

# St Aloysius' Church

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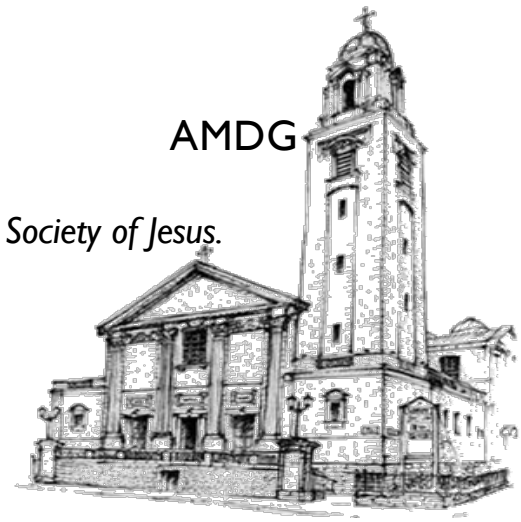
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**CLERGY:** Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)  
Fr John Twist SJ  
Fr Roger Dawson SJ

25 August 2024

Twenty First Sunday of the Year

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## SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday Mass** Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm  
Sunday: 10.00 am  
Signed Mass for the Deaf  
12.00 noon (Sung), & 9.00 pm

**Weekday** Monday - Friday: 8.00 am, 12.15 pm,

**Saturday** 12.15pm & 5.00pm (*Vigil*)

**Confessions** Mon-Sun 30 minutes before Mass

Confessions after 8 a.m. Mass on request

*Exposition* Every Sunday after the 12.00 noon Mass

**Car Parking** is available on a Sunday in the College Car Park in Scott Street

### Farewell to Father John Twist SJ

We shall be saying a fond farewell to Fr John Twist who will be leaving us after six years of very generous service in St Aloysius. We wish him well for his retirement and look forward to showing our appreciation of him at a farewell lunch today, Sunday 25 August after the 12 noon Mass.

### Welcome to Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ

We warmly welcome Fr. Ladislav Šulik SJ who arrived last week as Assistant Parish Priest.

**Father James Hanvey** returns to Rome this week. We thank him for his support and encouragement.



### Becoming a Catholic

**RCIA Meetings Mondays at 7.30 p.m.**  
**(Beginning Monday 2 September)**  
**in the Ogilvie Centre 25 Rose Street**

If you have any questions about receiving the Sacraments as an adult, or if you would like to know more about the Catholic faith and participate in the RCIA, please speak to Fr Sulik or Fr Mitchell or contact [staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk](mailto:staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk) or phone the Parish Office 0141 332 3039

**Season of Creation Sustainability Picnic, Sunday 1 September at 1.30 pm:** St Aloysius' Parish and Jesuit Missions invite you to a Season of Creation Sustainability Picnic on Sunday 1 September 2023 from 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in Garnethill Park, at the corner of Rose Street and Hill Street. Michael Rhodes MP and Paul Sweeney MSP and Councillor Philip Bratt will be attending.

### Foodbank – this weekend

Priority items for the month are: Diluting juice, UHT milk, tinned meat, teabags, small jars of coffee, & nappies sizes 6, 7,8. Thank you for your support. To find out how your donations help you can visit <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

**The Future of Care in Scotland Meeting Thursday 29 August , 7.30 p.m.  
The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church**

Thank you very much to all those who have attended our various meetings on the future of care in Scotland. Thank you to all those who have written or contacted their local MSPs and completed the short survey on assisted suicide of the Scottish Parliament Health Committee. In the light of the coming Assisted Suicide Bill before the Scottish Parliament over the next few months we will be having a further Meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August to plan next steps. All are welcome

**Assisted Suicide: Bishops Conference submits evidence to committee**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has submitted evidence to the Scottish Parliament Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on a proposal to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland.

Responding to the call for views on the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, the bishops said that "assisted suicide attacks human dignity and results in human life being increasingly valued on the basis of its efficiency and utility", adding that, implicit in legal assisted suicide is the idea that "an individual can lose their value and worth."

The bishops express grave concerns about the serious consequences of legal assisted suicide for the most vulnerable in society, stating that, "when the elderly and disabled express concerns about being a burden, the appropriate response is not to suggest that they have a duty to die; rather, it is to commit to meeting their needs and providing the care and compassion to help them live. If Scotland establishes the provision of death on demand and this becomes normal practice, how will that not become a cultural expectation for the vulnerable, including the elderly, disabled, and lonely?"

The bishops also quoted Samaritanus bonus, a letter by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life, saying that proponents of assisted suicide peddled a "false understanding of compassion", adding that a correct understanding of compassion "consists not in causing death, but in embracing the sick, in supporting them in their difficulties, in offering them affection, attention, and the means to alleviate their suffering."

The submission touched on the experience of other countries and states where assisted suicide and/or euthanasia is legal, including Canada, the Netherlands, and Oregon, with the bishops issuing a warning that, "No matter how well intentioned safeguards are, it is impossible for any government to draft assisted suicide laws which include legal protection from future expansion of those laws."

The bishops said that it was "significant" that the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Association of Palliative Medicine in the UK are both opposed to assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The Bill, introduced by Liam McArthur MSP, has attracted widespread criticism from experts for adopting an extremely broad definition of terminal illness which, in practice, is expected to include diabetes, dementia, and anorexia.

In conclusion, the bishops said that "assisted suicide undermines suicide prevention, the provision of palliative care, trust in doctors and puts pressure on vulnerable people to end their lives prematurely." The bishops added: "The poor and vulnerable are already struggling to live. Parliamentarians in Scotland ought to offer them care and support to live, not a concoction of drugs to die. Killing is not the solution to ill-health, poverty or any other social challenges. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing, for those at the end of life."

**Please Consider Joining the St Aloysius Public Life Group:** Current activities include supporting persecuted Christians justice and peace and environmental issues and campaigning against the assisted dying bill and buffer zones. Please see Fr Mitchell if you might be interested in joining the group or would like further details. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend the next meeting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm on the first floor of the Ogilvie Centre.

**SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024** The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here [www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah) and more details about this free day will follow.

**Ignatian Spirituality Centre Climate Workshop on 14 September 2024 Ecological Conversion and the Climate Transition Finding my personal response through spiritual conversation and prayer** Details of this event can be found on the website at [www.iscglasgow.co.uk/dop](http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/dop)

**2024 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, Sunday 22 September 2024.**

12.30–1.30pm - Goods and Candles for Sale, Tea & Coffee. 1.30–2.30pm Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions); 2.45–3.15pm Individual Priestly Blessings at the Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; 3.30–4.15pm Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, Novena Prayers, Presentation from Pupils of Sinclair Academy; 4.30pm Holy Mass.



**Christian Prayer and the Adventure of the Spiritual Life Sycamore Course for the Deaf Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius, Garnethill Wednesday 9, 16, 30 Oct & 6 Nov 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.** Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer' in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Here at St Aloysius' Church in Garnethill, we'd like to welcome you to join us on the Deaf Sycamore Prayer Course as a way of marking the Holy Year. It is for Deaf people and friends and all who are interested. Each evening begins with a meal followed by a presentation, reflection and prayer.

**Organ Recital Friday 20 September, 7.00 pm St Aloysius Church**

John Kitchen organist, harpsichordist, conductor, early music scholar and music educator, Edinburgh City Organist will give an organ recital in our church.

**Dunedin Consort Saturday 28 September 7.30 pm St Aloysius Church**

Carolyn Sampson sings Bach. John Butt, Director, Carolyn Sampson Soprano, Paul Sharp trumpet. For tickets: 0141 332 5057; [rcs.ac.uk/box-office](http://rcs.ac.uk/box-office).

**Looking For A Late Catholic Gap Year?** Do you know anybody who is Catholic, aged around 18 to 22 and still not got anything lined up for the year ahead? Castlerigg Manor (the Diocese of Lancaster retreat centre, located in the Lake District) are still looking for young people to join their youth ministry internship scheme. The scheme provides comprehensive training and experience as well as accommodation and food for the year, and a stipend each week. Anyone who is interested can check out [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) Email Jack Regan – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**On Thursday we celebrate the Martyrdom of John the Baptist.** This is marked as a key incident in the Gospels, especially the Gospel of Mark. Perhaps it was seen as a warning to Jesus of the reaction from people in power when truth is preached. It may be that it alerted Jesus to the likelihood that he also would be rejected.

**Thank you for last Sunday's Collection**

**First Collection - £1,255.66**

**Second Collection - £362.29 for Assisted Parishes**

**Donations via card reader last week - £425.50p**

**This Week's Second Collection will be for Parish Expenses**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

On the Feast of the Assumption (last Thursday), Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, invited Catholics and people of good will to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for peace in the Holy Land

O most glorious Mother of God,  
raised above the choirs of angels,  
pray for us with St Michael the Archangel  
and with all the angelic powers of heaven  
and with all the saints,  
to your most holy  
and beloved Son, our Lord and master.  
Obtain for this Holy Land,  
for all His children  
and for all humanity  
the gift of reconciliation and peace.  
May your prophecy be fulfilled:  
the proud are scattered  
in the imaginations of their hearts;  
the mighty are overthrown from their thrones,  
and finally, the humble are raised;  
Let the hungry be filled with good things,  
the peaceful be recognised as children of God  
and that the meek may receive the earth as a gift.  
May Jesus Christ, your Son, grant us this,  
He who exalted you today  
above the choirs of angels,  
who crowned you with the diadem of the Kingdom,  
and has placed you on the throne of eternal splendour.  
To him be honour and glory forever. Amen.

### Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday 27 August	St Monica	Memorial
Wednesday 28 August	St Augustine	Memorial
Thursday 29 August	Martyrdom of St John the Baptist	Memorial

## MASS TEXTS AND READING

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Ps. 83: 10-**

### First Reading

We will serve the Lord, for he is God.

**Josua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18**

### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v.9**

### Second Reading

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

**St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Yours words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

**Jn 14-5**

### Gospel

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

**John 6:60-69**

### Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**Cf Ps 103:1315**