determined not to allow any external factors change the bonds of affection and culture which unite us.

"Our shared European culture and identity is something we should always treasure."

Chairperson of Italian Scotland – the charity which runs the event, Sandro Sarti, said: "We extend a warm invitation to all members and friends of the Italian community to come along to Cochrane Park, Alva, on the day.

There is something for everyone – food, sport, entertainment, stalls, competitions and our special guests from Tuscany with their cheeses. It'll be a great day for all the family."

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Life can be just so unpredictable...

DURING the past week I have been balancing life in St. Mungo's with trips backwards and forwards to the hospital visiting my younger brother. It began with a call from him saying that the local surgery had phoned advising him to come in and to bring a bag with the expectation of being in hospital for a few days, and that it would be best if someone was able to accompany him, and preferably to bring him to the hospital by car.

At short notice I had to cancel evening Confessions which I knew people would be understanding about. I also had to cancel a dental appointment, which means I am now nursing an unattended broken tooth until I can find time to rearrange. The rest of the day was spent getting him admitted and settled.

The following afternoon, when I was out on First Friday housebound calls, my older brother called to say that our younger sibling was being moved to another hospital. But then, a couple of hours later, he called back to say that no one knew where he was, neither the hospital he had been admitted to, nor the hospital to which he was being transferred.

I want to stress here that this is not a rant against the NHS for which I have the greatest admiration, and a trusted dependence upon, and that's why I'm not naming anywhere. It was the Friday of a Bank Holiday weekend and I think he was just lost track of a wee bit.

I decided to go to the hospital he was meant to be at, only to find the main entrance area pretty much deserted. I found a helpful



Fr Frank Keevens CP is parish priest of St Mungo's, Townhead

porter, who put me on to his supervisor, and eventually, after a bit of toing and froing, I discovered, some two hours after finding out he was A.W.O.L., where our younger

sibling was now meant to be, and indeed that's where he was, oblivious to all the panic and confusion that was surrounding him.

Needless to say, when my older brother, the infamous sports journalist, called to visit, he was immediately recognised by a patient in the adjoining bed, and, as word spread, this man's visitors, claiming to be long time listeners, got quite excited by this. One of them even asked for a mention on Super Scoreboard that night. They also came to know that I was a priest, but that didn't seem to generate the same excitement. Younger sibling remained stoical as ever.

It's interesting how we can

immediately rearrange our lives when circumstances demand. For example, I had to cancel my attendance at some meetings in Dublin this week, for which I am the convenor and chairperson, realizing that, important though they were, the meetings would carry on without me, and that was just fine.

But it's also interesting how certain things can be forgotten ... like eating! On the evening of Bank Holiday Monday, when I arrived back from the hospital, I suddenly realized that I was very hungry, and that I hadn't really sat down to a proper meal in days. I invited one of our Passionist community to accompany me to a local restaurant where we both had a decent meal, and I would have to say that I enjoyed every morsel of it. Hunger, as we say, is the best sauce.

At the time of writing I am still balancing life in St. Mungo's with twice-daily hospital visits and wondering what lies ahead. Two sayings come to mind; the first is this: Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans; the second, an old Yiddish saying, is similar: Man plans, and God laughs. Both mean the same thing; that despite our most careful planning, the road of life is always unpredictable, who knows what any given day will bring, and we just need to pick up the challenge of every day as it comes, sustained by God's grace.

Perhaps, as always, Jesus expresses it best of all. In Matthew 6:34 He says:

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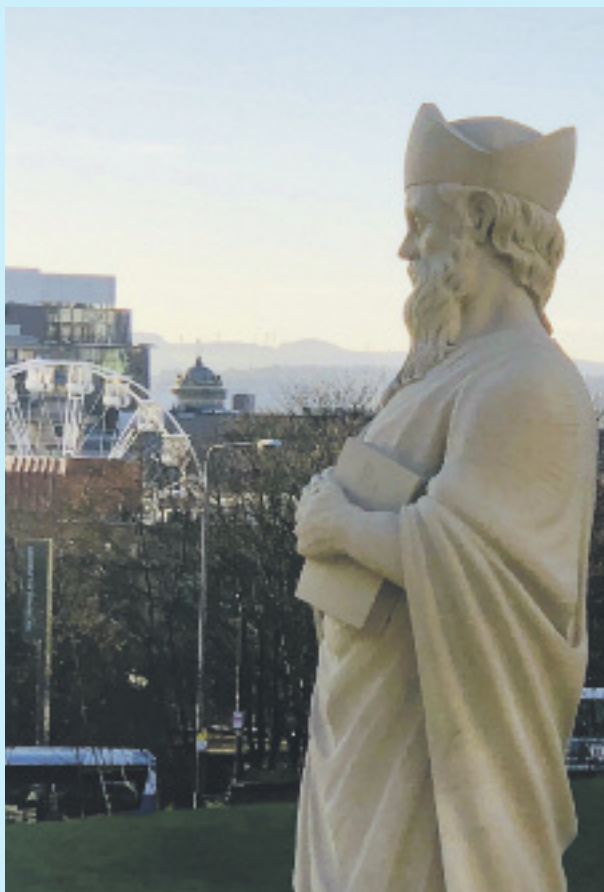
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Feasts galore mark our June liturgy

THERE'S quite a line-up of Liturgical celebrations during this month. We begin with the 7th and last Sunday of the Easter Season, and one week later Easter itself comes to a close with Pentecost.

Next up is Trinity Sunday – outside the season of Easter and within that lengthy series of Ordinary Sundays which take us to the end of this liturgical year. Two more Sunday celebrations mean we are still some distance from the return to the so-called 'Ordinary Sundays'. These are the Solemnities of Corpus Christi and Sts Peter and Paul, transferred to the Sunday. So, can we detect a theme – or even a series of themes – throughout this rich if complex month? Read on!

2 JUNE 7th Sunday of Easter, Year C.
John 17:20-26

The Gospel of John gives us less of what Jesus did at the Last Supper than we find in the other gospels, but it also gives us considerably more of



what Jesus taught. The Last supper in John spans five chapters of the gospel – nearly a quarter of the entire gospel. As we have already seen in Easter, there is a great richness of Johannine theology in these passages. On this last Sunday to be numbered as one of the Sundays of Easter the gospel text is always from John Chapter 17. The text is split into three sections, a different one of which is read on the 7th Sunday of Easter each year. The chapter consists of a lengthy prayer offered by Jesus after his Last Supper Discourse and before he leads his disciples from the Upper Room, across the Kedron Valley, and to the Garden where he will be taken into custody. The prayer is very much about – and for – Jesus' disciples. Jesus prays for those at table with him, and for those who through their words

will believe in him; which means that Jesus' prayer extends to our own day, and will extend even further – for as long as people respond to Jesus' word as it is spoken by his followers. Jesus then refers to his disciples as those whom the Father has given to him – God's gift to Jesus. What an amazing idea! Ultimately Jesus wants his disciples, the Father's gift, to be with him, where he is. Could Jesus' prayer ever go unanswered by the one he calls Father? We could not be better cared for than to be included in Jesus' prayers!

9 JUNE Pentecost Sunday, Year C.
John 20:19-23

Pentecost was a major Jewish feast long before it became a Christian celebration. It was one of the three 'Pilgrimage Feasts' celebrated by the Jews who were obliged, if at all possible, to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and its Temple. (The other two were Passover and Tabernacles). Pentecost got its name from the calculation from the book of Exodus that 50 days after the Israelites left the slavery of Egypt, God gave the Law to Moses at



Mount Sinai, so Pentecost brought Passover to its close. This is why Christians celebrate Pentecost 50 days (seven weeks) after Easter. For early Christians, the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples was the fulfilment of God giving the Law, carved out on tablets of stone. This is the setting behind the story in Acts, when the disciples, like all Jews, were celebrating Pentecost. There was a sound like a great wind, and what appeared to be tongues of fire appeared to rock the room in which the disciples were gathered. The experience transformed the disciples internally. The gospels for the vigil and the feast itself – two different texts from John – remind us that in the Gospel of John, it was Jesus who promised to send the Holy Spirit. The other stories in the liturgy tell us something of what Jesus' first disciples did with the gift of the Spirit. Their lives became as powerful a testimony to their faith as their words did. We see how they bore witness to the Risen Christ. Can people see our witness today?

God it was in wisdom that God created all that exists – the earth, all that is on the earth, the heavens. It is wisdom to see in creation the master craftsman (the supreme planner?) at work. In the gospel, Jesus reassures us that after he has gone, the Spirit of Truth will come and lead us to complete truth. In that truth, given by the Spirit of God, handed on to disciples after Jesus' resurrection the Spirit will tell us what comes from Jesus, and what comes from Jesus has come first from the Father. So, Father, Son and Holy Spirit are completely one. Arguably more important is the way we celebrate the Trinity – we begin prayer in the name of Father, son and Holy Spirit; major liturgical prayers are addressed to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the holy Spirit. And every time we make the sign of the cross, we do so in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is very near to us – which means we are very near to God when we invoke the Trinity.

forgave her sins. There is no such formality in the open air dinner party in today's gospel, but we may assume that Jesus feeds good people and sinners alike. No one is excluded from this meal. Today on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are given the reassurance by these passages that Jesus offers himself, not only to a select few, but for all. Turning once again to Paul's account of the institution of Eucharist, he says: "whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord!" Interesting phrase – to proclaim the death of the Lord is not just to speak about it. It is to make it real and present to us today!

30 JUNE Sts Peter and Paul
Matthew 16:13-19

Only Matthew gives this extended version of the exchange between Jesus and Peter at Caesarea Philippi. In this version, there is almost a kind of swapping of compliments. Peter says that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God". In return, Jesus says "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." This exchange only takes place to this extent in Matthew. It's important to consider why. Clearly, the issue is greater for the people Matthew was writing for than it was for the other evangelists. The reason is that Matthew's gospel was written to boost the confidence of followers of Jesus who have been expelled from the synagogue. The rabbis who took control of the Jewish religious system once the Temple had been destroyed, claimed that they held the keys to the kingdom of heaven; that they had the power to decide on which teaching about God was valid, and which was not. No prizes for guessing that only their own teaching was considered to be authentic. Matthew boosts the confidence of the formerly Jewish members of the Christian community by quoting the time that Jesus had insisted that he, the authentic interpreter of the Law and the Prophets, had given to Peter the authority to continue this teaching when Jesus was no longer on earth. Jesus is the only one who can teach us all about God. When Jesus then gives that authority to Peter and his successors, we have the guarantee that we always have that teaching with us, until the end of time.

23 JUNE Corpus Christi, Year C.
Luke 9:11-17

After a feast of passages from John's Gospel through the Easter season, it makes a welcome change to return to the Gospel for Year C – Luke. Specifically, it is Luke's account of the feeding of the 5,000. This miracle is found in all four gospels – the only miracle to do so. The main part of the story is remarkably consistent in detail across all four accounts, but there are differences from text to text too.

Most notable in Luke's account is Jesus' instruction to the disciples to have the crowd sit in parties of fifty – a very formal instruction for a very large crowd in the open air! Most probably, Luke wants to recall the instruction given to the Israelites in the desert. The last time Jesus sat down to a meal in the Gospel of Luke was when he dined with Simon the Pharisee, who was appalled that Jesus allowed a woman with a bad name to come near him, and that he

16 JUNE Trinity Sunday, Year C.
John 16:12-15

It has been said that the problem with the Trinity is not its complexity: rather, it is its simplicity! Not convinced? I'm not surprised, but it is true nonetheless. Trinity Sunday is not a day for trying to understand the theological aspects of this very difficult but absolutely essential way of speaking about and understanding God – at least, not in the liturgy. Rather, it is a day to marvel at the God who, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creates us, sustains us, redeems us and offers us the life of God in its fullness. We can put in place some important aspects of the Holy Trinity from the scripture readings for today. The obvious place for us as humans to start is with God as creator. In the first reading, a poem from the Book of Wisdom, the Wisdom of God sings about Wisdom's place in creation, Created by



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MY dear brothers and sisters, we gather here at St Aloysius' Church in Garnethill, Glasgow, to offer this Funeral Mass in thanksgiving to God for the life of Billy McNeill and for the happy repose of his soul.

We offer our heartfelt and prayerful sympathies to Liz, Billy's loving wife, to whom he was married for a wonderful 56 years. We offer our sincere condolences also to Billy's children, Susan, Carol, Libby, Paula and Martyn, who have lost their Dad whom they loved dearly. Billy had eight grandchildren. They miss their Grandad. We all recognise the unique bond of love and affection that exists between a grandad and his grandchildren. We offer our sympathies to all other family, relatives and close friends. We are aware that Billy had a few hard years with his health before he died, which he endured with dignity and courage, but now he is at peace. With you, we commend him to God and pray for his eternal rest.

As Glasgow Celtic's most famous captain, Billy also belonged to another family, the Celtic family, who adored him as their hero and who mourn his passing. He has already gone down in history as a Celtic legend, captain of a team of legends, the Lisbon Lions. Under their brilliant manager, Jock Stein, this unique Celtic team made footballing history by becoming the first British football team to win the mythical and coveted European Cup, on 25th May 1967 in the Estadio Nacional, Lisbon, defeating Internazionale of Milan 2-1, at that time the pride of Italian football. As a 16 year old boy, I watched with overflowing joy as Billy and his Lions lifted the European Cup. Never for a moment did I imagine that I would be con-



The funeral last month of Billy McNeill was a powerfully memorable occasion. ARCHBISHOP TARTAGLIA preached and his sermon was widely praised by commentators in the press and by ordinary fans on social media. For the record, *Flourish* publishes here the full text of the Archbishop's homily at the funeral Mass.

ducting his Funeral Mass. I assure Liz and her family that it is a great honour for me to do so.

I offer my sympathies to Billy's surviving Lisbon teammates, Jim Craig, John Clark, Willie Wallace, Bertie Auld and Bobby Lennox, together with Charlie Gallagher, John Hughes, John Fallon, and other fine players, who have seen another of their number succumb to time and human frailty, as we all eventually must. It is right that we should mention today Stevie Chalmers, another of that famous band of Lisbon brothers and lions, who has also passed away in these days, the scorer of the winning goal in that fabled football match in Lisbon. May Stevie too rest in peace, along with Billy himself, and with Ronnie Simpson, Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch, Jimmy Johnstone and other dearly departed Celtic heroes of that unforgettable squad.

Everyone remembers Billy holding up the European Cup in Lisbon. What a sight that was! His already imperious presence and stature was mag-

nified by the achievement, by the accolade and by the context. Billy McNeill, the boy from Bellshill, Liz's darling husband and father of their children, became public property. Beloved of the Celtic family, he was greatly appreciated also by the general Scottish public and by so many people across the world because he was the superb captain of the famous Lisbon Lions.

It has been heart-warming to witness during these days the outpouring of affection and sympathy for Billy across the spectrum of Scottish society and beyond. It seems that there has even been a new appreciation of the groundbreaking moment that that Lisbon achievement by Billy and his Lions was for Scottish, British and European football.

In those amazing weeks of the spring of 1967, Scotland had beaten England the world champions at Wembley. Kilmarnock reached the semi-final of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup. Rangers reached the final of the European Cup Winners Cup, which both they and Aberdeen would win in



the coming years. It was possibly a unique era for Scottish football. Undoubtedly the golden moment, the impossible achievement, probably never to be repeated, was in Lisbon when Billy and Jock Stein's Lions, lifted the big cup, the European Cup.

And I am happy to say that I was there, on the vast sloping enclosure terracing of Hampden opposite the main stand, as a 15 year-old boy, with my Dad and my brother Michael, when Billy started it all off with his majestic header against Dumbfries in the 1965 Scottish Cup Final to give Celtic a 3-2 win. I can tell you, I was ecstatic!

A few months later, at the beginning of the 1966-67 season, from the old enclosure in front of the main stand at Celtic Park, I watched my Celtic team dismantle a star-studded Manchester United including Denis Law, George Best, Nobby Stiles, Bobby Charlton, and Paddy Crerand. The score was 4-1. Even though it was only a pre-season friendly, I thought to myself, dear Lord, we're good. We could really do something this season. And we did. On the way, Billy repeated his Scottish Cup Final feat in the quarter final of the European Cup against Vojvodina when

he powered in a late and decisive goal from Charlie Gallagher's corner kick. I did not see that in real time because I was in seminary at that time. However, my Dad and my brother were representing me! As they say, the rest is history.

Liz and family, all this is by way of saying that Billy and his Lisbon Lions and their colossus of a manager Jock Stein won the admiration and respect of a whole nation, and that whole nation joins with you in sympathy and in prayer today for Billy.

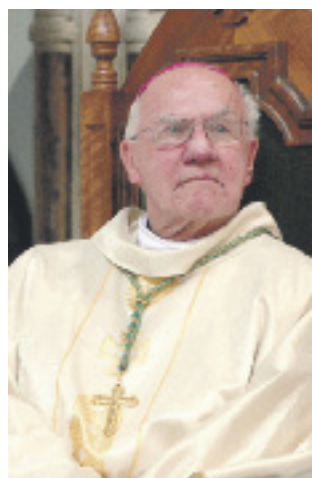
Billy McNeill will remain in our hearts and minds undoubtedly as a football icon and a Celtic legend. At the same time, Billy was a family man who loved his wife and children. He treasured the intimacy of his family life. As with the best of heroes, he was blessed with an unassuming character. He never forgot his own origins and he always had time for ordinary people and fans. He had a quiet religious faith born of his Lithuanian roots in Lanarkshire. People remember his regular Mass attendance at his parish, St Cadoc's, Newton Mearns, while he was still in good health. It was the present parish priest of St Cadoc's who visited him as he neared

the end of his life, and administered to him the Last Rites of the Church. He died surrounded by the love and prayers of his family.

Today, at this Funeral Mass, we have heard the Word of God summoning us to trust in God, to virtuous living and to hope in eternal life. The Holy Eucharist is being celebrated for our spiritual nourishment and is being offered for Billy McNeill, one of the baptised. The principal intention and purpose of this liturgy is to put before us the person of the risen Christ. He is our hope. He is our salvation. It is because of him that we trust in God and follow the way of the Lord. It is because of Him – Christ Jesus – that we may hope for the forgiveness of our sins, for friendship with God, for peace with one another, for fullness of life in this world and in the world to come, and at the last to see God face to face. With faith and trust in him, the Lord Jesus, we offer Liz and her family prayerful consolation, affection and support. We appeal to this same Lord to save Billy out of death, fill him with the life of the resurrection, and give him eternal rest and peace in the kingdom of light.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Bishop Joseph Devine, 1937–2019



THE death was announced just before *Flourish* went to press of Bishop Joseph Devine. A full obituary and tribute will appear in next month's edition.

Joseph Devine, as titular bishop of Voli was auxiliary in Glasgow 1977–1983.

He was appointed bishop of Motherwell on 13 May 1983 and retired on 30 May 2013.

Archbishop Tartaglia said:

"Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Joseph Devine. Bishop Devine came from Kirkintilloch and was a priest of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. He served the Archdiocese of Glasgow in various capacities before being consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Glasgow in 1977 at the age of 40, an office he held until being appointed Bishop of Motherwell in 1983. He served as a Bishop with great distinction for nearly four decades.

"I served on the Bishops'

Conference with Bishop Devine from 2005 until his retirement in 2013.

"He was a congenial and urbane colleague, vastly experienced, politically astute and not afraid to enter the public square to promote and defend Catholic interests. Among other things, he held the Bishops' Conference portfolio for Catholic Education, and was greatly respected in education circles. I was honoured to succeed him in that responsibility."

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