

NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God
St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH
a lebanon church founded in 1858

5th WEEK OF LENT

21st – 27th March 2021

This week:

Sunday 21st March 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday 22nd March *Feria*

Tuesday 23rd March *Feria*

Wednesday 24th March *Feria*

Thursday 25th March The Annunciation

Friday 26th March *Feria*

Saturday 27th March *Feria*

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Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

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

Holy Week & Easter Church Opening

Government Tier 3 regulations will be in place (50 people, registration at the door, sanitising, masks, social distancing, no singing etc...) so limited opening of the Chapel.

Friday 26th March

opening at 11.45am for Confessions with Mass at 12.15pm

Saturday 27th March

opening at 11.45am for Confessions with Palm Mass at 12.15pm

Palm Sunday 28th March

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Holy Week

Monday 29th March

opening at 11.45am for Confessions with Mass at 12.15pm

Tuesday 30th March

opening at 11.45am for Confessions with Mass at 12.15pm

Wednesday 31st March

opening at 11.45am for Confessions with Mass at 12.15pm

Triduum

Services online only.

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

St Aloysius Church

open for

Private Prayer & Confessions only

(no registration needed)

ALL WELCOME

Holy Thursday 1st April 11.00am – 1.00pm

Good Friday 2nd April 12 noon – 4.00pm

Holy Saturday 3rd April 11.00am – 2.00pm

Easter Sunday 4th April

Morning Masses at 8.00am; 9.30am & 11.00am

Please remember to pray for

John Heaney

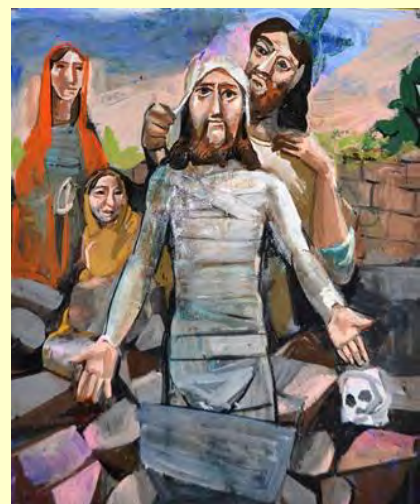
funeral at St Aloysius on Thursday 25th March

May he rest in Peace



Lent Retreat

It is never too late to start 'Knowing Jesus' the Lenten retreat with its mixture of meditations, art and music. To enter into the options go to the Jesuit Province prayer website and follow the options through: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/len-retreat-2021>



Edinburgh Lenten Talks

The series organised by the Edinburgh Jesuits continues on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.30pm with guest speaker **Dr Lorna Gold**, activist and academic. Lorna originally comes from Scotland but has been working in Ireland as Chief Policy Analyst for Trocaire (*the Irish Church equivalent of SCIAF*), works part-time in Maynooth University and is a member of the Vatican Commission on the post-Covid world. Lorna will be reflecting on **Pope Francis & the Environment**.

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



Vatican Appointments

On 9th March 2021, Pope Francis appointed Spanish biblical scholar, **Sr. Nuria Calduch-Benages**, (below left) as secretary of the **Pontifical Biblical Commission**.



This follows the Pope's appointment of **Sr Nathalie Becquart**, (below right) a French member of the **Xaviere Missionary Sisters**, as co-undersecretary of the **Synod of Bishops**, a department that prepares major meetings of world bishops held every few years on a different topic. Sr Nathalie's position, effectively a joint number two spot, will give her the right to vote in the all-male assemblies. Also in early February Francis named Italian magistrate **Ms Catia Summaria** as the first woman Promoter of Justice in the Vatican's Court of Appeals.



In 2020 Francis appointed six women to senior roles in the council that oversees **Vatican finances**; and he also appointed women to the posts of **Deputy Foreign Minister**, **Director of the Vatican Museums** and **Deputy Head of the Vatican Press Office**.

Sr Nuria, who is from Barcelona, was interviewed by Vatican News...

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-03/first-woman-appointed-secretary-of-vatican-biblical-commission.html>

Dead Sea Scrolls



It was announced in this last week that further discoveries had been made in the area of the Dead Sea. The first scrolls were found in 1947 when shepherds were looking for lost sheep around obscure caves in the cliffs around the Dead Sea area. Their discoveries found their way into the hands of manuscript dealers and it was only then when with the Israeli authorities began to realise the



importance of the finds. The scrolls (mostly texts of the Old Testament) were thought to have been hidden in the caves by **Jewish sects** (in particular a group called The **Essenes**) for safe keeping while the conflicts with the Romans were at their height in the century after the death of Jesus. The scrolls revolutionised the study and translations of the Bible in the last 60 years. The recent discoveries are relative modest (fragments of the Old Testament... see above) but because they were found by archaeologists, the contents of the obscure cave have been sifted carefully revealing ancient coins, the embalmed body of a young boy and a basket woven 12,000 years ago! A report was on the BBC...



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-56405090>

And if you can get over the awful English dubbing of the official video, there are some wonderful visuals! <https://vimeo.com/524252227>



Jesuits & Friends

The Easter Edition of the British Jesuit Magazine is recently published. There are a number of interesting items regarding work and ministry over the last 6 months – an update on the campaign to get the release of **Fr Stan Swami SJ** (who is in his mid-80s and thus the oldest political prisoner in India); a reflection on the catechetical resource called **Godly Play**; writer Austen Ivereigh talking about working with Pope Francis on his latest book; some information on the **Bridge To Support** safeguarding project in Scotland; and a glimpse at a cartoon retelling of the life of St Ignatius of Loyola!



The digital version is

https://www.jesuit.org.uk/sites/default/files/jesuits_friends_spring_2021_0.pdf



Researching the Past (i)....

Access to an extensive multilingual bibliography of academic research on Jesuits and the Society of Jesus is being offered free of charge by this initiative that has been launched by a partnership of the three Jesuit institutions: **ARSI** (Archivum Romanum Societatis Jesu - Rome), the *Jesuitica* Project of the Catholic **University of Leuven** - Belgium, and the Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies of **Boston College** - USA. It is a “living” bibliography containing books, scientific journals, newspapers, theses, and conferences - all well classified and indexed. Researchers can open an account to keep track of their research and can also contribute to it. To find out more... <https://jesuitonlinebibliography.bc.edu/>



Researching the Past (ii)

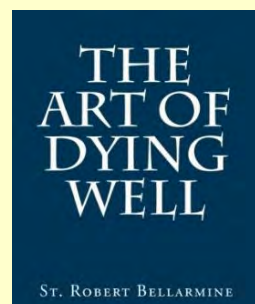
The 50th Anniversary of the canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England & Wales passed quietly in October 2020, but as ten of the 40 were Jesuits the archives of the British Jesuits contain much of the information and items (for example St Thomas More's hat to the left!) and a new digital exhibition has been established. A report on the exhibition was written by The Universe [https://thecatholicuniverse.com/relics-from-the-](https://thecatholicuniverse.com/relics-from-the-40-martyrs-to-go-on-display-in-online-jesuit-exhibition/)

<https://www.jesuitcollections.org.uk/> and the online collection can be accessed at

The Art of Dying Well

The key to the art of dying well is living well – as St Robert Bellarmine SJ pointed out. The Vatican website has flagged up a joint initiative between St Mary's University in London and the St Vincent de Paul Society to train volunteers as End of Life partners. Read more...

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-03/end-of-life-companion-partnership-launched-in-britain.html>



Cardinal Zen

Last month, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) announced new regulations on the selection and appointment of bishops in China. These new regulations are set to go into effect on 1st May. The CCP, which controls Chinese politics, culture and civil society,

released a document titled, “*Administrative Measures for Religious Clergy.*” Many of these new rules appear to directly block the Catholic Church hierarchy outside the nation’s borders from influencing Church governance within China.

The retired Archbishop of Hong Kong, **Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun**, (to the left) has been an outspoken critic of China’s human rights abuses, spoke-out against upcoming changes to Catholic Church appointments in mainland China that he called “not legitimate” and “schismatic”. Cardinal Zen gave an interview to *Religion Unplugged*.



<https://religionunplugged.com/news/2021/5/9/exclusive-cardinal-zen-says-chinese-church-without-vatican-cooperation-will-die-out-soon-be-rejected-by-chinese-people>

Laudato Si... and Ice



A few items to interest...

Having emerged from **The Beast from the East 2**, it is good to reflect on the ways that we can impact the environment – this piece from the magazine **Undark** looks at the way that over-salting the roads to avoid ice can be problematic when done thoughtlessly... <https://undark.org/2021/03/11/road-salt-impacts-aquatic-ecosystems/>

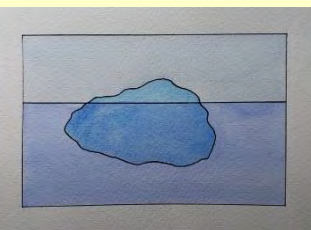


“When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society.”

The magazine **Hakai** studies the coastlands of the world and explores the ways that land and cultures interact with the seas... This short piece profile Jill Heinurth who researches Icebergs... Worth a look even just for the stunning image that heads the article... <https://www.hakimagazine.com/article-short/coastal-job-iceberg-explorer/>



In **Nature** magazine, they flagged up how a simple drawing (left) by Megan Thomson-Munson inspired someone to create programme to allow someone to draw their own Iceberg and watch how it floats... <https://joshdata.me/iceberger.html> but this in turn inspired someone else to the updated version...



<https://engaging-data.com/iceberger-remixed/>

all quite meditative... ☺

Hours of fun for the child in you that still likes to learn!