

# NEWSLETTER



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

## TRINITY SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

## 9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Church Year

Mon - Sat

Open for registration & Confessions at 11.45am with Mass at 12.15pm

## CORPUS CHRISTI 6<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

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## Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

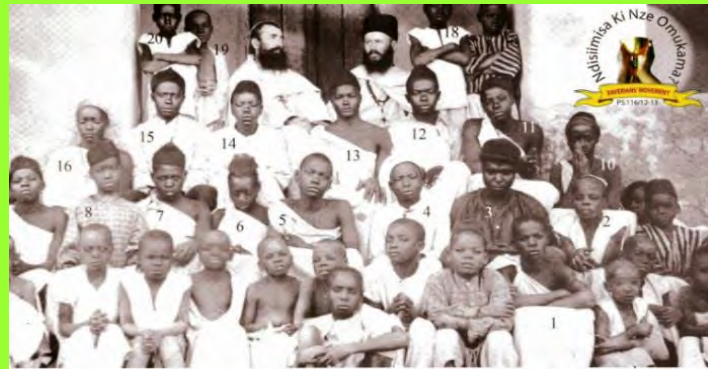
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-GPleOdFrbiCLvmqTVgllg>



## This Week...

In between **Trinity Sunday** and **Corpus Christi** there are a number of memorial days. Monday is the **Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady** to Elizabeth & Zechariah. Thursday is the feast of **St Boniface**, but Wednesday is the day dedicated to **Sts Charles Lwanga & his 19 Ugandan Companions...**

Remarkably they were photographed as a group (see right) when they went to congratulate the recently appointed Bishop of Uganda, in **1885**, the year before they were executed... **Charles** is No. 13... <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-charles-lwanga-and-companions-martyrs-of-uganda-488>



This Photograph was taken in Tanganyika at Bukumbi Mission (Mwanza) in September or October 1885. The 20 future Martyrs above, had gone to welcome and congratulate their newly appointed Bishop to Uganda, Msgr. Leon Livinhac.

1. Mukasa Kiriwawanvu
2. Andrea Kagawa (Kabwa)
3. Yozefu Mukasa Balikuddembe
4. Anatori Kirigigwajjo
5. Mbaaga Tuzinde
6. Ponsiano Ngingendwe
7. Yakobo Buzabalyawo
8. Dionizio Sushuggawo
9. Atanansi Bazzeketta
10. Adofu Mukasa Ludigo
11. Gonzaga Gonza
12. Ambrozio Kibuuka
13. Karoli Lwanga
14. Akileo Kiwanuka
15. Bruno Sserunkuma
16. Matis Kalembe Mulumba
17. Luka Baanabakintu
18. Kizito
19. Muggaga
20. Gyaviira

## SPRED Open Hour



Have you ever wondered about the work of SPRED in support of parishioners who have learning disability? Have you ever wanted to know about volunteering with SPRED or how SPRED could help someone you know? Please join on Zoom for one of the two "open hours" on 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m. when people at Glasgow SPRED will share with you what we do, introduce you to some of the volunteers and answer any questions you may have. To receive your zoom invitation please email [lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com) or send a Facebook message to @GlasgowSPRED.



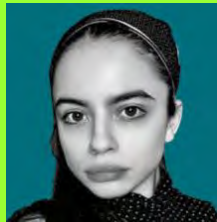
## 20 Days for Life

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 1st till 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 there will be a 20 Days for Life Vigil outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the QUEH in Glasgow from 8am until 8pm each day. The Vigil exists to pray for an end to abortion around the world. It also signpost offers of help and support to those in need who might be facing a crisis pregnancy as well as to those who are hurt by an abortion experience.

To take part email [Ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie1615@outlook.com)

## At home...?

Concerning the rush to legislate "at-home" abortions in the UK, a bracing piece from Georgia Gilholy on the Unherd website... <https://unherd.com/the-post/there-is-nothing-sexist-about-opposing-at-home-abortion/>



## Roe vs. Wade

The term 'Roe vs Wade' is used as short-hand to refer to the **US Supreme Court** judgement in the 1970's that led to a far greater liberalisation of abortion law across the US. The present members of the Supreme Court (see them pictured to the left) indicated recently that will be hear a test-case from the state of Mississippi. How they finally judge on that case will have repercussions of the legislation across the US on abortion. This piece in **The Conversation** summarises quite well the workings of the Court and the questions in balance.

<https://theconversation.com/roe-vs-wade-the-supreme-court-judgment-that-underpins-abortion-rights-may-be-under-threat-here-why-that-matters-161338>

## "False Compassion"

The **Catholic Bishops of England & Wales** have issued a statement in which they reiterate their opposition to a new **"Assisted Dying"** Bill introduced into the House of Lords. **Bishop John Sherrington**, head of the **Department for Life Issues** of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW), points out that *"although this new Bill is framed as a compassionate response to those in the last stages of their life, such compassion must be denounced as 'false compassion'... True compassion is the just response to the immense value of the sick person. It finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care"*. A report (and a link to the full statement) is on the Vatican website.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/bishops-england-wales-assisted-dying-bill.html>



## Myanmar Coup (continuing...)

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May Catholics were sheltering in the **Sacred Heart Church** (see right) due to fighting between the military and the People's Defence Force, and four Catholics were killed in the attack. More than 300 people from at least 60 families had taken refuge in the church compound due to fighting over the weekend. The Vatican website tells the story and sets the context...

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/myanmar-catholic-church-attack-military-four-dead.html>





## Memory, Hope & Prayer



There was a poignant encounter in this last week between the Pope and a survivor of Auschwitz. **Lidia Maksymovich** was deported from **Belorussia** when she was 3 years of age. In 1941, along with her mother and her maternal grandparents, she was deported because they were suspected of collaborating with the partisans. *"I was little, I was just a few years old, but already had a lot of experience after having lived through scenes of war in the former Soviet Union. I was ready for the pain, for the evil done by men against other men, but I did not expect to experience what I experienced in Auschwitz."* This moving piece on the **Vatican** website...



<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/pope-francis-greets-holocaust-survivor-at-general-audience.html>



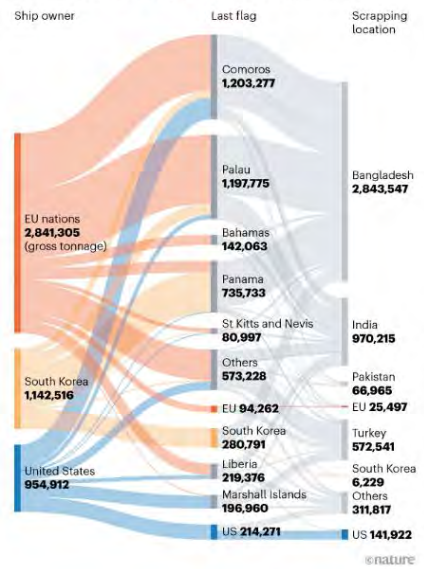
## Hong Kong (Part II)

The head of the Jesuits in Hong Kong, **Fr Stephen Chow SJ**, did not think he was the right man for the job and he believed a diocesan priest would be more qualified. He told the **National Catholic Reporter** in the US that he feels the pressure of being appointed as the new bishop of the deeply divided diocese but hopes to promote unity among the competing political and religious interests in the city. "Hong Kong is a place I really love, my birthplace and the place where I grew up, so I will do my best," he said. The full report is on <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/fr-stephen-chow-says-he-feels-pressure-leading-hong-kong-diocese>



### PLAYING THE SYSTEM

Most ships scrapped in 2019 used a 'flag of convenience' loophole and ended up being dismantled in nations with lax rules — sometimes in a way that is highly detrimental to the environment.



## 'Fake Flags' & the Environment

The number of ships using a 'flag of convenience' loophole that allows them to be scrapped in a place with lax environmental regulations is skyrocketing. Ships transport **90%** of the world's traded cargo, so are crucial to the global economy. But when tankers and other large vessels are demolished, they generate huge amounts of marine pollution, particularly if it happens in countries where environmental regulations for ship-breaking yards are lax. **Bangladesh** (see photo right) is responsible for 'scrapping' the equivalent of **all Europe's ships**. **NATURE** have the alarming report, with their 'infographic of the week' to the left... <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01391-3>



## Electric Vehicles (EVs)

Industry analysts predict at least 145 million EVs will be on the road by 2030, up from just 11 million last year. But along with that growth—which could help curb climate change—comes a potentially big problem: how to recycle the millions of EV batteries that will die in coming decades. Current EV batteries "are really not designed to be recycled," says materials scientist **Dana Thompson** of the University of Leicester. "People are starting to realize this is an issue." The governments of China, the European Union, and other nations are inching toward requiring some level of recycling. Complying won't be easy. The batteries differ widely in chemistry and construction, which makes it difficult to create efficient recycling systems. **And it's often cheaper for battery-makers to buy freshly mined metals than to use recycled materials.** Still, researchers are urgently looking for ways to prevent a tsunami of dead batteries from engulfing landfills. This piece from **Science Magazine**. <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/372/6544/780>



## Fossil Fuel

Since 2016, the **Global Catholic Climate Movement** has championed the fossil fuel divestment movement within the church, and its divest-reinvest campaign has played a key role in declarations from roughly **250 Catholic institutions** that they will end investments in coal, oil and gas industries or — if they do not invest now — continue to shun them while pursuing renewable alternatives. Catholic institutions are among the most numerous in the divestment movement, which overall so far has moved an estimated **\$14.5 trillion** away from fossil fuels. Faith-based organizations, about half of them Catholic, represent 34% of the 1,300-plus divesting groups. This report from the **Earthbeat** website... <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/inside-campaign-divest-catholic-church-fossil-fuels>







## Is it Kosher?

In Jewish tradition certain foods are allowed. We know about pork, but some types of fish are allowed also. **For fish to be kosher is that it have both fins & scales.** Fish does not have to be slaughtered or salted as do meat and fowl. Kosher fish include cod, flounder, haddock, halibut, herring, mackerel, pickerel, pike, salmon, trout, and whitefish. Non-kosher fish include swordfish, shark, eel, octopus, and skate, as well as all shellfish, clams, crabs, lobster, oyster and shrimp

According to a new study, however, archaeologists have found the remains of three non-kosher species in the two ancient Judean settlements—the **Kingdom of Israel** in the region's north and the **Kingdom of Judah** in the south. Judah residents in particular ate a lot of 'forbidden' catfish. These findings are helping scientists and historians build a more complete picture of how the ancient Judean cultures developed and adopted these rules.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/what-archaeology-tells-us-about-ancient-history-eating-kosher-180977804/>



## The Yeast in Social Media



Social Media can be a brutal place. **Ann Garrido**, Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, suggests **8 ways** that Christians can engage positively on Social Media... Her piece on the **National Catholic Reporter**...

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/showing-christian-online-8-ways-be-leaven-social-media>



## Christ the Redeemer

The Rio Statue is 90 years old this year, and it is being renovated for its Centenary in 2031. This in-depth piece from the **AtlasObscura** tells its history and talks to the people who are presently restoring it. Like **Alexsandro Brauna**, left, a former member of the Brazilian Marine Corps who secures the roping systems...

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/restoring-christ-the-redeemer>



## A Spirituality of Naps

As you can see in the wonderful painting in the 1000 year old **Hitda Codex** (left) Jesus was asleep in the boat on the sea of Galilee... with his head on a cushion (a detail for which we have to thank the Gospel of Mark 4:38) © . So not a bad starting point to consider this sparky little piece by the wonderfully named **Punky Mantilla** on the **Patheos** website...

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/agreenidgedevotional/2021/05/a-short-spirituality-of-naps/>



## Bob Dylan ~ telling tales of judgement in a broken World

Bob turned 80 years of age this week. Culturally Jewish by birth, he had a time when Christianity was his explicit profession. Terry Mattingly interviews Catholic academic and Dylan fan, **Francis Beckwith**, who feels "it is clear Dylan has created a religious narrative about 'the arrogance of man' and the 'brokenness of our world'... Dylan is deeply sceptical about human motives and actions, including his own. He keeps returning to ancient truths, traditions and books that many ignore. He isn't saying that we need to destroy things, like many heroes of the counterculture claimed. Dylan is saying we have failed to live up to those old truths and traditions. He wants to learn from the past." Read the full piece on the **religionunplugged** website.

<https://religionunplugged.com/news/2021/5/26/bob-dylan-at-80-still-telling-tales-about-divine-judgement-in-a-broken-fallen-world>

