

NEWSLETTER



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

1st WEEK OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

Morning Masses at 8.00am; 9.30am & 11.00am

Open at 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.30am

EASTER WEEK

Monday 5th April – Saturday 10th April

Opening at 11.45am for Confessions with Mass at 12.15pm

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER 11th April

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Opening at 9.00am and 10.30am

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Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

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

Happy Easter!

The Jesuit Community in Garnethill would like to thank all of you who, in this last year of lockdown, have:

prayed for us persistently...

resourced us so generously...

helped us patiently...

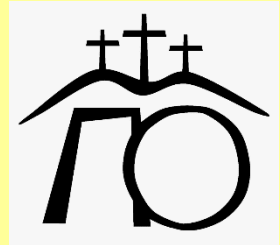
accompanied us steadily...

challenged us courageously...

informed us promptly...

entertained us gracefully...

& educated us humbly...



God sees every helping hand that is offered.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL &
WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU!

Meanwhile, in Mongolia...



The beautiful faces of the young women belong to four of only 1,300 Catholics in the whole of Mongolia. The Catholics have 8 parishes, 5 of which are in the capital of Ulaanbaatar. The Vatican website has an Easter interview with the Bishop of Ulaanbaatar... <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-04/mongolia-catholic-church-easter-pandemic-marengo.html>



Children in Myanmar

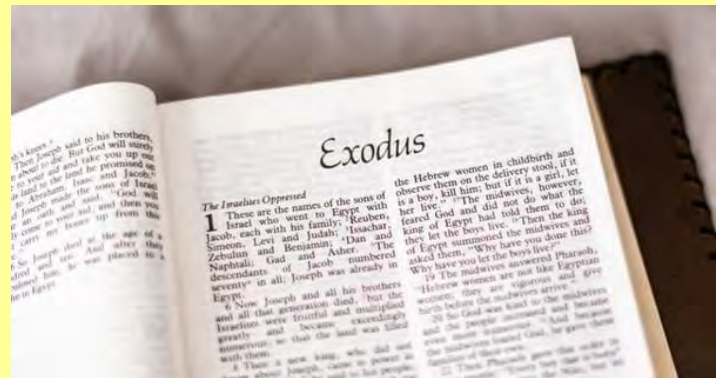
The Vatican website also highlights a report by UNICEF as to the loss of life of children – killed by police and troops – in the recent civil strife in Myanmar. Innocent suffering in the hands of the powerful... a key Easter message.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2021-05/unicef-myanmar-children-55-children-killed.html>

Easter & Passover...

John Barton is an Anglican priest and is Emeritus Professor of Holy Scripture in the University of Oxford, and presently a Senior Research Fellow in the Jesuit house of Campion Hall in Oxford. He published a History of the Bible in 2019 which became a worldwide bestseller, bringing grudgingly positive reviews from even unexpected quarters...

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/jun/29/a-history-of-the-bible-by-john-barton-review> John has written a reflection on the relationship between Passover & Easter for the Jesuit review of 'Thinking Faith' which people might like as a spiritual read... <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/most-holy-night>



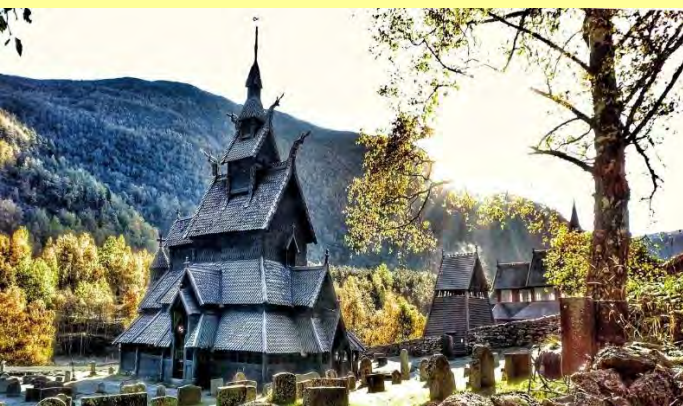
A HISTORY OF THE Bible

THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL BOOK

JOHN BARTON

Scandi Tar

As early as the 11th century, builders began erecting churches all over Norway. Much of Europe was creating massive cathedrals of stone during this period, but the Scandinavians built in wood. While each house of worship was unique, all of them had staves, or load-bearing corner posts joined to vertical



wall planks with a tongue-and-groove method. It is thought that there were over 2000 such 'Stave Churches' across Norway, but now there are only 30 left and they are in need of some tender, loving care... A key to their preservation is the ancient pine-tar that was need to seal the Churches from the elements – as it was had been needed to protect the Viking Long Ships. A nice piece on the Atlas Obscura website in search of the recipe...

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/stave-church-tar-conservation>



A round of applause for Emperor Hadrian...

...for preserving the site of Jesus' burial.

Hadrian – who inspired Hadrian's Wall across the north of England – was an enthusiastic persecutor of Christians. In an attempt to eradicate the Christian sacred places in the Holy Land he built Roman temples on a number of sacred Christian sites. Ironically this allowed later Christians to find where those sites were... This piece Biblical Archaeology looks at some of the history surrounding the Holy Sepulchre

<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/jerusalem/investigating-the-church-of-the-holy-sepulchre/>

One of my treasured books

...is *The Man Born To Be King* which is a dusty tome printed in 1944. It contains the cycle of 12 plays (each an hour long) of the life of Jesus broadcast by the BBC during the Second World War. I remember listening to a new production on the BBC in the late 70s. They are remarkable still and (at the time) scandalised some people for being not pious enough. They were written by **Dorothy L. Sayers** who matched Agatha Christie in her popularity for her detective novels in the earlier decades of the 20th Century. Sayers was an Anglican with an exceptional understanding of the Greek New Testament, and her introductory notes and guides to the actors are brilliant in understanding the life of Jesus. The National Catholic Reporter carries a book review of a recent biography of Sayers...

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/biography-explores-subversive-christianity-novelist-dorothy-sayers>



'I'm just an old sinner like everyone else.'

Anthony Hopkins the actor, who played Pope Benedict XVI in *The Two Popes*, was once an atheist, but turned to God during his addiction to alcohol and it became the turning point in his life. This change of heart was revealed in an interview a few years ago with Piers Morgan who asked him if he believed in God? to which Hopkins replied wholeheartedly: "Yes, /do. /do." This little piece on the Dominican website **Aleteia** speaks about a moving message Hopkins sent out at the New Year about his 45 years of sobriety. <https://aleteia.org/2021/01/01/celebrating-45-years-of-sobriety-anthony-hopkins-gives-us-a-message-of-hope/>

'It's easier to come out as an alcoholic than a Christian'

A typically blunt observation by one of Britain's most unexpected practicing Catholics. The comedian Frank Skinner, was one of the most provocative performers of the last couple of decades. But his return to his Catholicism continues to baffle many of his colleagues... so he decided to write a Catholic prayer book which was published on April Fools' Day. If you can get past the Daily Telegraph's pay-wall he gives an interesting interview <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/05/26/frank-skinner-people-like-hear-demons-not-believe-actual-demons/> but, even better, he writes himself in the iNews about how his atheist friends don't like him praying for them 😊

<https://inews.co.uk/culture/frank-skinner-comedians-prayer-book-religious-catholic-faith-atheists-935573>

