

# NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God  
**St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH**  
a Jesuit church founded in 1528

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (8<sup>th</sup> August).

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

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

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>: St Edith Stein

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>: St Lawrence

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>: St Clare

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: St Maximilian Kolbe

## The Assumption of Our Lady (15<sup>th</sup> August)

Sunday Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

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## Archive of Sunday Masses on YouTube

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

Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love which lacks truth!

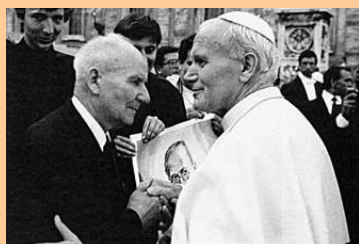
- Edith Stein



## This week...

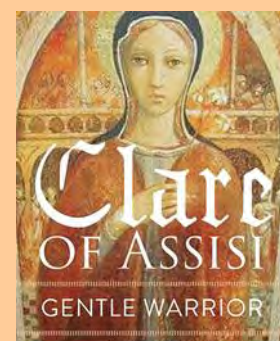
A brightly coloured liturgical week is beginning...

Two 20<sup>th</sup> Century martyrs of the Nazi Regime – **St Edith Stein** (officially 'St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross') was born into an observant Jewish family, but had become an agnostic by her teenage years. Intelligent and bright she began studying Philosophy, but moved by the tragedies of World War I, in 1915 she took lessons to become a nursing assistant and worked in an infectious diseases hospital. After the war she returned to academia and from reading the life of the reformer of the Carmelite Order, **Saint Teresa of Ávila**, Edith became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun in 1933 and she died in an Auschwitz gas chamber in 1942.



The year earlier, **St Maximilian Kolbe**, a Franciscan priest (above right) held in Auschwitz volunteered to die in place of a stranger when a group of prisoners were chosen at random for punishment. The man he saved, **Franciszek Gajowniczek**, was present in Rome in 1982 as a guest of **Pope John Paul II** when Kolbe was canonised. Franciszek died in 1995 at the grand old age of 93. People remembered him often saying "so long as he has breath in his lungs, he would consider it his duty to tell people about the heroic act of love by Maximilian Kolbe."

**St Lawrence** – an early Church martyr – and **St Clare** (soul mate of St Francis of Assisi, founder of the **Poor Clares** and Patron Saint of Television!) add to the distinguished company of these days.



**The Assumption** (15<sup>th</sup> August) lands on next Sunday and is heavyweight enough to displace 'The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year', thus ending the week with an unexpected twist!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

### John Mylands

John died unexpectedly on Thursday. He was a regular worshipper at St Aloysius Church and will be remembered by many as one who took great pleasure singing in Choir at the Sunday High Mass. He will be remembered also by St Aloysius College, where he was a long-standing Governor and then Chair of Governors. May he rest in Peace.

Please remember also our parishioners who have health problems, especially...

**Frank Bell... Joe O'Donnell... Alison Stewart... John McGivern...**

### Jesuits on the move...

As you know, **Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ** will be taking over as Parish Priest of St Aloysius in the next couple of weeks. A number of Jesuits (**Fr Eric** from the United States and **Fr Mathew** from Cameroon) will also be joining the Garnethill Jesuit community as they continue PhD studies in Scotland. In mid-September, when **Fr Roger Dawson SJ** arrives in Glasgow as the new Jesuit Superior, **Fr Dermot** will then wend his way to Newcastle!



### Sub-Zero in Summer?

I'm afraid that, regarding Church gatherings, Freedom from Covid regulations on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August in Scotland are a little premature. The Archdiocese has clarified that although there are two positive changes to the rules (allowing closer encounters than 1 metre and we can now use Hymn Books!) **many of the key requirements from Stage Zero remain in place**. So, until further notice, we must continue to:

1. Register at the door
2. Sanitise hands on arrival
3. Wear masks while in the Church
4. Clean the Church every time after use
5. Keep Confessions in the aeriated porch of the Church



Hopefully as August advances, Fr Gerard will have more lee-way to adjust, relax and broaden the timetable of the Church.

# Finding God in All Things...

## Climate Sunday?

If the meeting goes ahead as planned, it is likely that **Pope Francis** will be visiting Glasgow for 24 hours in early November to attend the **COP26** meeting of world leaders. Thus on the Vatican website an interesting mention of the moves across **the Christian Churches in the British Isles** to prepare for the event...<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-08/cop26-glasgow-uk-ireland-churches-hold-climate-aunday.html>

**Dr Lorna Gold**, (left) Chair of **Global Catholic Climate Movement** gave an address at a Justice & Peace conference at Swanwick in England at the end of July. She opened by saying “**Let me tell you a story – of my own personal ecological conversion. I believe there is great power in sharing our stories, so I offer this to you as one story, and you can take from it what you need...**”<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/42699>



## Rethinking the Economy & The Leviticus Fund

A cluster of financial articles: first an off-beat piece on the **German Franciscan Nun** running a ‘medium-sized business’...<https://www.dw.com/en/how-one-catholic-nun-keeps-the-faith-while-managing-church-businesses/a-58754890> While in the US, a group of **Sisters congregations** have combined together to create **The Leviticus Fund** <https://www.globalistersreport.org/news/social-justice/news/leviticus-fund-leverages-faith-capital-poverty-fighting-projects>; While in Europe unusually a **federation of Christian Businessmen** has joined with a confederation of **Trade Unions** in calling for “**fair wages that are social, just and good for growth, demand, productivity and society in general**” along the lines advocated by **Pope Francis**...  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2021-08/rethinking-europe-a-economy-for-a-more-humane-society.html>



## Fragile Olympians

If you have been following the Olympic dramas, one of the most interesting is the case of **Simone Biles** (right) the American gymnast who was expected to dominate the categories, but was caught by a case of the ‘twisties’ and had to sit-out most of the competition, but returning for a heroic bronze on the horse. Simone Biles is a practicing Catholic, and **ReligionUnplugged** had an interesting interview with **Dominique Dawes** (left... a former gold medal winning Catholic gymnast) about the pressures and the ways that a faith background helps give focus. <https://religionunplugged.com/news/2021/7/29/olympians-talk-faith-mental-challenges-of-the-games> **Aleteia** website also contains a relevant review of Simone’s autobiography in 2016 in which she talks about her faith. <https://aletea.org/2016/11/29/simone-biles-highlights-catholic-faith-in-new-autobiography/>



## Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Vatican watchers are always interested to see items published in **L’Osservatore Romano** (the Holy See’s Italian-language daily newspaper) because they indicates angles that the official Catholic Church is encouraging discussion.... The Vatican’s newspaper recently published a very personal reflection by **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie** on Pope Francis’ encyclical **Fratelli Tutti**. Chimamanda, who has become one of the world’s most prominent young Anglophone authors, is from Nigeria and her piece “**Dreaming as a Single Humanity**” was featured in the July 5 edition of L’Osservatore Romano. In her article, she uses the Pope’s encyclical on human fraternity as a lens through which she reflects on certain difficult events in her life and her struggles with her Catholic faith. The National Catholic Reporter links to the original piece...  
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/african-feminist-reflects-fratelli-tutti-vatican-paper>



## Pontifical Academy of Sciences

Staying in the Vatican for a moment, Pope Francis has appointed **Professor Donna Theo Strickland**, right, as a member of the **Pontifical Academy of Sciences**. Professor Strickland is a professor of Optical Physics at the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Waterloo, Canada, and was one of the recipients of the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics (left!) ... She was the first woman in 55 years to take the Physics Prize!  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-08/pope-francis-donna-strickland-pontifical-academy-sciences.html>



## 800 Years

This weekend, **The Dominicans** (“The Order of Preachers”) celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death in Bologna on 6 August, 1221 of its founder, **St. Dominic** - just 5 years after he founded the Order. Vatican Radio ran a short interview with the Master General of the Dominicans discussing the anniversary theme of “**At Table with St Dominic**” inspired by an early portrait (left) of the saint..  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-08/saint-dominic-order-of-preachers-800-anniversary-table.html>



## Rupnik Mosaics



The Slovenian Jesuit artist **Marko Rupnik SJ** (left) has created some remarkable artworks around the world. Most recently he and his team (made up of some twenty artisans from different countries around the world) have worked intensely at the **Cave of Saint Ignatius**, at Manresa in Spain, installing the set of mosaics they have created for the side naves of the Shrine. There are more than **550 square metres of mosaics**, showing the Christian pilgrimage through St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. As a piece on the Jesuits Global website says "The work captivates all who contemplate it, for the strength of its message, its beauty and the fascinating process involved in its creation." As Rupnik himself explains, it is "**An itinerary of prayer, in which one moves from a professed Catholicism to a lived faith.**" <https://www.jesuits.global/2021/08/02/a-space-of-encounter-in-550-square-metres-of-mosaics-in-manresa/>



## Goatscaping?



Uncovering graves buried by centuries of plant growth is hard work – for humans, at least. For sheep and goats, though, it's actually a tasty task. That's why volunteers at a church in Ireland have brought in the herbivores to help with historical conservation work. **The sheep are clearing an overgrown graveyard by St. Matthew's Church in the Cork County.** The animals can remove weeds in a more environmentally friendly way than power-trimmers while presenting less danger to fragile tombstones. Thanks in part to the animals' work, the committee has registered more than 400 headstones in the old cemetery. Among the discoveries was the grave of a 2-year-old girl who died on October 7, 1872. The rediscovered headstone reads, "**Maria Kate Russel, Aged 2 yrs, 5 months and 15 days. Her father, Crp. George Russel, Royal Engineers, Camden Fort Meagher, was present when she passed.**" See the report on the BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-58026027>



## John McCarthy

This weekend marks the **30th anniversary** of John McCarthy's release from imprisonment in Beirut. Hostages **John McCarthy, Brian Keenan & Terry Waite** all had profound spiritual experiences during their years of captivity, and their writings and interviews are invariably profound and thoughtful. As a reminder of these impressive people perhaps try the BBC radio episode of "**The Reunion**" where Sue McGregor brings the three and **Jill Morrell** (then the campaigning girlfriend of John McCarthy) around the same table to share their experiences of those times.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kzq8a>

## Caesarea?

Those who remember Biblical names might recognise the name **Caesarea**. Readers of the Gospel will remember **Caesarea Philippi** which was on the border between Galilee and Syria where Jesus asked the disciples – "**But you – who do you say that I am?**" leading to St Peter's confession of faith and a change of gear of the ministry of Jesus. (Mk 8). Unnamed in the Gospels but mentioned a number of times in the **Acts** was the crucially important coastal city of **Caesarea Maritima** (left, then – right, now) which was developed by the Romans as a much-needed harbour on the Palestinian coast. It served as the residence for Pontius Pilate – who only visited Jerusalem when he needed to. An informative book review on the Biblical Archaeology website might broaden the horizons a little...

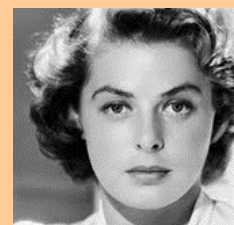
<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/reviews/review-a-walk-to-caesarea-a-historical-archaeological-perspective/>



## The Natural Harmony of Faces

Walter Murch (left) might not be a famous movie celebrity name, but he is a legend in Hollywood as an editor & sound designer of many films - **The Godfather Trilogy, The Conversation, Apocalypse Now, The English Patient, The Talented Mr. Ripley** etc... He has won three Oscars (so far!) and was once described by the doyen of movie critics Roger Ebert as "**the most respected film editor and sound designer in the modern cinema.**" Always thoughtful in word, Murch recently wrote a short article for **Nautilus Magazine**, on why certain faces on film captivate us... such as that of the beautiful **Ingrid Bergman**...

<https://nautilus.us/issue/104/harmony/the-natural-harmony-of-faces>



## A Three star Film... but a Five star Film Review

Likely lost-&-overlooked by the casual reader of **The Daily Telegraph** last week there was a film review on their TV pages. In three sentences it is a gem - informative, concise & insightful. A reviewing masterclass, it deserves a wider readership.

### "Brideshead Revisited (2008) BBC 4

In the light of the 1981 TV version, you do have to admire the *chutzpah* of anyone bringing Brideshead to the big screen. Julian Jarrold's attempt suffers from a desire to force modern conventions upon a story defined by the mores of upper-class inter-war Britain. Hayley Atwell and Ben Whishaw star as the Flyte siblings, but Catholicism, the tale's engine, is only pernicious, never seductive."

