

Major Repair to the Church

For some time the Finance Committee have been concerned about the flaking paint and poor lighting in the church, and we now plan to do major repair work to rectify these. More details we be given about the work and the cost in future weeks, but this is to give advance notice of closures in the autumn, from late August to mid-December.

1. Mass and confessions will continue during the repair works.
2. On weekdays the Masses will be in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Scott Street.
3. The Saturday 5pm Mass and the Sunday Masses will be in the church. (Part of the church will be allocated by the builders at week-ends. (But see no 4 below)
4. On the week-ends of 3/4 Sept., 8/9 Oct. and 15/16 Oct. The church will not be available. For these week-ends the 5pm Saturday and 9pm Sunday Masses will be in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, whilst the 10am and 12pm Masses will be in St. Aloysius' College hall.
5. Baptisms are possible in the church when the week-ends are available, but not recommended.
6. St. Patrick's have kindly said they are willing to host funerals from us during this period.

We regret the inconvenience this will cause, but believe that if we all work together we will cope with the difficulties. The work will be finished shortly before Christmas.

Becoming a Catholic

Adults who are interested in joining the Church follow a programme of learning and instruction, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which culminates at the Easter Vigil Mass when they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, and are fully embraced as a member of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA group of candidates will meet regularly from September onwards. All aspects of the Catholic faith are explored and discussed. There are no special requirements for candidates: you may have been baptised in the Catholic faith as an infant; baptised in another Christian church; or new to the faith. All are welcome.

If you have any questions please speak to Fr Twist or Fr Mitchell or contact staloyus.garnethill@rcag.org.uk

St Aloysius' Church – Accounts

We are preparing our accounts for the first quarter of the current year (1 April to 30 June). Hopefully we will have some information for next week.

Sunday Scripture Readings

How do Sunday Scripture readings work? Each year we follow one of the 3 Gospels - Matthew, Mark & Luke. (John is used in Lent and Easter). The first reading from the Old Testament is intended to be connected to the Gospel, but the second reading from the New Testament is a continuous reading of an epistle. Thus, this year we are following Luke on Sundays, and the 2nd reading continues with the letter to the Galatians.

Mailing List

If you are on our extensive emailing list, you will know that you receive an enhanced newsletter each week. For example last Sunday's newsletter included not only the standard information but also: A large print of the Sacred Heart Chapel mosaic; an online access to 'Jesuits and Friends', full details of the concert for Ukraine on 6th July, A Novena for the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, an access to the 'Thinking Faith' website. So effectively you receive a weekly parish magazine!

If you are NOT on our emailing list you can complete one of the RECORD CARDS at the back of the church, and then we will add your details.

Parish Safeguarding

We say thank you to Sister Patricia Orr who is stepping down as our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator (PSC) after 8 years and welcome Michael O'Duffin who now takes on that role. Michael will be introduced at Masses the weekend of 2nd/3rd July. The PSC acts as a point of contact for complaints or concerns about safeguarding; ensures appropriate checks and training are in place for volunteers working with children or the vulnerable; and that the parish's safeguarding is robust. The PSC is a key part of the Catholic Church's safeguarding arrangements in Scotland and we are most grateful to Michael for his generosity in taking on the role.

The Archdiocese has advised our parish of some additional Safeguarding Training sessions for both Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 is mandatory for all volunteers before they begin in their role. Part 2 should be done no earlier than 6 months of commencement in their role.

Induction Part 1

Saturday 25th June at 10 a.m.
Saturday 20th August at 10 a.m.
Monday 19th September at 7 p.m.
Monday 24th October at 7 p.m.
Saturday 5th November 10 a.m.
Monday 5th December at 7 p.m.

Induction Part 2

Thursday 11th August at 7 p.m.
Monday 5th September at 7 p.m.
Thursday 6th October at 7 p.m.
Monday 7th November at 7 p.m.

Statement on Abortion from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

In the light of recent public debate on the subject of abortion, Scotland's Catholic Bishops offer this perspective to the people of Scotland:

"Whether we believe in anything spiritual or not, the life that each one of us lives is the only one we have, and to take life from the unborn, no matter how insignificant in size, cannot be right. The rights of a woman and the compassion and support due to her, and the circumstances of her pregnancy, are naturally of great concern to us, but an unborn life, once taken, can never be restored. This is what makes abortion such a profoundly important matter for all human beings.

"No matter what position we take, this belief in the profound importance of the issue is shared by us all. It is incumbent on us therefore to accept that deeply held and divergent opinions are at stake and that the conflict which arises from this should be handled with respect and civility.

"Those who do not believe human life begins at the moment of conception, invite the question: 'when does it begin?' while those who believe that it does, ask the question: 'what right have we to take a unique and unrepeatable human life?'

"If we are to be the caring and compassionate society we aspire to be, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human life must be the foundational principle upon which that aspiration rests."

£20 and £50 Notes

The Bank of England will be withdrawing legal tender status of paper £20 and £50 banknotes after 30 September 2022.

After this date, paper £20 and £50 banknotes will no longer be legal tender. If you still have these, use them or deposit them at the bank or a Post Office during these last 100 days.

Reaching Across the Divide
Tuesday 12th July 6 - 8 PM GMT+1 (7-9 PM SAST) via Zoom

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu said “If you want peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.” But the work of talking to ‘the other side’ can be daunting, particularly where trauma is widespread, and injustice persists. When it comes to civil conflict, how do people reach across the ‘divide’? And why is it that some attempts at talking are so much more successful than others? More than twenty years on from the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland and the transformative Presidency of Nelson Mandela in South Africa, these questions remain vital. Join us to hear from two speakers who bring a deep understanding of how divides can be bridged, and conflicts transformed. Shareable link: <https://tinyurl.com/reachingacross>

Thank you for last Sunday’s Collection: First Collection: £1,780.83
Second Collection: £421.31 for Peter’s Pence

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 9 th July	Ss Leo Ignatius Mangin SJ, Mary Zhu Wu & Companions	Memorial
Saturday 9 th July	Our Lady of Aberdeen	Feast

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

Towards her I send flowing peace, like a river.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. v.1

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18

The marks on my body are those of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Your peace will rest on that man.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.