

NEWSLETTER



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

21st – 27th February 2021

This week:

Sunday 21st February **1st Sunday of Lent**
Monday 22nd February **The Chair of Peter**
Tuesday 23rd February *Feria*
Wednesday 24th February *Feria*
Thursday 25th February *Feria*
Friday 26th February *Feria*
Saturday 27th February *Feria*

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Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

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

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

Elizabeth Abraham & Sarah Brown

(sisters who died two days apart)

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May they rest in Peace



Lent Retreat

'Knowing Jesus' began on Ash Wednesday and there are daily resources for meditation and prayer. People can explore the resources, sign up for daily emails and download apps to your mobile phone. Never too late to start! To enter into the options go to the Jesuit Province prayer website and follow the options through: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/lent-retreat-2021>

Various works of art are used... such as that, to the left, by Br Rene SJ ->

During Lent, BBC Radio 4's *Sunday Worship* and the *Daily Service* on will be taking inspiration from Ignatian spirituality. A link to the online Retreat for Lent provided by the Jesuits which will complement programmes. *Philip Billson, the series producer, explains some of the background.*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3gGFw2dW+dqbsFxRMjqzdmD/pathways-to-prayer-lent-retreat-2021>



**BBC RADIO 4
SUNDAY WORSHIP**



As indicated last week, The Sunday Worship programme this weekend, on the **First Sunday of Lent**, has a distinctly *Temptations/Jesuit/Root-of-all-Evil* feel to it... The broadcast is at 8.10am on Sunday 21st February on Radio 4. This being Lent, if you sleep-in, or just forget, the punishment still awaits you for a month on the iPlayer. There is no escape: go quietly and give yourself up without complaint. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sgv9>



The Chair of St Peter

Before 1962 the Catholic calendar celebrated two feast days: "*Saint Peter's Chair at Rome*" on 18th January 18 and the "*Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch*" on **22nd February**, marking two key cities in the early Church which he stayed. Pope John XXIII reformed the calendar and consolidated them onto the second date. Although the original focus was a real chair – see Bernini's sculpture in the Vatican <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2018-02/chair-of-st-peter.html>

– it became more of a metaphorical meaning. In 2012 Pope Benedict XVI said that the Chair of St Peter is "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in love." <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/9-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-chair-of-st-peter>

<- To the left is our very own "Chair of St Peter in Glasgow"... ☺



Dendrochronological

Yes: this word was actually used in an interesting piece about some remarkably old frescos of St John the Baptist found in Germany. To find out what the word means read...

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/bavarian-frescoes-are-confirmed-to-be-among-the-oldest-in-northern-europe>

Poetry Corner

Amanda Gorman who recited her poem, "*The Hill We Climb*," at the U.S. Capitol during the inauguration of Joe Biden as the 46th president of the United States is a parishioner at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/poet-amanda-gorman-light-us-all-parishioner-says>

The Universe

The Catholic Newspaper, *The Universe*, contacted us to apologise that, because of Covid, casual copies it has not been available in St Aloysius. They said that if people would like to subscribe to the digital or the (postage free) print edition please see details of discounts at <https://thecatholicuniverse.com/>

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JESUIT CENTRE

Lenten Talks

WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?

To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is delighted to announce a number of prominent Catholic voices exploring the teachings of Pope Francis. Join us each Tuesday in Lent as we delve into some of the key issues that are defining Francis' papacy.



**Pope Francis on
Social Justice**
Austen Ivereigh
Tuesday 23rd February
7.30pm



**Pope Francis on
Refugees & Migration**
Sr Imelda Poole MBE
Tuesday 2nd March
7.30pm



**Pope Francis on
LGBTQ+ Ministry**
James Martin SJ
Tuesday 9th March
7.30pm



**Pope Francis on
Church Hierarchy**
Christopher Lamb
Tuesday 16th March
7.30pm



**Pope Francis on
The Environment**
Dr Lorna Gold
Tuesday 23rd March
7.30pm



**Pope Francis on
Women in the Church**
Gemma Simmonds CJ
Tuesday 30th March
7.30pm

THIS WEEK:

Mr Austen Ivereigh

“Pope Francis on Social Justice”

(Austen has written two best-selling books on Pope Francis, and recently Francis asked him to collaborate with his most recent book 'Let us Dream')

To find details of all the online talks (which are free!) see

Edinburgh Jesuit Centre <https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

LET US
DREAM

THE PATH TO
A BETTER FUTURE

POPE
FRANCIS





Right to Life

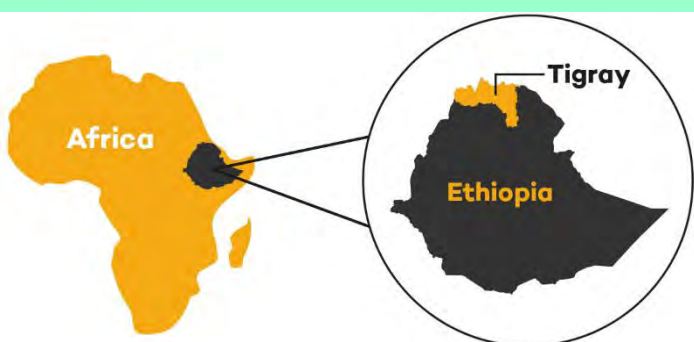
The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current *temporary* arrangement which allow 'DIY' home abortions. Join the consultation... <https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>

Overseas Aid cut?

The UK Government are quietly planning to cut the budget for overseas aid from 0.7% to 0.5%.

To do this they need first to change the law.

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland have published a briefing document, included below, which provides helpful information on what the cut in overseas aid will mean and some arguments in favour of retaining the 0.7 per cent aid commitment. Perhaps a Lenten act of almsgiving (time, not money) might be to spend 10 minutes reading the briefing and then sending a short letter to one of MPs? <https://rcpolitics.org/write-to-you-mp-about-proposed-reduction-in-international-development-budget/>



Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow,

founder of Mary's Meals writes:

"The people of Tigray are living in fear of imminent starvation. The brutal fighting, taking place away from the eyes of the world, has forced many to flee their homes. The city of Mekelle is being overwhelmed by displaced people arriving with nothing at all. Many of them are

unaccompanied children who have lost their parents. Probably amongst those children are some who used to eat Mary's Meals at school, because before this conflict we were serving 24,230 children in the region each day."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vko3Mj4m32M>

mary's meals | a simple solution to world hunger

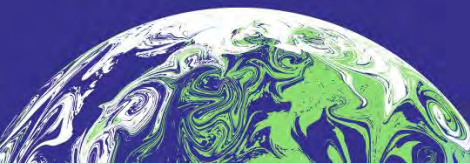
Fasting

sojourners
Faith in Action for Social Justice

A few years ago, Mallory McDuff wrote an engaging reflection for *Sojourners Magazine* on her experience of fasting in Lent... You might like to read it...

<https://sojo.net/articles/lenten-reflections/after-giving-alcohol-i-m-addicted-lent>

THE CLIMATE
HAS NO BORDERS



Laudato Si

Why does COP26 in Glasgow matter?

Climate change is the continuing crisis the world is experiencing since its discovery in the early 19th century, but any global discussion at this time has to start with COVID-19. These are the two existential crises humanity faces today and the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow in November cannot be put to the side as countries come to grips to manage the pandemic.

2020 is one of the hottest three years on record and ocean heat-content is at rising record levels as well, as there is no let-up, no reduction in the concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In 2020 alone, (click to follow the hyperlinks in blue) fires were experienced in Australia, the Arctic, Spain, and California. Continued extreme weather events throughout Asia were reported in the World Disasters Report 2020. There was severe drought in South America, water scarcity in India, increased vulnerability of Small Island States to sea level rise, and major locust invasions in Africa, with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization describing the situation as a desert locust crisis.



All of these regional crises, often viewed as temporary, demand urgent, comprehensive, and lasting local-to-global action. These crises continue to circle, undermining human resilience and the national capacity to act.” <https://www.ecojesuit.com/why-engaging-with-cop26-matters/>



Perseverance in Lent...



Brother Robert Macke SJ from the Vatican Observatory welcomes the news that the NASA rover touched-down on Mars on Thursday... “Perseverance” blasted-off in July 2020 and has travelled nearly half a billion miles.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/papal-astronomer-celebrates-mars-missions>

The photo above right shows Br Robert (with a fellow Jesuit astronomer) at Castel Gandolfo, just outside Rome, the extinct volcano which is now a lake, where the original *Specula Vaticana* is situated - just on the edge of the crater.

