

NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God
St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH
a Jesuit church founded in 1908

14th – 20th February 2021

This week:

Sunday 14th February 6th Sunday of the Year
Monday 15th February St Claude de la Colombière SJ
Tuesday 16th February *Feria*
Wednesday 17th February **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Thursday 18th February *Feria*
Friday 19th February *Feria*
Saturday 20th February *Feria*

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Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-GPleOdFrbiCLvmqTVgIIg>

Please remember the three funerals taking place
in St Aloysius Church this week...

James Brennan (Tuesday)

Paul Donnelly (Thursday)

Iain Campbell (Friday)

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and pray also for

Elizabeth Abraham

Sarah Brown

&

Farbizio Paloni

who died recently.

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May they rest in Peace



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Ash Wednesday

marks the beginning of Lent. For those in good health it is a Day of
Fasting (one meal in the day) and **Abstinence** (avoiding meat)

For **Ash Wednesday** itself there will be a short video reflection placed on the
Parish YouTube and there is a pdf of a possible prayer service at home on the
parish website. <https://tinyurl.com/bgjo0tuo> . In the absence of communal ashes,
*(which are traditionally created by burning last year's palms given on Palm
Sunday)* it would be very appropriate to take some soil and then use that as an
alternative mark of the dust of the earth.

Lent Retreat

The overall theme this year is 'Knowing Jesus'. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (17th February) there are daily resources for meditation and prayer. People can explore the resources, sign up for daily emails and (if you sign up by Ash



Wednesday) you can apply to join one of the weekly sharing groups which will take place by Zoom. To enter into the options perhaps go to the Jesuit Province prayer website and follow the options through:

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/lent-retreat-2021>

The BBC (through their Morning Services and Sunday Worship programmes) are also using the Lent Retreat as their rolling theme through the season, so congratulations to Fr David Birchall SJ at the ISC

for his hard work putting the programme together! The Sunday Worship programme on the First Sunday of Lent (Sunday 21st February) will have a distinctly Temptations/Jesuit/Root of all Evil feel... Be warned.

Stations of the Cross

Weekly Stations of the Cross videos will be livestreamed on SCIAF's Facebook page on Fridays during Lent at 7pm, so make sure you like their page and tune-in. For more information also about The Wee Box appeal please check out their website.

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/resources/565-parishes-wee-box-2021-resources>

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/stories/567-thank-you-from-sciaf>



SCiAF

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

Safeguarding Prayer Service

Some of you might remember that the Scottish Bishops designated the first Friday *after* Ash Wednesday as a Day for Prayer for those who have been victims of Abuse. In St Aloysius for the last couple of years instead of having an evening mass on that day, there was a lay-led service of prayer & reflection. With the closed Churches such a gathering is not possible, but the Bishops' Conference has put together a short reflective programme for

people to use at home.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9xl6p4>

On Safeguarding issues please also check-out

<https://www.staloyusglasgow.org/safeguarding/>

and <https://bridgetosupport.org.uk/#>



The St Andrew's Foundation

is the home of Catholic Teacher Education in Scotland and an international hub of knowledge exchange and research. It is located in the School of Education and works in partnership with the Scottish Government and the Bishops' Conference to ensure a high-quality education for prospective teachers. They are offering a number of lectures and courses which might be of interest...! https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_771433_smx.pdf



Mary's Meals

are one of the groups responding to the civil war which has been affecting the people of Tigray in northern Ethiopia. Brutal fighting in the region, has forced tens of thousands to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation. The region's capital, **Mekelle**, is being overwhelmed by displaced and traumatised people arriving every day. Many are unaccompanied children who have lost their

parents. Mary's Meals has been working with a trusted partner in the region for many years and together we are reaching out to children and communities affected by this dire situation. If you can help please do. For more information:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/who-we-are/news-and-blogs/update-crisis-in-ethiopia>

mary's meals | a simple solution to world hunger

Pope to visit Iraq in March

When the Pope visits Iraq next month he will travel to the city of **Mosul** which was captured by the (so-called) Islamic State in 2014 - an occupation which led to human atrocities and massive destruction



of the city. Last week the BBC World Service ran a short piece on the mixed-faith rebuilding of the two main Churches and the **al-Nuri Mosque** - the latter had been one of the great buildings of Islam (above right, including its famous crooked minaret you can see on the left) before they were blown up by IS.

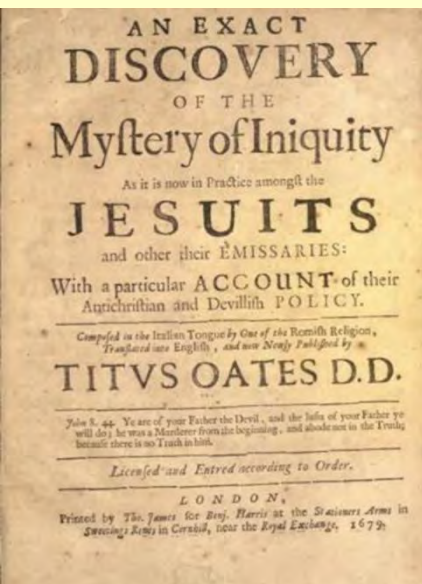
Gracefully Shia Muslims, Christians and Yazidi Muslims are now working together sharing resources to re-build the three main houses of prayer.. Drop into the episode of *Newshour* at 38 min 48 seconds!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w172x2z60w57zz>



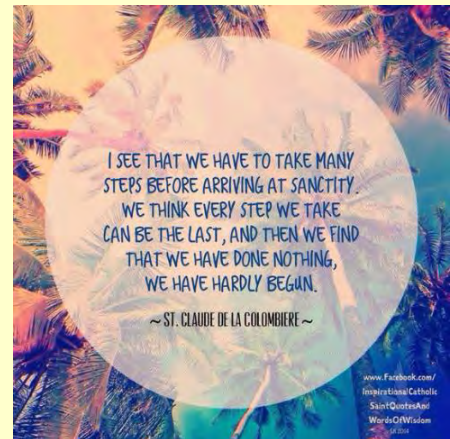
St Claude de la Colombière SJ

Claude has two claims to fame: he was the gentle Frenchman who was the spiritual guide of St Margaret Mary Alacoque and thus became one of the founders of the modern devotion to the **Sacred Heart**. But he was also missioned to London as Chaplain to the Duchess of Modena (*who was married to the catholic Duke of York*) in the heart of Protestant England in the reign of King Charles II. The frenzy of **The Titus Oates Plot** led to his imprisonment and, although finally exiled back to France, his health was broken and he died, aged 41, in 1682. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1992. <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/blog/st-claude-de-la-colombiere-sj-local-and-universal>



On the infamous **Titus Oates Plot** (also known to history as **The Popish Plot**) read <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/node/680>

Or watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AGIS68COn0> or listen to the BBC's **In our Time** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b079rbcj>



But lest we become too complacent...

1938: Fr Charles Coughlin

With many resonances for the present day, this is the sobering case of a priest who reminds us that that it can be quite easy for the persecuted to become persecutor...

An article on the Smithsonian website

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/time-private-us-media-companies-stepped-silence-falsehoods-and-incitements-major-public-figure-1938-180976771/>



Lent

By the always enlightening **Anatoly Liberman** *'The Oxford Etymologist'*...



“A word that has existed in the language for many centuries may change its pronunciation so drastically that light at best comes from the earliest recorded form. Today only the ecclesiastic sense of Lent is current, but in the past it was the main word for “spring.” Lent surfaced as *lencten*, that is, *lengten*: the season got its name because in spring days lengthen... Not surprisingly, such a homey word as *lencten* itself superseded another name of spring. There may have been an ancient Germanic goddess, whose Old English name was *Eastre*, a cognate of Latin *Aurora*. Her feast was celebrated at the vernal equinox. Perhaps spring was also called something like this. Today only Engl. *Easter* and German *Ostern* remind modern speakers of that goddess.” <https://blog.oup.com/2012/03/seasons-word-origin-spring-fall/>

Laudato Si

And finally... did you know that when Cristiano Ronaldo sends a single photo to his 240 million followers on Instagram, it consumes the energy it would take to power TEN regular British houses for a year?

Neither did I... but I found out that fact in this episode of the BBC's *The Climate Question*. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct0xbc> which might be of interest... ☺

