

NEWSLETTER



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

6th WEEK OF EASTER

6th SUNDAY of EASTER 9th May

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

6th Week of Easter

Mon – Sat open for registration & Confessions at 11.45am with Mass at 12.15pm

Ascension Thursday: Masses 11.00am (open at 10.30am) & 12.15pm

7th SUNDAY of EASTER 16th May

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

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



This Week...

Please remember **Mr John McGlade**, **Dr Gerald Beattie** and **Mrs Therese McElhinney** who died recently and their funerals take place in St Aloysius on Monday, Wednesday and Friday respectively.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Easter season approaches a climax of **Pentecost**, in two weeks' time, but this week we reach **Ascension Thursday**. According to 'The Acts of the Apostles', The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven occurred 10 days before Pentecost Sunday. In fact, St Luke (who wrote Acts) tells the story of the Ascension twice – the first time at the end of his Gospel (**Luke 24:50-53**) and then the second time at the beginning of Acts (**Acts 1. 6-11**). They are different versions so it worth a read of the two and compare them asking the question – why did he write two versions?

Just when you had thought we had run out of disciples to celebrate, the day after (14th May) happens to be the Feast of **St Matthias**. If his name is a little hazy in your memory is because he was not one of the original Twelve, but was the person who was chosen by the early Church as a replacement for Judas. His is an interesting story and it comes immediately after the Ascension in Acts (see **Acts 1.12-26**).

Anti-Mafia Lawyer to be made Blessed

On Sunday, 9th May **Rosario Angelo Livatino** will be made Blessed in a service at the Cathedral of Agrigento, Sicily. Rosario Livatino (born in 1952), was an Italian magistrate from Canicattì, Sicily, who was hated "for his Christian and professional consistency" by the "men of the mafia that dominated the Sicilian territory in the eighties." On 21st September 1990 Rosario was 37 years old when his car was ambushed and he was gunned down by killers paid by the heads of the Sicilian organized crime groups Stidda and Cosa Nostra. Pope Francis has just written a Preface to a new book about Livatino's life...



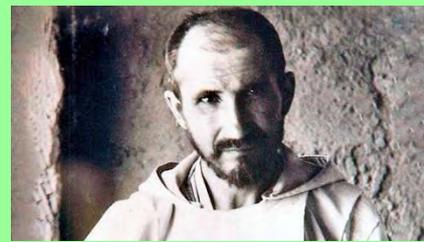
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/pope-francis-rosario-angelo-livatino-book-bertolone-vincenzo.html>

With something of the background to his life this is a piece by **The Guardian**...

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/dec/22/italian-judge-killed-sicilian-mafia-beatified-martyr-pope-francis-rosario-livatino-catholic>

Canonisation of Charles de Foucauld

Blessed **Charles de Foucauld** was a Frenchman who, first as a French Cavalry Officer and then as a cartographer, travelled extensively mapping the geography of Northern Africa. As a soldier he had lapsed from his Catholic roots, he re-embraced the Faith at the age of 28 and found his vocation during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He was ordained at the age of 43, after which he returned to the desert in **Algeria**, living among the Tuareg tribes of the northern Sahara (see left) where he lived a life of meditation, prayer and study. He was killed on 1 December 1916 by a band of armed marauders. Blessed Charles de Foucauld inspired a "spiritual family" which follows his way of life. *For the announcement and the other canonisations (including **Blessed Lazarus Pillai**, the first layperson from India to be canonised) see the Vatican notification...*



As soon as I came to believe there was a God, I understood that I could not do otherwise than live only for him.

Charles de Foucauld

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/pope-bd-charles-de-foucauld-aoi-others-to-be-named-saints.html>



Incorrupt..?

For the last 130 years **St Bernadette**'s body has been in Nevers in France (at the convent she joined when she left Lourdes), but a closer examination shows that the tampering with the body (seen to the right) has not always been for the best... An salutary piece on the **AtlasObscura** website...



<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/not-quite-incorruptible-at-bernadette-lourdes>

Tabitha



The 15th-century painting on the right depicts the most famous scene of **Tabitha** in the New Testament, which was read recently in the weekday mass: it illustrates the miraculous prayer of St Peter that brings Tabitha back from the dead. **Robin Gallaher Branch**, (left) a Professor of Biblical Studies gives a gentle meditation on the passage in **Acts 9.26-32** and she ponders Luke's story and the role of this woman and her place in the Early Church community.



<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/people-cultures-in-the-bible/people-in-the-bible/tabitha-in-the-bible/>

MittWortsMusik



The Jesuits in Switzerland orchestrate the MittWortsMusik in the beautiful Jesuit Church of St. Francis Xavier, **Lucerne**. On Wednesdays at 12.15 p.m., Fr Valerio Ciriello SJ (left) invites people into the church for an experience of music and words. *"Whether devout or not, old or young; people have the opportunity to sit back for half an hour in this magnificent baroque church and leave their everyday life behind - a real luxury for many."*

<https://jesuits.eu/news/1716-music-in-the-middle-of-the-day>



"What have the Jesuits ever done for us?"

This is the sub-title of the board game that the Hungarian Jesuits are about to launch for the anniversary of the conversion of Saint Ignatius. The game includes a board, figures (including Saint Ignatius), tokens, question and surprise cards, as well as cards for practical tasks. The aim is to establish missions. Note that the aged range advised is from 9 years to 101 years... 😊

<https://jesuits.eu/news/1724-board-game-with-saint-ignatius>



The Teilhard de Chardin Centre



The Plateau de Saclay, 20 km from **Paris**, is destined to become a world-class centre for training, innovation and academic research. The Jesuits and four Dioceses of the Île-de-France region have decided to join forces to establish the Centre, named after the Jesuit scientist and philosopher, in order to offer a Church presence and a space for dialogue between **science, technology and spirituality**. An innovative space in many ways, it will open its doors in September 2022.

<https://jesuits.eu/news/1730-future-teilhard-de-chardin-centre>



Michelangelo Doodles

In 1530, to escape the wrath of the Pope, Michelangelo hid in a tiny secret room under the **Medici Chapel** of the **Basilica di San Lorenzo** in **Florence** (below). The artist had been working on the lavish tomb in the chapel above when the political situation changed, the Pope attacked Florence, and Michelangelo was forced into hiding for 3 months. With nothing but time and a little charcoal in his hands, he covered the bare walls with some graffiti... (see left) The room was only found (by accident) in 1976... <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/michelangelos-hidden-drawings>





South Sudan Bishop-Elect shot

Armed men shot and wounded the Italian-born Bishop-elect at his residence in Rumbek in the early hours of Sunday night, 25 April. **Msgr Christian Carlassare**, (seen left) is now at a hospital in Nairobi, Kenya nursing gunshot wounds in both legs. He thanked the people of Rumbek for their solidarity and prayers. He also thanked friends and well-wishers all over the world who have been praying for his recovery.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/africa/news/2021-05/south-sudan-from-a-hospital-bed-bishop-elect-calls-for-new-beg.html>

The shooting highlights the dangers of living in **South Sudan** and the tenacity of clergy who refuse to leave people behind in the region, even while death threats to Christian leaders there are rising. South Sudan has been trying to implement a new peace agreement in the oft-forgotten civil war that's plagued them since 2011, but their national forces are up against civilian rebel groups with even more gun power. More than 50,000 people have died in war and 4 million forced to relocate since 2013. This excellent report is on the *ReligionUnplugged* website.

<https://religionunplugged.com/news/2021/5/4/clergy-in-south-sudan-face-rising-death-threats-but-they-refuse-to-leave>



Laudato Si

"39 Ways to Save the Planet" is a BBC radio series planned with the **Royal Geographic Society**, where they are highlighting problems and potential solutions to create a more healthy environment. In this episode (they are each just 15 minutes) they explore the fact that although campaigning and protesting have been the traditional tools of environmental action in the UK, an

American lawyer, **James Thornton**, has set up **Client Earth** <https://www.clientearth.org/> to defend the planet in a different way - by using the **courts & the legal structures** to hold governments to account. Using local laws to challenge governments and businesses they've had success across Europe and beyond, preventing the construction of coal-fired power stations and challenging the problem of air pollution. As well as enforcing environmental laws they're helping get new laws written. This is their story... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000rtvs>



How Green is your Wardrobe?

"When we are taught about climate change, we're often taught to visualize cars. We can think of turning on an engine, and the fumes coming out of the back. But we don't tend to visualize that when we have clothing factories — and they require a lot of energy, they're plugged into a coal grid. The carbon footprint is created in a way that we're not as familiar with." Says a piece in the **National Catholic Reporter** A study in 2018, estimated that **8% of total global greenhouse gas emissions** come from the clothes and shoes industry.



Ecology and Justice issues often go together, so the West's disposable attitude to clothes has huge knock-on effects in justice for the workers. When the deadliest accident in fashion industry history killed more than **1,100** Bangladeshi garment workers at a Rana Plaza factory collapse in 2013 (see left), Pope Francis condemned the conditions under which these garment workers toiled as *"slave labour,"* saying *"that goes against God."*

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/how-bring-laudato-si-your-wardrobe>

And finally... Haggis



I noticed that the Philologist at the **Oxford University Press**, **Anatoly Liberman**, recently decided to have a crack at exploring the origins of the word **Haggis**... In his erudite sifting he reveals how some scholars think the word might have come from the French word *Agasse*... a name for the Magpie... Read on McDuff...

<https://blog.oup.com/2021/04/putting-my-mouth-where-my-money-is-the-origin-of-haggis/>

