

NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God
St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH
a lebanon church founded in 1588

CORPUS CHRISTI (6th June)

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

10th Week of the Church Year

Mon-Sat: open for registration & Confessions at 11.45am, with Mass at 12.15pm

Tuesday 8th June St James Berthieu SJ

Wednesday 9th June: St Columba

Friday 11th June: SACRED HEART

Saturday 12th June: Immaculate Heart of Mary

11th Sunday of the Year (13th June)

Sunday Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

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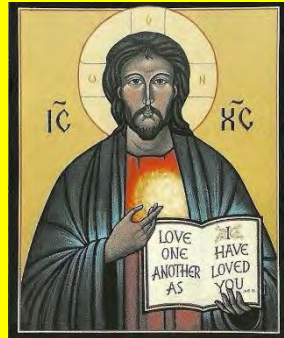
Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube

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

This week



There are a scattering of feast days this coming week. From the Jesuit saint, **James Berthieu** who was French priest missionary killed in Madagascar in 1896, when he preferred martyrdom to giving-in to repeated requests to deny the faith; to of our own **St Columba** (the Irish missionary who founded Iona in 563 AD as a base to evangelise in the Highlands and Islands); with the week being dominated by the solemnity of the **SACRED HEART** on Friday.



Jesuits on the move



The Jesuit Provincial, **Fr Damian Howard SJ** has been planning a series of wide-ranging moves across Britain. With this revamp, there are major changes due in both Edinburgh & Glasgow. Most directly for Garnethill, the new Parish Priest of **St Aloysius** will be **Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ** (left) who is originally from the west of Scotland. In recent years Fr Gerry has been parish priest of the Jesuit parishes in Southall and Wimbledon; he'll arrive back in his native land in August. **Fr Roger Dawson SJ**, (right) who has been Director of **St Beuno's Retreat Centre** for the last seven years will be arriving in Glasgow in the autumn as Superior of the Jesuits in Scotland. The Provincial has missioned **Fr Dermot** to be part of the team for a new Jesuit venture to the city of Newcastle which begins in the autumn. Please pray for them all!



Prayers for...

As well as there being plans for **Baptisms**, it has been a season for **Confirmations** and **First Holy Communions** across the Archdiocese, so remember all the young Catholics who have been receiving these Sacraments of Initiation.



There have been a number of weddings in **St Aloysius** this last week, so please pray for **Rachael & Davin**, for **Amelia & David** and for **Kyle & Lauren**... may their lives together be blessed and full of joy!

We remember those who are sick including especially **Bernadette Donaghue** (organist and cantor at **St Aloysius**) who went into hospital for an operation in the middle of the week. I know she would be delighted if you can include her in your prayers.

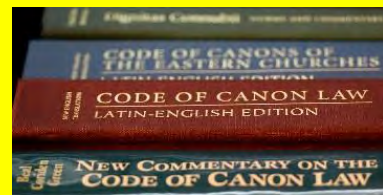
Is Boris a Catholic?

As you probably noticed, Boris' wedding provoked a lot of comment in the media and, whether for-or-against, it produced a lot of emotionally-charged opinion, but little knowledge. A few more thoughtful pieces emerged during the week – this being an interesting one from **Peter Franklin** on the **Unherd** website...

<https://unherd.com/2021/06/15-boris-johnson-really-a-catholic/>

Even across the Atlantic, people took an interest, and **Terry Mattingly** questions why the prestigious **New York Times** report didn't bother to consult a Canon Lawyer when they wouldn't have dreamed of writing a science or politics piece without first checking the facts...

<https://www.getreligion.org/getreligion/2021/6/2/boris-johnsons-catholic-wedding-why-didnt-the-new-york-times-consult-a-canon-lawyer>

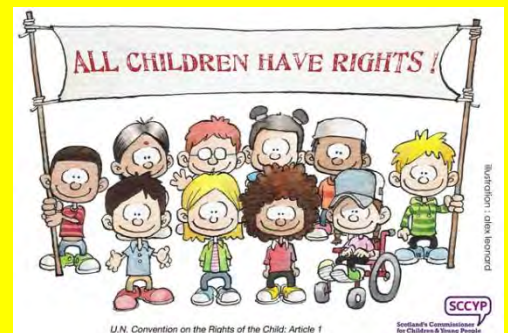


Children's Rights



Scotland has recently incorporated in its legislation the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**. This is part of an ambitious process aiming to reform the care system following a root-and-branch review led by care-experienced people. A thoughtful piece from the **Oxford University Press** about using Children's Rights as a foundation for a nation's care system...

<https://blog.oup.com/2021/05/can-childrens-rights-be-the-scaffold-for-love-in-the-care-system/>



Bambino Gesu

For many years now, the Vatican's **Bambino Gesù Paediatric Hospital** has been reaching out the broken children of the world – the photo right was an operation on a Syrian child. They have been working with the **World Health Organisation** to train doctors and nurses from two paediatric hospitals in **Libya** (in Tripoli and Benghazi) to come to the Bambino Gesù for a period of between three and six months to train. However, the outbreak of the pandemic in March 2020 made it impossible to start the project, so that led to the idea of setting up a multilingual platform: the *Medtraining* distance medical education channel for developing countries. Last week the first ever e-learning project in Arabic, promoted by in partnership with the WHO, was unveiled. The Vatican website has the story...



<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-05/bambino-gesu-childrens-hospital-who-clearing-libya-nurses.html>

The Biter Bit?

The Vatican, however, was getting in hot water regarding the production of a stamp...

The **National Catholic Reporter** in the **US** picks up the story...

<https://www.nconline.org/news/people/vatican-issues-street-art-stamp-ends-getting-sued>



Getting Cross?

At first glance the photo (left) could be St Aloysius... but it is far away in Hungary in eastern Europe. The cross on top of Hungary's largest church, the magnificent **Esztergom Cathedral** (see right also) has been hiding a 176-year-old time-capsule that was only recovered during renovation work this year. The cylindrical capsule was placed in the cross on the dome in 1845 by the chief architect, Jozsef Hild, and **Archbishop Jozsef Kopacsy**, who took over after his predecessor was murdered... The Reuters news agency picked up the story as the Church opened the capsule...

<https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/176-year-old-time-capsule-revealed-cross-hungarian-cathedral-2021-04-13/>



Canada's Coastal Rain Forests

We tend to think of the destruction of the Amazon, but **Hakai Magazine** picks up an in-depth article from Canada by journalist **Arno Kopecky**. The story weaves in the indigenous locals, the loggers, the police and the clashing of cultures which stretches back hundreds of years. He reflects on the experience of being in the forest: 'If only everyone on Earth could have this experience. Not because of these forests' contribution to carbon storage and biodiversity, though of course there is that, too. But really, just for the rapturous delight of brushing up against something older and bigger than we'll ever be. Something that connects us not only to the past, but to the future. Among these ancient beings there are seedlings, too.'

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/features/three-days-in-the-theater-of-old-growth-logging-and-protest/>



Komorebi: a dance of shadows

While travelling through Japan and working on organic farms, the UK filmmaker Steve Atkins found himself entranced by the movement of light and shadows formed by the interplay of trees, wind and sunlight on the landscape. The Japanese have a unique word for this occurrence: *komorebi*. The Aeon website carries his short 4 minute film featuring fleeting scenes of the phenomenon that he captured during his time in Japan. As he says it offers us a gentle reminder to 'reconsider how we see the passing light of each day; to slow down and observe the natural theatre that plays out unseen beside the busyness of our modern lives.'



<https://aeon.co/videos/komorebi-a-dance-of-shadows-emerging-when-sunlight-filters-through-trees>





Pop Art Nun

The name of **Sr Corita Kent** (1918–1986) might not be well-known, but she caught the eye of the Smithsonian Magazine when her studio in Los Angelis was recently designated a landmark and it saved it from demolition. Sr Corita was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary congregation and with her gifts in **pop art & screen-printing** in the Andy Warhol era, she and sisters in the Congregation developed an influential social & civil rights engagement in the turbulent sixties. The Smithsonian piece has the particular story and various links

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/studio-pop-art-nun-corita-kent-designated-landmark-180977885/>

But also interesting is Sr Corita's own life story which you can see on:

<https://www.corita.org/about/corita>

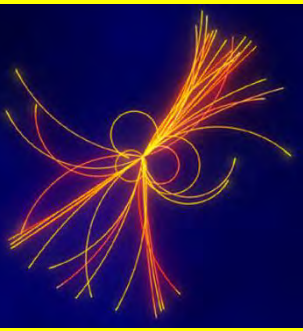


Guido Tonelli

Italian physicist, **Guido Tonelli**, has spent decades constructing intricate instruments to probe the mysteries of matter. As part of one of the two main experiments at the **Large Hadron Collider** near Geneva, Switzerland, he vaulted to international attention in front of a packed auditorium in July 2012, when the group announced the discovery of the **Higgs boson** — the long-sought elementary particle that imparts mass to all others. Tonelli has written a book: not about the LHC work, but about **the History of the Universe** drawing on scientific insights, art, philosophy and religion. **Nature** Magazine did a review of his book '**Genesis**': <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01398-w>

But perhaps even better would be to read Tonelli's telling of the story of **Fr Georges Lemaître** who, in 1927, was a 33-year-old Catholic priest with a degree in astronomy from the University of Cambridge; he was in the process of completing his PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, when he had a bruising encounter with **Albert Einstein**...

<https://lithub.com/rediscovering-the-scientist-priest-who-radically-changed-our-view-of-the-universe/>



Was there a Renaissance philosophy?

"Renaissance philosophy started in the mid-14th century and saw the flowering of humanism, the rejection of scholasticism and Aristotelianism, the renewal of interest in the ancients, and created the prerequisites for modern philosophy and science. At least, this is the conventional story. But, in fact, there was no Renaissance."

In his essay on Aeon, **Henrik Lagerlund** (*professor of the history of philosophy at Stockholm University*) argues that humanism did not replace Scholasticism, nor is it clear that ideas like the Renaissance help us understand history at all...

Nobody said this was going to be easy... <https://aeon.co/essays/there-was-no-such-thing-as-renaissance-philosophy>



The Beer War

For those not totally entranced with Thomist philosophy, **AtlasObscura** has an interesting piece on the **Polish Beer War**... Monks, beer, taxes, a Rat, a Bishop, & Bohemia...? It must be the 14th Century...

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/medieval-city-bishop-war-beer-poland-wroclaw>



Rear Window

For the real intellectuals, however, some **Mitchcock** might be in order. This piece from **America Magazine** suggests that post-lockdown might be a good chance to review and learn from the voyeuristic themes in the magnificent thriller '**Rear Window**'

<https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2021/05/28/review-rear-window-voyeur-post-pandemic-life-240760>

