

NEWSLETTER



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

4th WEEK OF LENT

14th – 20th March 2021

This week:

Sunday 14th March 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday 15th March *Feria*

Tuesday 16th March *Feria*

Wednesday 17th March *St Patrick*

Thursday 18th March *Feria*

Friday 19th March *St Joseph*

Saturday 20th March *Feria*

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Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

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

Please remember to pray for

Hugh English

funeral at St Aloysius on Tuesday

May he rest in Peace



Holy Week Church Opening?

Remember how we first locked down on the **Feast of St Joseph** in 2020? An unusual year! The Scottish Government have indicated that (all things being equal) they are likely to give permission for Places of Worship to open in late March. With that in mind, St Aloysius hopes to open on **Friday 26th March**, which is just before the Palm Sunday weekend.

Many of the old Tier 3 regulations will be in place (*50 people, registration, sanitising, masks, social distancing, no singing etc...*) so the plan is to continue with the middle-of-the-day opening for 12.15pm Mass & Confessions, with two morning masses on Sunday.

The trio of liturgies at the end of Holy Week known as The Easter Triduum (*Holy Thursday night, Good Friday Service & the Holy Saturday Vigil*) pose a problem because they form a single liturgy spread-out over three days, and there would be no way, given the restrictions, that available places could be evenly shared across the community.

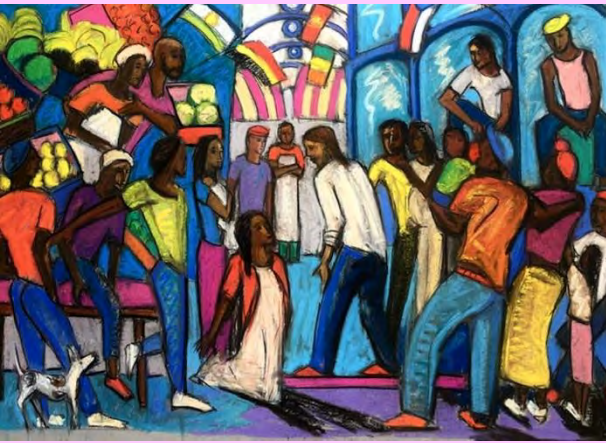
Thus we will likely have these three services online with the Church open for private prayer and confessions at times on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. There will then be three simple Masses in the Church on Easter Sunday morning. Final details will be in next week's Newsletter when we should have more information from the Government and the Archdiocese.

March Issue of Flourish!

free to download at

<https://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk/downloads/Flourish-March-2021.pdf>





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> and for

another week-or-so St Aloysius 'Sunday Worship' programme on the **First Sunday of Lent** continues to roam the hallways of the undead on BBC Sounds...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sgv9>



Edinburgh Lenten Talks

The series organised by the Edinburgh Jesuits continues on Tuesday 16th March at 7.30pm with guest speaker **Mr Christopher Lamb**, the Rome correspondent of the Catholic Weekly Magazine, **The Tablet** who will be reflecting on **Pope Francis & the Church Hierarchy**.

Go to Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814>

or View on Facebook live by typing "Edinburgh Jesuit Centre" into Facebook



Pope Francis & Islam

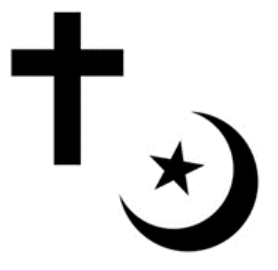
The photo to the right shows Pope Francis last week with Christian and Muslim leaders in **Ur**, the birthplace of Abraham in southern Iraq.

In the last few years Pope Francis has made three keynote speeches to the Muslim communities in the world – in Egypt, in Azerbaijan and then in Iraq. As a piece on the Vatican website observes, common threads link Pope Francis' speeches in Baku, Cairo and then (most recently) at Ur.

The thread indicates the need for

An authentic worship of God, & **A love of our brothers & sisters**, & **A concrete commitment to justice & peace.**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-03/pope-francis-islam-iraq-magisterium-cairo-baku-ur.html>



Laudato Si...

A Week in the Life of a Blue Whale...?

The eastern South Pacific Ocean, off Chilean Patagonia, is a summer destination for Blue Whales nursing and looking for food. But the region is also a dangerous spot for them, as it is overrun with up to 1000 vessels-a-day, increasing the risk of collisions with these already endangered mammals.



In a study published in Nature this week, researchers tracked the position of 15 Blue Whales in the region over 5 years to build a model that predicts the animals' distribution. They matched the model with official vessel traffic data to pinpoint where ship strikes are more likely to occur for the species.

This animation link A Week In The Life of one blue whale (blue dot) trying to avoid ships (orange dots). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFcIo+FXzSF&t=2s> The video shows how risky the area is for the animals and could serve as a base for future conservation policies.

Closer to home...

Professor Yadvinder Malhiis, professor of ecosystem science at the University of Oxford, provides a longer read as he thoughtfully reflects on how lockdown can allow us to look closely and marvel at the ecology close by.

<https://psyche.co/ideas/observing-nature-in-your-backyard-is-not-dull-but-radically-significant>

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JESUITS
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Coal & Climate Change

Following the filing of a climate change resolution by fifteen of its institutional investors – including the Jesuits in Britain, HSBC's board have tabled their own resolution that commits the company to phase out financing of coal-fired power and thermal coal mining by 2030 in the EU and OECD and by 2040 elsewhere. <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/shareholder-campaign-secures-hsbc-coal-phase-out>



The Roma People

In north eastern Hungary, because of the downgrading of the heavy industry, many people lost their livelihood. They mostly include the Roma people, who make up 60% of the 3700 inhabitants of the village called Arló. This is where the Hungarian Jesuits have joined the Franciscan sisters trying to re-develop the village.. *'one Gospel step at a time'*... A short video on the Jesuit Global channel gives a glimpse...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KocgFw2M-4> With some more information <https://jesuits.eu/news/1559-roma-mission-in-a-redeveloping-village>



WOMEN IN THE CHURCH



On World Women's Day, following extended consultations, the Jesuit General, Fr Arturo Sosa, established a Commission to investigate the role of women in the works and ministries of the Jesuits... for more information... <https://www.jesuits.global/2021/03/08/8-march-2021-its-womens-day-for-the-jesuits-too/>



1945

Researchers in Poland have discovered the remains of three Catholic nuns killed by Soviet troops toward the end of World War II. An investigation by a team from the Polish Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), which investigates crimes committed in Poland by both Nazi and Communist forces. Soviet soldiers killed more than 100 sisters from the St. Catherine order alone during the 1945 reinvasion of Poland. Religious orders *"were seen as secretive organizations threatening the officially atheist Communist Party's absolute power, so they became key targets for repression."* The Smithsonian reports on how the IPN uncovered the Sisters' skeletons in Ornetka, a village in northern Poland, last December.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/archaeologists-uncover-skeletons-catholic-nuns-who-were-murdered-russian-soldiers-wwii-180977184/>



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It is an image that has resonated around the world, a Catholic nun kneels in front of police in Myanmar. She is trying to protect a group of young unarmed protesters seeking refuge in the clinic in which she works. Myanmar is mainly a Buddhist country but Christian groups do much ministry for the poor and the sick. Talking to the BBC, **Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng** explained how the events unfolded....

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-asia-56356050>

“In God’s Hands”

Actor, **Martin Sheen** writes in the Jesuit Magazine ‘America’ recalling, how his lawyer persuaded him to contact Mother Teresa to try to stop the Gulf War in 1990... © <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/03/01/martin-sheen-mother-teresa-catholic-gulf-war-240132>

Martin Sheen was born Ramón Estévez in the US with an Irish mother & Spanish father and took his acting surname from Bishop Fulton Sheen who was famous on TV at the time. He has appeared in over 100 films, but he’s best known on television as President Bartlet in **The West Wing**. Martin has been a devout & active Catholic since a crisis of faith and life in 1980 when filming *Apocalypse Now*. He’s been arrested over 60 times in vigils and protests. “Piety is something you do alone,” he says. “True freedom, spirituality, can only be achieved in community.”



Two archived radio programmes which might be of interest are his appearance on **Desert Island Discs** on the BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00z2n2c> and then a more in-depth faith interview on the US radio <https://onbeing.org/programs/martin-sheen-spirituality-of-imagination-jun2017/>

Preaching Christ with a Paintbrush



On the website of ikon-selling **Sisters of St Elizabeth** in Belarus they show a giant painting which took **Alexander Ivanov** 20 years to complete and is now displayed at the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow. To complete this work, Ivanov drew over 600 sketches of the individual elements of the narrative. The author attributed deep meaning to every detail of the picture. For a glimpse...?

<https://blog.obitel-minsk.com/2021/03/this-artist-gave-half-his-life-to-reveal-christ-to-the-people.html>