

NEWSLETTER



23rd Sunday of the Year (6th September).

Morning Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

Open for registration & Confessions at 9.00am and 10.30am

23rd Week of the Church Year

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

NEW TIMETABLE

Begins 11th/12th September

Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil)

(Church opens for registration & Confessions: 4.30 pm)

24th Sunday of the Year (12th September)

Sunday 10.00am, 12noon & 9.00pm

(Church opens for registration & Confessions: 30 min before each Mass)

Then from 13th September

Monday - Friday

Church open for private prayer 7.30am – 12.45pm

8.00am & 12.15pm Masses

Saturday

Church open for private prayer 10.00am – 12.45pm

12.15pm Mass

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The Week Ahead...

Three quite different saints this coming week...

One of the great Marian Feasts: **The Birthday of Our Lady** is remembered on Wednesday 8th September ...

<https://catholicism.com/2021/09/08/birthday-of-our-lady-september-8.php>, **St Peter Claver SJ**, (left) Apostle to the Slaves in South America is then on Thursday "We must speak to them with our hands before we speak to them with our lips." <https://www.ignatian spirituality.com/ignatian-voices/16th-and-17th-century-ignatian-voices/st-peter-claver-sj/> ; with, **Blessed Francisco Garate SJ**, (right) the unobtrusive Jesuit Brother from the Basque country (who did the ordinary things with great love) quietly slotting into place on Friday. <https://www.jesuits.global/saint-blessed/blessed-francisco-garate/>



Please remember...



Our parishioners who have health problems, especially...

Frank Bell ... David Chadwick... Joe O'Donnell... Alison Stewart...John McGivern...



This week is the formal changing of the guard in St Aloysius – with all the protocols completed and Archdiocesan documents in place – on **Monday 6th September** **Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ** (left) finally wrests control from Fr Dermot and becomes the Parish Priest of St Aloysius. Fr Gerard comes originally from Glasgow but has been on the foreign missions in London for the last two decades. I am sure he will be warmly welcomed!



Fr Roger Dawson SJ (above right), the new Jesuit Superior, will arrive on the 12th September and then Fr Dermot (below right) will be around until the 14th Sept when he heads south, en route to Newcastle...



Finding God in All Things...

POPE FRANCIS



Prayer, Almsgiving & Fasting are the usual pillars of Lent, but the Pope wonders whether such a matter as the plight of Afghanistan might be in need of our help – we often pray, we sometimes give money... **but do we fast as part of our efforts?** Not necessarily from food... but by reducing our times of recreation, internet use etc...? <https://dilemma.org/2021/08/18/afghanistan-pope-calls-for-prayer-and-fasting/>

How to help Afghanistan?

"I have a dream..."

Dr Martin Luther King's youngest daughter, **Dr Bernice King**, (right) in interview with Vatican Radio last week on the legacy of her father and the inspiration civil rights campaigners can draw from Pope Francis.... <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2021-08/bernice-king-anniversary-1963-march-washington-civil-rights.html>



"It never crossed my mind to resign..."

A Spanish media group conducted a wide-ranging interview with the Pope last week. They asked him about **China, Afghanistan, the Latin Mass, how two nurses saved his life;** Did he expect to be elected Pope...? **And did he ever think of resigning?** A readable and enlightening script in English on the Vatican website... <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-09/pope-after-operation-it-never-crossed-my-mind-to-quit.html>

LIFE ISSUES

A couple of interesting articles on the **Scottish Bishops' Catholic Parliamentary** website...

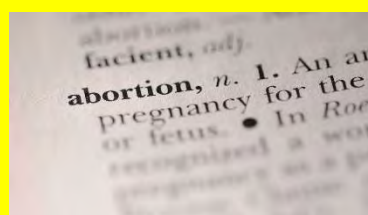
Assisted Suicide

The CPO report that new evidence suggests that in countries where assisted suicide and euthanasia is now legal, it is **negatively impacting the provision of hospice and palliative care.** As there is going to be another serious attempt to bring in assisted suicide & euthanasia legislation into Scotland and the UK in the coming months, it is a sobering consideration. <https://repulica.org/palliative-care-compromised-by-access-to-assisted-suicide/>



Abortion Consultation?

The CPO is concerned with the way that the Scottish authorities are now backtracking on the public consultation on **'abortions at home'** rolled out during Covid... <https://repulica.org/scottish-government-riding-tightback-over-democracy/>



When Does Life Begin?



St Thomas Aquinas would hold that if arguments are to be made they should be good arguments, not just bluster and rhetoric... This is a very precise (and helpful) piece on **The Conversation** website by a biologist (and philosopher) criticising extremes of the abortion debate who cite 'biology' in bad arguments as backing up their stance without thinking through all the other and the implications & dimensions. <https://theconversation.com/when-human-life-begins-is-a-question-of-politics-not-biology-165114>

Poverty

A very enlightening essay by **John Battle** (right... former MP for Leeds and a Catholic working with the St Vincent de Paul Society) about the limbo-land that people find themselves working but still in poverty and falling through the nets of the present rules of Social Services. "Today more than half the people living in poverty in Britain are in work, and for millions working 'flexibility' is a tool for generating their poverty." <https://www.indiatheology.com/news/42216>



Domestic Violence

There was a recent piece on the **US JUSTOR** website interviewing the UK academic **Professor Jane Monckton Smith** (right... an ex-police woman) about domestic violence and how to identify the stages of it in families. Not a happy topic, but worth a read as you might know family or friends that might be needing help..?



The Observer also did an interview with Professor Smith earlier in the year <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/feb/21/jane-monckton-smith-in-control-domestic-abuse-murder-public-protection>

The Journey

It is common for Muslims to visit the graveyards on Thursdays and offer prayers and lay flowers for departed. If you think that Iran is just an alien place full of Mad Mullahs and Jihadis then **pause for a moment**. Iran has a thriving film industry and in some of their short movies you get a glimpse of a world of life with all its hopes and fears and humour like our own. Have a look at this 2 minute film from **Tehran**... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXs_Hw34V_Q

Dead people receive more flowers than the living ones because regret is stronger than gratitude.

- Anne Frank



Anglican Bishop received into Catholic Church

On Friday A Church of England bishop said that he was stepping down to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. The **Rt. Rev. Jonathan Goodall**, (right) the **Anglican bishop of Ebbsfleet** in Kent, explained that he had taken the decision after a long period of prayer. "I have arrived at the decision to step down as Bishop of Ebbsfleet, in order to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, only after a long period of prayer, which has been among the most testing periods of my life." He added "Life in the communion of the Church of England has shaped and nourished my discipleship as a Catholic Christian for many decades. This is where I first received – and for half my life have ministered, as priest and bishop – the sacramental grace of Christian life and faith. I shall always treasure this and be thankful for it."



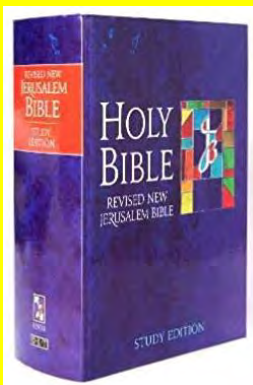
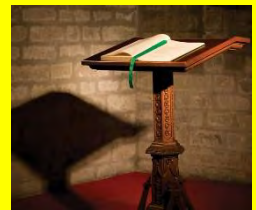
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/248877/anglican-bishop-leaves-the-church-of-england-to-enter-the-catholic-church>

The Bible

The Lectionary

English-speaking Bishops around the world have been reflecting on the Bible translations which we use during the Catholic liturgy. The decision for a new edition of **The Lectionary** (that's the technical name for book where the readings are found) is necessary as new copies of the current 1984 print-run are not readily available and a simple reprinting would not be sufficient as certain changes have been introduced to the Lectionary over the last 35 years. These changes include replacing "This is the Word of the Lord" with "The Word of the Lord," as well as a number of new celebrations, including **The Vigil of Pentecost**. Also, after more than fifty years of continual and fruitful use, **The Jerusalem Bible** (published in 1967) has been updated, correcting some imprecisions in its translation, as well as giving consideration to developments in the use of the English language this half century. **The Irish Bishops** had invited submissions on the possibility of adopting the 2019 Revised New Jerusalem Bible (RNJB) as the basis of a new edition of the Lectionary...

The Independent Catholic News carries the story... <https://www.indiatheology.com/news/41262>



John 9

In 2004, the remains of the ancient **Pool of Siloam** - long thought to be located elsewhere - were uncovered in Jerusalem. According to the Gospel of John (Chapter 9), it was at this sacred site that **Jesus healed the blind man**. Read what the **Biblical Archaeologists** have discovered about the Pool (a reconstruction to the right) and then perhaps to read that chapter of the Gospel? <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/biblical-archaeology-sites/the-siloam-pool-where-jesus-healed-the-blind-man/>



Laudato Si



Insects...

Perhaps one of the scariest statistics concerning the way we mistreat the planet is the fact that **over the last 50 years we appear to have eradicated 75% of the insects.** Biologist Dave Goulson is trying to get us to understand. “The American biologist Paul Ehrlich likened the loss of species from an ecological community to randomly popping-out rivets from the wing of an aeroplane. Remove one or two and the plane will probably be fine. Remove 10, or 20 or 50, and at some point that we are entirely unable to predict, there will be a catastrophic failure, and the plane will fall from the sky. Insects are the rivets that keep ecosystems functioning.” So put away the fly-spray and don't be afraid of wasps... every little helps. The Guardian has a piece from him...

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/23/the-insect-apocalypse-or-world-will-grad-to-a-bolt-without-them>

Laudato Si
CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

Barnacles

About 1.9 million people die every year from blood loss, sometimes from trauma, sometimes on the operating table. “Bleeding bodies are wet, prone to infection, and need urgent care. Yet it's hard to create a seal on wet tissue, and most commercial products used to stop dangerous bleeding rely on coagulants which take minutes to work. Some people don't have minutes. “**The natural world is our friend...**

<https://www.wired.com/story/the-barnacle-inspired-gluo-seals-bleeding-organs-in-seconds/>



Whales

Encountering two playful whales off the coast of **Argentina**... A lovely little video on the BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-latin-america-58450244>



Theories of Everything

This is a spikey, thoughtful and poignant essay about scientific 'theories of everything' by **Joshua Roebke** who is a writer, critic, and historian who would probably class himself as agnostic but he had a spiritual insight while dancing in a converted Church.... “**Should it exist, a theory of everything would be a theory of nothing you truly care about. It cannot predict the weather. It will not suggest which shows you should watch on Netflix. It does not instil mindfulness. It shan't forestall racism or hunger...**”

<https://lithub.com/theory-of-everything-theory-of-nothing-on-physics-and-other-profanities/>



Shia LaBeouf?

An upcoming biopic on the early years of **St. Padre Pio**, has secured **Shia LaBeouf** (right) in the starring role. The angular and sometimes troubled Hollywood actor decided to get into character, by spending a few weeks with a Franciscan Capuchin community in Northern California. **Aleteia** website has some more of the details...

<https://aleteia.org/2021/08/28/shia-la-beouf-to-portray-youth-of-padre-pio-in-upcoming-biopic/>



Love, heartache & the hope of reconciliation...

The Smithsonian probably didn't calculate that **ABBA** were coming back together, so on the same day they published an engaging essay on some of the key **Breakup Albums** of popular music. From **Joni Mitchell**, **James Taylor** (both left) through **Fleetwood Mac** to **Adele**, **Beyoncé** (below right) & **Taylor Swift**... Take a trip down memory lane...

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/the-art-wrenching-history-breakup-album-180978562/>



And Finally...

Two unlinked letters in **The Daily Telegraph** on 2nd September...

Good News?

“Sir,
In the summer of 1960 we had a holiday as a family in **St Ives**.
My sister sent a postcard without a stamp to our grandparents in **Clacton**. My parents told her to put the stamp in another envelope addressed to the postman, apologising for her mistake and asking him to put the stamp on the postcard.
The card subsequently arrived with the stamp attached.”

Bad News?

“Sir,
I recently received two letters from the **NHS** in the same envelope.
The first was to book me in for a telephone consultation with my local neurological department to discuss a problem I had first raised with my GP (over the phone) the previous **October**. The second was to cancel the appointment and refer me back to my GP.
I suppose I should be thankful that they are at least saving on postage.”

