

St Aloysius' Church

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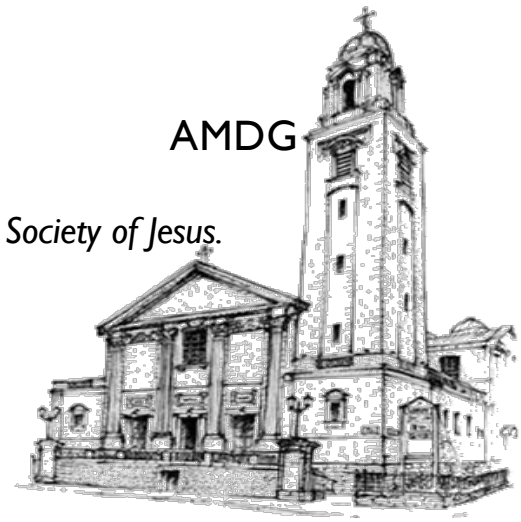
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CLERGY: Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)
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Fr Roger Dawson SJ

7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

Year B

SERVICE TIMES

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

Weekday Monday 8.00 am, 12.15 pm, & 5.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 9-Friday 12 April No 8 a.m. Mass
Mass at 12.15 only. Church closes after
Mass**

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

Thank you

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Holy Week Services, the choir, organist, sacristan, servers, readers, passkeepers, cleaners and decorators of the church. Thank you for what you have done this Holy Week and Easter and for all you do the whole year through.

Monday 8 April Feast of the Annunciation

Mass times 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.



Tuesday 9 April – Friday 12 April the Jesuit Community will be away at a Province Meeting and there will be no 8 a.m. Mass on these days. Each day Mass will be celebrated at 12.15 only. The Church will close each day after the Mass

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For the Role of Women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Women, Reconciliation and the Synod
Saturday 20 April** following 12.15 Mass – 4.00 pm in the Ogilvie Centre Meeting 3: Our third meeting in the series will focus on Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalen and the Call to Evangelisation All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided. Please do join us.

VENDREDI SAINT COMMUNIQUÉ SJ We cannot be silent!

Almost six months of war in Gaza, and the guns have not fallen silent. We, the members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), like so many other Catholics, Christians, men and women of all faiths and non-believers, refuse to be silent. Our voices continue to be lifted up in prayer, in lament, in protest at the death and destruction that continue to reign in Gaza and other territories in Israel/Palestine, spilling over into the surrounding countries of the Middle East.

Following the horrors of the attacks on southern Israel on 7 October 2023, the massive Israeli bombardments of the Gaza Strip, the ground offensive that has left most of the Gaza Strip in ruins, we are now witness to famine and the spread of disease in Gaza. Tens of thousands have died, almost 1,800 Israelis, over 32,000 Palestinians (not including those still to be unearthed from under the rubble). In addition to the lives snuffed out, there are hundreds of thousands of lives ruined, those who are wounded, homeless, and now hungry and smitten by disease.

We, Jesuits, reiterate our commitment not to remain silent. It is unacceptable that, despite attempts, almost six months into the present round of conflict, no one has been able to stop the killing. It is scandalous that no one has been able to ensure that the residents of Gaza have enough to eat. It is shameful that no one has been able to call the warmongers to account. Sadly, we remember that an ongoing conflict in the land called to be holy has been allowed to continue and fester as an open wound on the face of the Middle East.

Engaged for decades in the communities and societies of the Middle East, we, as Jesuits, want to say that it need not be this way. The choice of death over life, vengeance over reconciliation, wrongdoing over justice, self-interest over relationship, violence over dialogue is a choice and not fated destiny. **There are other choices that could be made.** We will continue to foster a dream of a different future, a future already foreseen by the prophets in the Holy Scriptures. *“They shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more”* (Isaiah 2:4).

We join our voice to that of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who has repeatedly warned: “War is a defeat! Every war is a defeat” (Angelus, 8 October 2023). We repeat our call for an immediate ceasefire, for the release of all the 7 October hostages, for negotiations and for the beginning of a process that will bring freedom, liberty and justice for all in the Middle East, the only road to true peace.

Gaza Parish Priest Visit to Glasgow

Booking is NOW OPEN and the programme of events for the visit of Fr Gabriel Romanelli, parish priest of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza, has now been confirmed. You are invited to join Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and the Archdiocese of Glasgow on Friday 26th April for two events in Fr Gabriel’s company.

Join us first for “Hope For Peace in Gaza: A Conversation With Fr Gabriel Romanelli” which will consist of a keynote address by Fr Gabriel followed by a discussion panel and Q&A. Panellists will include Archbishop William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow and President of Justice & Peace Scotland, and Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (other panellists still to be confirmed). **Friday, April 26 · 10:30am - 12:15pm Trades Hall Of Glasgow 85 Glassford Street Glasgow G1 1UH <https://pulse.ly/6mi5ksyuhd> to sign up** After the talk, we will make our way to St Andrew’s Cathedral for Celebration of Holy Mass with Fr Gabriel and the Archbishop. Sign up is not required for those who only wish to attend the mass.

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal 6 -7 April

Peter Diamond, Community Fundraiser Scotland, for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is visiting the parish this weekend. ACN is a Catholic charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians around the world with over 5000 projects in more than 140 countries each year. Peter will be talking about the projects, sharing stories from ACN’s project partners and explaining how we can help in prayer and giving.

Assisted Dying (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Bishops have spoken out against assisted suicide. In a submission to a consultation process proposed by Liam McArthur of the Liberal Democrats, the bishops expressed concern that proposed legislation to allow assisted suicide represented a threat to the elderly, frail and disabled and an assault on human dignity. In their submission, the bishops said that the legislation undermined attempts to prevent suicide, improve end-of-life care and threatened public trust in the medical profession. The Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Officer, Anthony Horan, said, "Assisted suicide attacks human dignity and is based on the mistaken belief that individuals can lose their value and worth. The state should support the provision of care, not the deliberate killing, of those at the end of life." Mr Horan added that the proposed laws represented a slippery slope, with no future government sufficiently empowered to prevent their extension. He called the proposed enactment "a dangerous law with deadly and irreparable consequences".

Please see on the parish website www.stalloysiusglasgow.org **Dr Gillian Wright interviewed by Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ on Liam McArthur's Assisted Dying (Scotland) Bill** which will soon be debated in Holyrood. Please contact your MSP to oppose this proposal which will put the most vulnerable people at risk. The Care Not Killing petition is available for signing at the back of the church and also be completed online at Care Not Killing Scotland – promoting palliative care – opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide

A Service of Divine Mercy will be held in St. Helen's Church Langside on Sunday 7th April at 3pm. All welcome!

RCIA Becoming a Catholic Adults who are interested in joining the Church and follow the RCIA programme are invited to speak to Fr Twist or Fr Mitchell, or contact stalloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk

The YOUNG ADULT GROUP continue to meet in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre on Sundays at 7pm. Why not come along: light meal, talk, prayer and possibility of Mass at 9pm. Please note that we will not meet on Easter Sunday nor on Sunday 7 and 14 April. We will reconvene on Sunday 21 April.

Christian Life Community for Young Adults Information evening Wednesday 17 April at 7 p.m. in the Ogilvie Centre, 25 Rose Street

We are planning to set up a new Christian Life Community for Young Adults in St Aloysius'. Vasco Zeferina of the Young Adults group and Father Gerard Mitchell, SJ, invite you to an information evening about CLC on Wednesday 17 April, given by Fr David Stewart SJ of the Edinburgh Jesuit Community.

Christian Life Communities (CLC) exist in large numbers throughout the world. Begun 400 years ago by the Jesuits, CLC members commit to daily personal prayer, the regular meeting of a CLC group, occasional involvement in regional and national CLC meetings, and an annual retreat (in daily life or at a retreat house). CLC groups are local and small (typically six to eight people) and meet monthly to reflect on Scripture and the following of Christ in everyday life.

For further information and to contact Vasco Zeferina please email on stalloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk or phone the parish office 332 3039

Spring Young Adult Walking Pilgrimage, Glasgow [19 - 21st April 2024]. The Youth Office are running a 3-day walking pilgrimage through the Archdiocese stopping at various parishes. It is a great opportunity for 16 - 35 year olds to grow in their faith, get in some exercise and make new friends. www.tinyurl.com/rcagpilgrimage

Glasgow Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Archbishop Nolan will lead is summer's pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place from Friday 12th July to Friday 19th July, flying from Glasgow Airport. For more details contact Joe Walsh Tours on Freephone 0808 1890468, email 4 or visit the website www.joewalshstours.co.uk.

Support Group for Catholic Women Affected by Separation and Divorce Fri, 12th April St Patrick's church hall, Dumbarton, 6pm to 8pm.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 8 April
Thursday 11 April

The Annunciation of Our Lord
St Stanislaus

Solemnity
Memorial

Thank you for last Easter Sunday's Collection - £1911.52
Maundy Thursday Collection for the Poor £437,15
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places £815.06

Donations via card reader last week – £784

– many thanks!

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon

1 P 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading 35

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-

United, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R.v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading

St John 5:1-6

Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20 :29

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.