

NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God
St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH
a lebanon church founded in 1508

3rd WEEK OF LENT

7th – 13th March 2021

This week:

Sunday 7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday 8th March *Feria*

Tuesday 9th March *Feria*

Wednesday 10th March St John Ogilvie SJ

Thursday 11th March *Feria*

Friday 12th March *Feria*

Saturday 13th March *Feria*

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Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

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

Please remember those who have died recently
and whom we have been asked to pray for...

Hugh English

Mary Carney

Matthew Adair Boyle

May they rest in Peace



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Saint of the
Week

St John Ogilvie SJ
martyred

Glasgow Cross
10th March 1615

St Aloysius in Garnethill has the honour
of being the national shrine for St John.

His story is told on the dedicated pages on our website <https://www.stalouisiusglasgow.org/st-john-ogilvie/> where you will also find various photos of the Shrine and the mosaic. The magnificent picture to the upper-left is a stained-glass window in the Scots College in Rome.

But there are two wonderful animations (*made by Kenny McKie & Austen Temby*) on St John which would highly recommend viewing. They tell the story of his life and the miracle that led to his canonisation (**The Life and Death of St John Ogilvie**) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRC3bnOrPBbM&t=58s>
(**Easterhouse: The Glasgow Miracle in 1967**) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwY9xDSkt58&t=64s>

Easter Church Opening?

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have written to the First Minister putting the case for a Holy Week opening with the suggestion of greater numbers possible in the bigger Churches. But there is a delicate balance between re-opening and the possibility of unleashing a wave of Covid infections in the Springtime, so it is an awkward and unenviable judgement for the politicians. At present places of worship will be allowed to open in a limited way on **Monday 5th April**, which is **Easter Monday**.



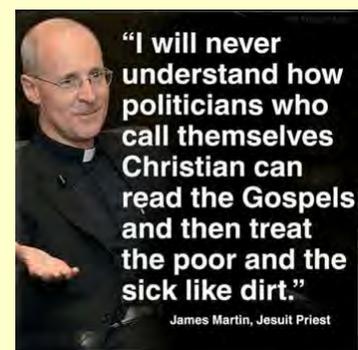
Lent Retreat

It is never too late to start 'Knowing Jesus' the Lenten retreat! To enter into the options go to the Jesuit Province prayer website and follow the options through: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/lent-retreat-2021>; meanwhile the St Aloysius 'Sunday Worship' programme on the **First Sunday of Lent** continues to stalk unsuspecting listeners to BBC Sounds... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sgv9>



Edinburgh Lenten Talks

The series organised by the Edinburgh Jesuits continues on Tuesday 9th March at 7.30pm with guest speaker **Fr James Martin SJ**, an American Jesuit (broadcaster and writer) on **Pope Francis & LBGTO+**. James is especially known in the media in the US. This is a profile piece done about him by the **Vanity Fair** magazine in 2017 <https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2017/04/mciet-the-catholic-priest-whose-twitter-puts-trump-to-shame>



For the Tuesday talk go to Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814> or View on Facebook live by typing "Edinburgh Jesuit Centre" into Facebook

St Francis of Assisi

Laudato Si

Why is **St Francis of Assisi** (1182-1226) such an inspiration both to the environmental movement and Pope Francis – indeed he is the first Pope who took his names from this saint! This is a short piece from the **National Catholic Register** explaining something of the background...

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/why-francis-assisi-patron-saint-ecology>



The Way of the Cross



Every Friday our colleagues in **Sacred Heart, Edinburgh** are posting Reflections on the Way of the Cross presented by Parish Priest, Fr William Pearsall SJ and one of the parishioners. Join them every Friday through Lent <https://we.tl/t-TpdZA463OT>

Gonzaga Lectures - online

'Keeping faith in a Covid world'.

Challenges and positive responses to the pandemic
St Aloysius College have asked three people imbued with the Ignatian spirit try to help to and analysis of our current situation



and offer insights into how we might respond with hope to the challenges that face us. It will be a half-hour lecture followed by an opportunity for questions & answers.

- Wednesday 10th March, 7pm: Fr Adrian Porter SJ
- Wednesday 17th March, 7pm: Dr Theodora Hawksley
- Wednesday 24th March, 7pm: Fr Simon Bishop SJ

For more details... <https://www.staloyisius.org/aloyisian-life/gonzaga-lecture-series-609>

Homelessness

Escalating homelessness in **Chicago** forced city officials to act boldly to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. "Hotel 166", located in one of the city's 'fanciest shopping districts', was then morphed into a homeless shelter. This short BBC film reflects on the experiences which have provoked some to wonder whether a more radical approach to homelessness is needed in order to *solve* the problem and not just *manage*



it... <https://www.bbc.com/reel/video/p091r3w/how-the-pandemic-is-reshaping-homelessness>

“History will not judge this nation kindly.”



The sobering words are from a letter from over 100 Charities to the British Prime Minister in the last few days in the light of the leaking of a memo which indicates that the UK Government will be slashing its Foreign Aid Budget.

Yemen, in particular, has stumbled through wars, factionalism and is on the brink of starvation, a plaything between various world and regional power-brokers.... See

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-56301743>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Yemen-Crisis-Appeal>

My Things...

A short video on our psychological attachments...

<https://aeon.co/videos/feeling-connected-to-objects-is-a-fundamental-and-fraught-part-of-human-nature>



Lost Things...

A HEREFORDSHIRE church could be home to a lost masterpiece, it has been claimed, after a signature of **Titian** was found on a painting undergoing restoration. After languishing for 200 years in the Anglican parish church Ledbury, a gloomy painting on the north wall has been hailed as a “lost” depiction of **The Last Supper**. And it could have been lost forever, the rector explained, as the picture had become “increasingly dark” over the years and some even believed the church “ought to get rid of it”. The Hereford Times broke the story, but the Smithsonian gives us the context ... <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/church-found-undiscovered-painting-titians-workshop-180977137/>

Fishy Things...

Early Catholic missionaries in 17th century Venezuela discovered an animal that lived in water, had webbed feet, and tasted like fish. With Lent approaching, they asked the Vatican to grant the animal the status of fish, so they might eat it during the upcoming days of meat-free fasting. The Vatican agreed, and the **Capybara**—the largest living rodent in the world—became a coveted addition to many Lenten dinner tables in Latin America. Missionaries in Canada got permission in a similar way to eat the meat of the north American Beaver...

<https://birdbrainedscience.wordpress.com/2016/02/19/capybara-chips-when-taxonomy-lent-collide/>

