

St Aloysius' Church

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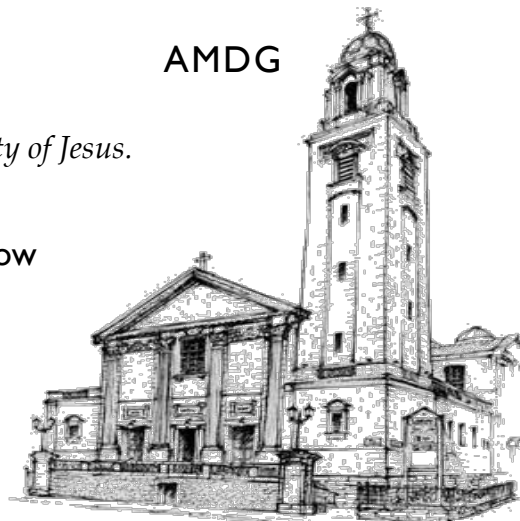
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AMDG

8 May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year C

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mass Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm
 Sunday: 10.00 am,
 12.00 noon (*choir*),
 & 9.00 pm

Weekday Mass 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

Please note that Exposition will begin today at 4.30 pm as St Aloysius' College Children celebrate their First Holy Communion



'Let the little children come to me and do not stop them.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. (Adapted from Mk: 13-16)

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

May 2022

For Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



This Sunday we have a 2nd collection for Ecclesiastical Students.

The Young Adult Group

The next meeting of the Young Adult group is on Wednesday 11th May, at 7.30pm in the Ogilvie Centre. All welcome!

Thanks to all who came on last Sunday's 'Glasgow in the country' walk.

Annual Accounts

We hope to have copies of the annual accounts for the year to 31st March, 2022 available next week. Here is some information in advance:

Donations to the church from our website	£20,222
Donations via electronic card reader	£ 2,300
Amounts collected and paid over for various charities	£57,661*

*This includes £23,466 to SCIAF, £5,497 to Jesuit Missions, £6,145 to Jesuit Refugee Service.

Easter Garden

Be sure not to miss the special Easter garden in the Sacred Heart chapel, a real tour of the Resurrection. This amazing piece of artwork was hand made by Br Rene. A big thank you to Br Rene for all his hard work!

Volunteer Teachers Required

St Aloysius ESOL School has been providing English language lessons for refugees and asylum seekers since March 2016. Classes take place in the Ogilvie Centre, annexed to the church, and run from 10.00 - 12.00, Monday to Friday. If you would like to help out on one or more mornings - experience preferred but not essential - please contact Kevin on 07716 759769 or email: esol.stalloysius@gmail.com. Thank you.

Ogilvie Centre – Disabled Access

Drivers - please be careful when parking to allow room for disabled access to the church via the Ogilvie Centre; this is the main entrance for those in wheelchairs.

Run for Jesuit Missions in the London Marathon

As Spring arrives many people's attention turns to outdoor activities. So, what better time to begin training for the 2022 London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October!

For many years the London Marathon has been a key fundraising event for Jesuit Missions. We want you to join our marathon team! To find out more please see our website <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/take-action/london-marathon/>, or contact Joeline Wilke info@jesuitmissions.org.uk who will be happy to provide more details.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a two-page briefing, attached, on the Scottish Parliament Equalities and Human Rights Committee's call for views on reform of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Please engage with this important consultation and, if you are able, please also write to your MSPs about your concerns. Please note that the closing date for submissions to the committee is Monday 16th May. All evidence must be submitted via the Scottish Parliament's online platform.

The Scottish Government has introduced the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill to the Scottish Parliament. The Bill seeks to amend the Gender Recognition Act 2004: a law which allows individuals to apply for a Gender Recognition Certificate to legally 'change' gender. The Bill seeks to remove the current requirement for a diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria and to reduce the requirement to have lived in the acquired gender for two years to three months. There is a proposal to add in a three month 'reflection period' after a Gender Recognition Certificate has been granted. The Bill also seeks to reduce the age at which someone can apply for a Gender Recognition Certificate from 18 to 16 years old.

A Catholic Understanding

The fullest Catholic understanding of sexuality flows from our faith in God's Revelation that the human person is made in His image, male and female. Following the data of the life sciences the Church holds that human life, from the moment of conception, has its sexual state fixed genetically, anatomically and physiologically, as a constitutive part of our personal identity. Moreover, the Church, aware of the evidence of both life and human sciences, is convinced that gender identity and sexual identity arise from one and the same real foundation and are inseparable from each other in principle.

Sexual identity is expressed in our biological organisation and reproductive functioning which are recognised at birth, rather than something which is assigned by social convention, or arbitrarily. That is to say, gender is innate through its biological and other components, and is thus unchangeable. Human sex is so intrinsic that it cannot be changed by surgery. Affirming the objective foundation of sex and gender from long-standing human experience confirmed in the data of the natural sciences, the Church does not recognise a legitimate prerogative of the State to redefine in law what is male and female in a way that denies the biological reality of sexual difference. These are part of the natural law which expresses the unchanging principles of the human person in society.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Removing the requirement for a diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria will inevitably reduce the opportunity for crucial support of healthcare professionals and remove a prudent protection for vulnerable individuals. Similarly, any reduction in the time a person is acquired to live in their acquired gender risks similar failure in practical support for vulnerable people.

Protecting Children

There are good reasons for not allowing sex reassignment surgery or other irreversible elective interventions to children; given their relative immaturity there is a need for special protection, not least in such profoundly affecting matters. For the same reason they are to be protected from making permanent legal declarations about their gender which can lead to irreversible surgery.

Last Sunday's Collection: £349.84
£1065.89

First Collection
Assisted Parishes

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 14th May

St Matthias

Feast

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3, 5, R. v.3

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

12.00 Mass



We are His peo - ple, the sheep of His flock.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.