



# NEWSLETTER

## St. Aloysius' Parish

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25<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year  
(19<sup>th</sup> September- 25<sup>th</sup> September)

### SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday Mass** Vigil (Saturday): 5.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am,  
12.00noon (choir),  
& 9.00pm

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

Saturday: 12.15am,  
& 5.00pm (Vigil)

**Confessions** Monday – Sunday 30 minutes before  
**And Registration** each Mass

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday:

8:30am-3:30pm

Office Manager:

Alison Fletcher

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

We Pray that we all will make courageous choices for a single and environmentally sustainable lifestyle rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## Saints of the Week:

20<sup>th</sup> September

St. ANDREW KIM-TAEGON and Companions, Memorial

The Christian Faith reached Korea through the work of dedicated lay people early in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. A strong, vibrant community emerged, flourishing under lay leadership until 1836 when, in secret, members of the Paris Foreign Mission Society entered the country. During the persecutions of 1839, 1846, 1866 and 1868, one hundred and three members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Two outstanding members of this group of martyrs were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay catechist, Paul Chong Hasang. The list of martyrs also includes bishops and priests but most of the martyrs were lay men, women, and children. Pope Saint John Paul II canonized the Martyrs of Korea in the cathedral in Seoul, Korea, in 1984. Together the martyrs are honoured as the patrons of Korea.

*Source: Catholic Culture*



21<sup>st</sup> September

St. MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast



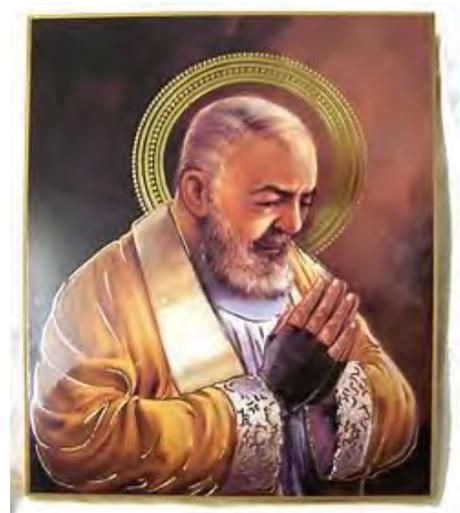
Matthew served as one of the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ. As an eyewitness to the Saviour, Matthew recorded a detailed account of Jesus' life, the story of his birth, his message, and his many deeds in the Gospel of Matthew. He also served as a missionary, spreading the good news to other countries. Matthew displayed one of the most radically changed lives in the Bible in response to an invitation from Jesus. He did not hesitate; he did not look back. He left behind a life of wealth and security for poverty and uncertainty. He abandoned the pleasures of this world for the promise of eternal life. The remainder of Matthew's life is uncertain. Tradition says he preached for 15 years in Jerusalem following the death and resurrection of Jesus, then went out on the mission field to other countries. The official "Roman Martyrology" of the Catholic Church suggests that Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia. *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* also supports the martyrdom tradition of Matthew, reporting that he was slain with a halberd (a combined spear and battleaxe) in the city of Nabadar.

23<sup>rd</sup> of September

St. PADRE PIO of Pietrelcina, Memorial

St. Padre Pio, (Francesco Forgione) was born in a village in southern Italy. is one of the greatest figure of our age. His life is an extraordinary divine calling and a wondrous human response marked by love, prayer, and solitude. He received the stigmata, possessing extraordinary gifts of healing, conversion, bilocation, ceaseless prayer and uninterrupted ministry as confessor. He died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1968 at the age of 81 and canonised on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

*Source: padrepiodapietrelcina.com 2020*



Dear Parishioners,

## JESUIT PARISHES CONFERENCE 28 – 30 OCTOBER 2021

Every three years the parishes of the British Jesuit Province hold a three-day residential conference. Unfortunately last year's conference had to be postponed and will now be held at Swanick Conference Centre, Derbyshire from the afternoon Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – mid-morning on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Each of our ten Jesuit parishes is invited to send a group of approximately 10 people, plus the parish priest(s) and pastoral team (Jesuit parishes in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Preston, Stonyhurst, Stamford Hill in North London, Walm Lane Polish Parish in North London, Farm Street in Central London, Southall in West London and Boscombe on the South Coast of England).

Last January, in preparation for this conference, a two-day zoom workshop took place and the parish team and parishioners from St Aloysius' took part

We met in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic:

to support one another in our current pastoral situations and to reflect on the life and mission of our parishes, to consider the impact of the pandemic and how we might move forward as Jesuit parishes in uncertain times, to consider what the Lord might be calling us to in this time and the time ahead and to consider what we need, to look to the future with confidence, and how we can forge a more dynamic Christian community once life returns to some sort of normality.

This workshop was an opportunity for us to begin to look at our deeper life, at what we value and cherish, what we want, what we seek – and to commit in our daily life to what we have dreamed of and to come out of this crisis better.

On the evening of the first day of the workshop we heard a 4 part presentation from Fr James Hanvey SJ.

Fr James joined us on Zoom from Rome. He invited us to consider a passage from Pope Francis's **Evangelii Gaudium, the Joy of the Gospel**:

*"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the **openness and missionary creativity** of the pastor and the community.*

*While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves **capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity**, it continues to be **"the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters"**.*

*This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few.*

***The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration.***

*In all its activities the parish **encourages and trains its members** to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, **a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey**, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.*

*We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of **living communion and participation**, and to make them **completely mission-oriented**."*

In the light of this reading Fr James presentation invited us to reflect on what a Jesuit parish could be in the twenty-first century and most especially after the coronavirus.

We were guided through a process which considered themes such as: the parish as a place filled with stories and histories; the parish as a place of sanctuary and belonging; the parish as a place of encounter with God and each other and finally, the parish as a school of memory, of faith and of humanity.

I should like to invite members of our parish to become part of the ongoing conversation and discussion on these matters. As a way of beginning to share in that conversation I invite you to consider prayerfully the passage from Pope Francis and to watch a recording of Fr Hanvey's presentation in which he speaks of his experience as a priest in St Aloysius. The recording is available online - [Click here](#).

I recommend it to you.

Fr Gerard Mitchell, S.J.

With every best wish and prayers

## Safeguarding

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document In Gods Image v2 and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

### Parish Safeguarding Coordinators

The parish is seeking to recruit two volunteer Safeguarding Coordinators as we strive to keep our community safe. If you would be interested in assisting with this important work, please speak with Fr Mitchell. No specific qualifications are needed as training will be given by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team; however experience in a social work, health, the police or the legal profession would be helpful.



### St Columba's Hymn



Andrew Dunlop is a musician and composer and was asked earlier in 2021 to write a new arrangement of *Laoidhe Chaluum Chille* (St Columba's Hymn) as this is the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St Columba. Covid restrictions on Choirs back in June and travel was restricted meant that they couldn't use a Gaelic choir or the Highlands and Islands so they used multi-tracking voices and St Aloysius as their setting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGEsgOxEJzQ>

### SEASON OF CREATION

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September through 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents get together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation. More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home. To learn more about the Season of Creation please click here. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>



### Jesuit Missions

“As we draw closer to COP26, the Jesuit Missions Growing Our Future campaign continues with our Be BOLD petition. We would love you to sign our petition urging Prime Minister, Boris Johnson to take bold action against climate change.” Postcard copies of the petition are available at the back of the church. Please put completed postcards into box marked Jesuit Missions Petition at the back of the church. Also Petition and more information is available at: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/be-bold-petition/>