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Tuesday Club Diary Dates

Please note there will be no Tuesday Club on April 25th.

Tue. 2nd May. AGM

Tue. 9th May. Speaker. Mr Boyd Tunnock

SCIAF - WEE BOX -

Please return your WEE BOX from Holy Week to May 14th. Tax payers are reminded that they can increase their donation by using GIFT AID. If using GIFT AID do not return your donation to the Parish but send it to SCIAF with your details.

Saint Catherine of Siena's Story

The central value in Catherine's short life was her complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candour and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in The Dialogue.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER: IF THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON THAT YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH THE WIDER PARISH COMMUNITY PLEASE EMAIL stbridesparishnewsletter@gmail.com SPACE PERMITTING IT WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT WEEKS ISSUE

The arrangements for Mgr. Burns' funeral are as follows:

His remains will be received into St. Bride's Bothwell this Monday 24th April at 7.00pm.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place this Tuesday 25th April in St. Bride's at 12.00noon followed by internment at the priests' plot in St. Patrick's Cemetery, New Stevenston.

*May the Lord who chose Jack to serve Him as priest,
number him among his chosen in heaven.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

SCIAF CAMPAIGN TAKE ACTION TODAY

By swapping fossil fuels, like coal and gas, for clean energy, like wind, hydro and solar, we can power our homes without harming our sisters and brothers in countries like Zambia and the planet we share. Please join SCIAF's campaign calling on Members of the Scottish Parliament to support the move to clean energy by adding your name to the parish petition or filling in the **campaign card** that came with your WEE BOX.

Brexit trade campaign

Britain's exit from the European Union is likely to cause big changes in international trade - and for millions of people who trade with us from poor countries, it could be make or break.

They could find themselves squeezed even harder by powerful international competition. Or it could be the moment when the UK starts trading in a way that really benefits them.

That's why Traidcraft is campaigning with the Fairtrade Foundation (<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/brexit>) and others for a Brexit that works for everyone.

To join the campaign you can

EITHER: send a card to YOUR M.P. . (CARDS IN THE PORCH) asking him/her to write to the International Trade Secretary, Dr Liam Fox, and ask him to make sure BREXIT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

OR: sign the petition on line

www.traidcraft.co.uk/brexit-trade-campaign

Campaign by: TRAIDCRAFT, FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION, CAFOD, CHRISTIAN AID, OXFAM, TEARFUND.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ACT NOW!!! BEFORE THE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT!!!

Feast of Divine Mercy This Sunday 23rd April 2017 St Gerard's Bellshill Celebrant

Fr Roman. Holy Hour 2.00pm, Hour of Great Mercy 3.00pm Veneration of Divine Mercy & Prayers,

Holy Mass 4.15 pm (Confession 3.00- 4.00 pm)

Divine Mercy Novena concludes Today