

NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God

St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH

a Jesuit church founded in 1508

15th Sunday of the Year (11th July).

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

15th Week of the Church Year

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

Thursday 15th: St Bonaventure

16th Sunday of the Year (18th July)

Sunday Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

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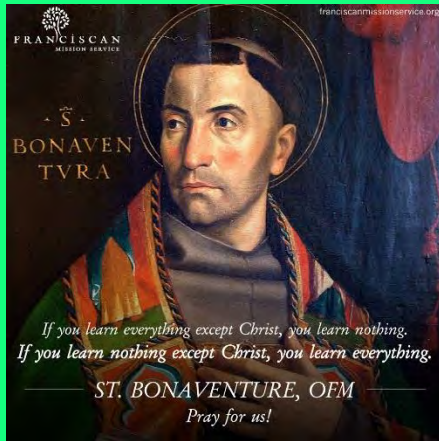
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Archive of Sunday Masses on YouTube

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



This week...

A relatively quiet week for canonised Saints! **ST. BONAVENTURE** stands alone among the Ferial Days of this week. Often seen as the **second founder of the Franciscans** following on in the generation after the charismatic **St Francis of Assisi** himself. A man of prayer, with the skill of an administrator and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. There is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing. Let the Franciscans tell us more... <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bonaventure>

(For the sharp-eyed in the parish, **Fr John Twist** is away for a week for a well-earned break!)

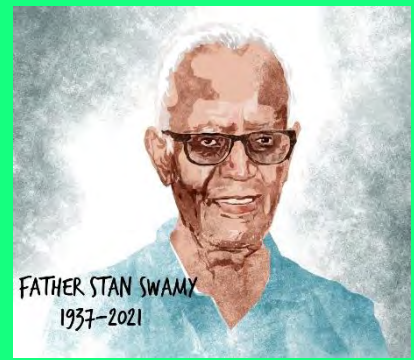
Please remember to pray for those of our parishioners who have health problems, especially...
Frank Bell... David Chadwick... Bernadette Donaghue

Finding God in All Things...

Fr Stan Swamy SJ ... rest in Peace

Father Stan Swamy, the imprisoned 84-year-old Indian Jesuit priest who was championing the rights of indigenous and marginalized people in eastern India's Jharkhand state, died of a Covid induced heart attack on Monday at the Holy Family Hospital in Mumbai, where he was admitted for treatment a month ago. "We are deeply saddened at the passing away of Fr. Stan." wrote **Cardinal Oswald Gracias** of Bombay in a brief statement. "We give thanks to God for Fr. Stan's life and commitment to the poor indigenous people and their struggles."

Reports from the Vatican and the BBC...
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-07/india-jailed-jesuit-priest-swamy-dies.html>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-57718361>



Stealth Abortion: amendment withdrawn.

The amendment tabled to the British Government's **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill** was due for discussion in Parliament on July 5. The change would have removed the remaining legal protections for unborn children and all restrictions on abortion in England and Wales, including provisions against sex-selective abortion and the present time limit of 24 weeks.

The **Bishops of England and Wales** welcomed the withdrawal of a controversial amendment that could have led to abortion on demand without restriction. If they had taken the amendment through to a vote and lost, it would have been the first time that a pro-abortion amendment or Bill had been defeated in a vote in UK history. A Pro-Life mobilisation and victory.
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-07/bishops-england-wales-welcome-withdrawal-abortion-amendment.html>



Another amendment, (that would have introduced a jail sentence of up to 2 years for offering support to women outside abortion clinics nationwide) was also withdrawn. As the title of the Bill implies, a wider set of issues of protest and policing are in question. **The Good Law Project** scrutinising of the Bill concluded that "...the protest provisions are particularly pernicious. They (a) deal with a problem that does not exist; (b) do not reflect the reality of protests; and (c) in doing so, threaten to undermine the rights under the ECHR and the Human Rights Act. In our view, they are neither necessary nor proportionate. The Public Order Act was never designed to be a means to quash peaceful assemblies."

<https://goodlawproject.org/news/pesc-bill-briefing-for-mps/>

Down's Syndrome & the UK Law

Coming at the life debate from another angle, a woman with Down's Syndrome is challenging the abortion law's stance on babies with the condition. As law stands, foetuses with Down's Syndrome may be terminated up to birth. **Heidi Carter**, 26, from Coventry (seen on the right in the photo), is one of three claimants whose case against the UK government at the **High Court** began last Tuesday. She says the legislation "doesn't respect my life". The BBC picks up the story...

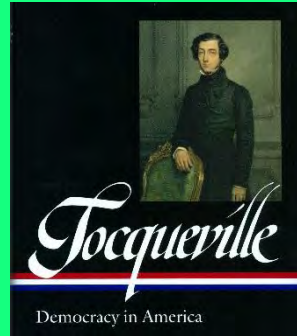
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Faith & Democracy

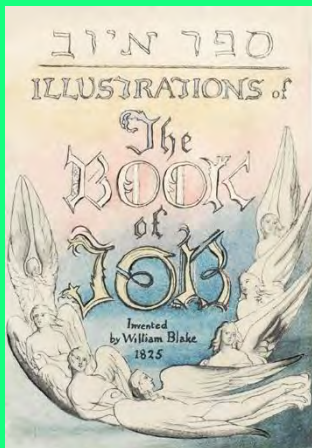
In a review of the 19th century book "Democracy in America" by Alexis De Tocqueville, the Archbishop of Chicago, **Cardinal Blasé Cupich**, shines a helpful light on the role of religion in America's political system and democracy in general. He reflects: "...All of this prompts the question: What will become of our democracy if so many young people disengage from both religion and politics? While we surely want young people to continue practicing the faith, so as to pass it on to following generations, it is also important to keep in mind de Tocqueville's insight that faith can have a moderating influence in a democratic state."

<https://www.chicagocatholic.com/cardinal-blasé-j-cupich/article/2021/07/07/religion-rudder-of-america-s-democracy>



The Book of Job: speaking Truth to Power

Edward L Greenstein (Professor emeritus of Biblical Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Israel) meditates on the Old Testament...



"Thomas Carlyle in 1840 called the biblical **Book of Job**, an ancient Hebrew work known more for its iconic subject than in its details, '*one of the grandest things ever written with pen*', and he was right.

The book is about a man named Job, who contends with his God as well as with his companions. Nevertheless, he is a paragon of virtue, whose commitments to truth and integrity override his piety, which makes his story relevant to any audience, regardless of religious, secular or even anti-religious orientation.

The book draws on ancient legend, but it was composed around 400 BC, when the Judean province of Yehud was governed by the Persian Empire. The poet was probably writing for a small intellectual circle – his language is learned and dense. But in the version that has reached us are some additions interpolated by a reader or two who found the original version to be theologically offensive or even blasphemous.



"For half a century, I have been studying, teaching and writing about Job. I devote my time and effort to this enterprise because I believe that this ancient poem with all its textual and linguistic challenges *matters*. In an era in which values and principles are continually assailed and eroded, the book of Job presents a profound brief for the virtues of values and principles..." *Continue to read...* <https://psephos.co/ideas/when-your-principles-are-at-stake-take-inspiration-from-job/>

Lies & Mistakes: there is a difference

Richard Reeves (a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in the US) writes an essay trying to help clarify the difference between lies and mistakes...



"Honest journalists and careful scholars will sometimes get things wrong. Honest mistakes are made. Once flagged, these errors will be immediately corrected and acknowledged; there might be some hard questions asked about process failures, too. But there's a very big difference between an error and a lie – and between 'fake news' and 'false news'. A fake is always false, and was intended to be. But a falsehood is not always a fake; it could simply be a mistake.

"Political partisans try to blur this critical distinction. In 2018, the then US president **Donald Trump** and the Republican National Committee handed out 11 'Fake News Awards' to various media outlets. But most of the news items had been noted and immediately corrected and/or retracted with full explanations. They were false statements, but they were not fake..." *Time to exercise the brain...*

<https://aon.co/essays/our-epistemic-crisis-is-essentially-ethical-and-so-are-its-solutions>



Shakespeare's Last Supper?

New research suggests a painting of **The Last Supper** once covered a wall of a room in which **William Shakespeare** attended school as a boy. The building in Stratford-upon-Avon is still in use by an adjoining school. The architectural historian, **Jonathan Foyle**, believes that remaining fragments of a 15th-century painting represent a symbolic Last Supper that was whitewashed later in the Tudor era in an attempt to obliterate the Roman Catholic imagery. It may have been painted-over by Shakespeare's father, John, who was responsible as a town official for destroying or at least concealing them. The Last Supper, famously painted by Leonardo da Vinci in Milan, was a favourite subject in monasteries and guild halls across Europe linking the diners to Christ and his disciples.

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/new-discovery-william-shakespeare-school-room-pictures>





Sharks: to be Protected not Feared

Many societies have coexisted with large apex predators for centuries, but **Western countries have tended to favour either eradication or strict separation.** In Western Europe, for example, **bears & grey wolves** were largely exterminated by the late 19th century, and even though wolves have successfully returned, countries such as France, Norway, and Finland still routinely cull them. Separation looks a little different: in the United States, grizzly bears are largely tolerated within designated wildlife reserves and national parks, but if they go outside those boundaries, they risk being relocated or killed.

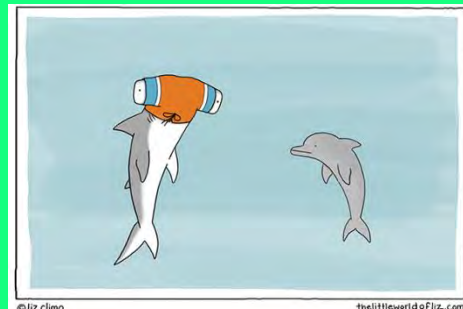
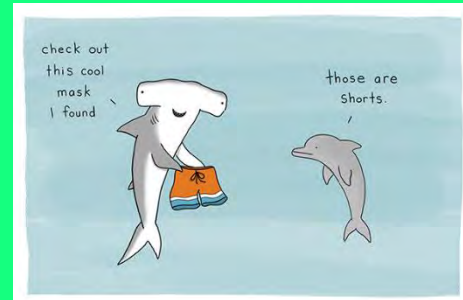


As the **Great White Shark** appears to be returning to Cape Cod in the US, **Undark Magazine** reflects on new efforts urging people to co-exist rather than destroy...

<https://undark.org/2021/07/07/in-cape-cod-new-efforts-to-coexist-with-sharks/>

Cartoon (right!) from Liz Climo <https://thelittleworldofliz.com/>

Photo from <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/18/hawaii-great-white-shark-woman-diver-photo-conservation-deep-blue>



Albatross 1

Albatrosses are top predators in the ocean's food chain, and they can spend years without touching land and fly thousands of kilometres in search of food. But they return every year to mate and nest in the islands where they were born. **About 95% of the world's black-footed albatrosses nest in the Hawaiian islands; Midway Atoll, is home to close to 21,600 breeding pairs, about one-third of the global breeding population, but rising ocean levels are threatening the habitat.** On Midway, they "were destined to drown," says Julio Hernández Montoya, a conservation biologist.

Science Magazine reports on an ambitious plan to move Black-Footed Albatross eggs and chicks 6000 km from Midway to an island reserve off the Mexican coast where

the species and other seabirds once nested. The Mexican Island Ecology and Conservation Group has been working on the island (see left) for the past 20 years to eradicate invasive species, first **removing nearly 50,000 goats** and then **eliminating nearly 1500 feral cats.** Their removal "completely changed the island from a moonscape to a lush, verdant recovering island." <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2021/06/they-were-destined-to-drown-how-scientists-found-these-seabirds-new-island-home>



Albatross 2

Albatrosses cruise the skies of the southern hemisphere, but rarely one gets disorientated and gets blown north of the equator. Only two have been seen in the last decade. This week a **black-browed albatross** appears to have returned to the coast near Flamborough, **East Yorkshire** for a repeat visit. The albatross was first seen in Europe in 2014. The lost wanderer was spotted at Bempton Cliffs in 2017, and visited again last summer. It survived an attack by white-tailed eagles in Denmark this spring which many birdwatchers feared had led to its death. Albatrosses blown off-course in the northern hemisphere can remain in the north for decades. When alone they seem to associate themselves with large gannet colonies, like the one at Bempton, looking in vain for a mate.

<https://www.worksherepost.co.uk/news/people/northern-hemisphere-only-albatross-heads-to-fly-as-hundreds-of-birdwatchers-and-bill-could-visit-to-see-it-on-the-workshire-coast-5299187>



Albatross 3

Listen to Fleetwood Mac while you read **1 & 2** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXeKi67kbOw>



Simon Templar?

What links **Roger Moore**, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, **Zoroastrianism** & **Greek mythology** together? The BBC have an answer...

<https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20210615-the-halo-a-symbol-that-spread-around-the-world>

