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BULLETIN FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Church is now closed for the celebration of Holy Mass following the latest Government regulations but we will again be open for Private Prayer. Please wear a mask and sanitise your hands on entering and leaving Church. Stewards will be on duty to ensure our safety and to clean the church. THERE IS NO BOOKING SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE PRAYER - YOU CAN JUST TURN UP AT ANY TIME DURING THE OPENING HOURS

Opening Times for Private Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration from Friday 20th November

Friday: St Aelred's 10 – 11 am, St Roberts 11-1 pm.
Saturday: St Robert's 11 – 1pm
Sunday: St Robert's 11 – 1pm
Monday St Aelred's 10- 11 am
Wednesday St Aelred's 10 – 11 am

Please pray for those who are sick; Anne Jensen, Les Green and all those who care for them. We also remember those who have died recently especially Alan Kirk, Jean Gray and Ezra Luca Hawley and those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Percy Risdale and Thomas Frederick Needham.

Mass at St Roberts will continue to be celebrated each Sunday and will be available as a recorded viewing as usual at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ON0w9Vg1R8-__n_GyLWMA?view_as=subscriber

Evening Prayer of the Church takes place every evening 6.00-6.20pm.

This is an on-line gathering of members of the parish to pray. If you have any prayer requests please phone Deacon David on 560279. To join Evening Prayer the log in details are: Zoom Meeting ID: 748 9844 4879 Passcode: 4Z9YTB

Zoom Coffee Morning – The Next Zoom Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 26th November at 11.00 to 11.40. Zoom Meeting ID: 78676924047.
Passcode: 8E4var

St Aelred's Prayer Group continues to meet on Zoom every Wednesday 7.00 – 8.15pm. If you would like to join please ring Dolores on 01423 870789 for the Zoom ID and Password

Preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion 2020-2021

The “normal” programmes are suspended, as you would expect but some work may be possible “on-line”, by use of DVDs or by using the relevant books to catechise children, with some remote support from the Parish. These programmes are totally dependant on parents catechising their own children for these sacraments, using whichever of the above means are most useful, though all candidates will receive the relevant book. Remote support will be provided by phone or online as appropriate.

Enrolment forms for first confession and first communion are available at the back of church at Private Prayer times or can be emailed to you via the parish office. Candidates who were enrolled earlier in the year before lockdown to prepare for first confession do not need to enrol again, but should complete the appropriate form for first holy communion which they will be able to receive in Eastertide of 2021. We would ask that all enrolments are completed by the 2nd Sunday of Advent i.e. Sunday 6th December. Once we have an idea of the numbers of children enrolled, we can then order the resources (i.e. DVDs and books) or alternatively provide parents with the internet link to the material on the Diocesan website.

The children eligible to enrol for first confession and first holy communion are within the following school year groups: The present Year 3, plus last years cohort, now in Year 4 should enrol for the sacrament of first confession. The present Year 5 who have yest to receive first holy communion should enrol for that sacrament. (If any of these students have not yet received first confession, they should enrol for both)

Year 6 and any students now in Year 7, or above, will be invited to enrol for the sacrament of confirmation in the first quarter of next year, with a view to the sacrament being celebrated around Pentecost. Enrolment for confirmation will take place in the first quarter of next year, with a view to the sacrament being celebrated around Pentecost.

Canon Callaghan 25th Anniversary Celebration - Canon Jim sends his thanks and appreciation to all parishioners at St Aelreds, who sent him good wishes, and a variety of gifts for the recent celebration of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, he hopes to soon be back personally to thank you once he recovers fully from his broken collar-bone injury.

Message from Fr Jim - Several people have been asking for my address so here it is: Little Sisters Of The Poor Nursing Home, Shire Oak Road, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 2DE
Thanks for your letters and prayers. I continue to hold the parishioners of St Aelred in my prayers.

St Aelred's SVP - Continues to meet and pray together online, and support people in the area. If you would like to join the Society or know someone who would like to be in contact with the SVP please call Barbara on 07311214364

Christmas Nativity! – Although it will be slightly different this year, we are planning on producing the nativity on DVD instead of a live event, all parts to be filmed by parents in their own home and sent in. The final version will not be shown on social media and only available to parents of children participating. Please contact Krista via the office email if you would like your child to participate and the part they would like. office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Thank you!



Made for Giving Online Shop Now Fully Stocked and Open Online - with lots of ideas for Christmas gifts –Go to <https://wellspringtherapy.co.uk/fundraising-events/made-for-giving-2020/> for the shop and raffle tickets. Thank you.

PPC Meeting - An informal zoom forum, advertised in the Bulletin, was held recently to share ideas for the PPC to discuss. Ideas included:

- Ways of remembering those who have died (covid and non covid related) with a memorial book and a tree on which people could leave prayers.
- Advent books for adults and children, a Christmas tree for the church, and each family donating a Christmas decoration to encourage our great St Aelred's spirit!
- Having good artificial plants/flowers in the church.
- A parishioner would like to restart the Young Person's Group re-formed under covid rules.
- Requests for lay readers again and music under covid rules.
- Could lawn between side of Hall and road be used for planting vegetables, bulbs, raised beds or fruit trees? A project for young people?
- Thanks were expressed to the Stewards.
- A new PPC Chair needs to be appointed. Nominations requested for the Canon to consider.
- We hope to have a zoom PPC Meeting soon to consider these ideas.

CAFOD - Light a Candle. During November we remember our loved ones who have died. As we cannot light a candle in church, we can support the work of Cafod by following this link to "Light a Candle" in the name of someone special and give thanks for their life. lightacandle.cafod.org.uk

Friends of the Holy Land - Silent Nights in Bethlehem You are invited by the charity Friends of the Holy Land, which supports Christians in the Holy Land, to participate in two forthcoming free events. At 7.00pm on Thursday 3 December. Peter Rand, FHL's Vice Chairman and , is running a Zoom session for our Diocese. Peter has visited the Holy Land on around 25 occasions in the last 10 years and is in regular contact with the FHL Bethlehem office, the local FHL Committee and other partners including the Latin Patriarchate, the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Pontifical Mission. He would like to share with you and take questions on the reality of life with COVID for our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, as we approach Christmas – a very different experience to ours in the UK. Please email Peter at peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk and he will send you the link to access the meeting. And at 10am on Saturday 5 December, FHL are organizing a live cookery demonstration by zoom of a traditional Palestinian Christmas meal, prepared by the ladies at St. Martha's House, a Day Care Centre in Bethlehem, supported by FHL. Again, please email Peter who will send you the link.

Preparing for Advent - on line retreat recommendation. As we are not able to meet together for an advent programme this year Deacon David is recommending the "Pray-as-you-Go" Advent retreat, written by Gemma Simmonds CJ. After a year of challenges, changes, suffering, isolation and social distancing, perhaps there's never been a more important time to reflect on the Incarnation; to reflect on God's incredible plan to draw as close as possible to us, by becoming one of us. Sessions last about 20-25 minutes and will be released week by week starting with a short introduction to the retreat on Thursday 26th November followed by 5 more sessions in subsequent weeks : <https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-retreat-2020>

Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) Normally around this time we would offer stamped and addressed cards for sale to send to various individuals and groups persecuted around the world for their beliefs. This year, would you be willing to arrange to send your own card? The list of names etc is attached to this week's extended bulletin. These people may receive a religious card or postcard. Please add a simple message such as, ' I am thinking about you' and / I urge you not to lose hope'. Please do not mention ACAT or any political message. The postage for a standard letter to the "rest of the world" is £1.70 [up to 20 grams in weight]. Postage can be bought online, follow the link <https://www.royalmail.com/sending/international>

Action by Christians against Torture

PASO DEL NORTE A.C., MEXICO The Paso Del Norte Human Rights Center, in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua state, Mexico, was founded in 2001 by the priest Óscar Enríquez Pérez to address human rights in the region. The group began its work in a context of violence against women, executions, corruption of public security forces and a climate of impunity. It helps local communities stand up for their civil rights and now focuses on torture cases and forced disappearances, providing legal advice, psychosocial care, and training. It is harassed and threatened by the authorities, who have raided and damaged their premises. **Please send a message to the following.**

**Paso Del Norte Human Rights Center
Calle Independencia 32670 Ciudad Juárez
Chihuahua, Mexico**

BISHOP DONALD LIPPERT AND SR LORENA JENA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Together with Sr Lorena Jena, a Swiss-born Franciscan missionary, Bishop Lippert has conducted a long campaign against accusations of sorcery and witchcraft in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea. Belief in witchcraft is widespread in this area and the poor and defenceless are often blamed for a death. Those accused face beatings, banishment, limb amputation, torture and murder. On Easter Sunday three women, accused of killing a man with a history of asthma and kidney failure, were severely tortured and burned; six others were also accused. Women, children, the elderly and the disabled are particularly at risk. **Please send a message to:**

**Bishop Donald Lippert, Sr Lorena Jena
C/o Catholic Diocese of Mendi
P.O. Box 69
Mendi, S.H.P. 251
Papua New Guinea**

María Márquez de Favelaaría, one of a group of relatives of the 'disappeared' in Mexico, is still struggling to find her missing son, who was kidnapped by police in the city of Ciudad Juárez in October 2012. In her own words: *Six years ago, state agents forcibly returned to my home, broke the padlocks, windows, and kidnapped my son and one of his friends who was there. To date, we have no idea where they are. ... We have no help, the authorities do not want to investigate. It has been proven that they were abducted by police, that's why they do not want to advance our case. So we managed on our own to look for our son everywhere. ... We agree to look for our missing, we look in the streets, in neighbourhoods, in the surrounding hills, in other cities, we seek our children with shovels, rakes ...* Over 40,000 people are considered victims of enforced disappearances in Mexico and more than 26,000 unidentified bodies are still in morgues.

Please send a greeting to the following:

**Centro de Derechos Humanos Paso del Norte for María Márquez de Favelaaría
C. Independencia No. 7073
Collar. Lino Vargas
C.P. 32663, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua
Mexico**

Germain Rukuki has been in prison in Burundi since July 2017/18, when he was sentenced to 32 years in prison following a trial marred by numerous irregularities. Without any material proof being presented and on the basis of false accusations, he was condemned for membership of an 'insurrectional movement', 'undermining the internal security of the State', 'rebellion', 'assassination of servicemen, police and civilians', 'degradation of public and private buildings', and 'the will to change the democratically elected regime'. The proceedings were held in camera. When sentence was pronounced neither Germain nor his lawyers were present. His 'crime' was membership of ACAT-Burundi, which, like almost all Burundian human rights NGOs, has been banned since 2015. Their members are silenced by prison, exile or death. In November 2018 the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights urged the Burundi authorities to 'release all arbitrarily detained persons, including human rights defenders'. **Please send a greeting to the following:**

Germain Rukuki

Ngozi Prison

Ngozi Province, Burundi BY19

Mancho Bibixy a journalist was arrested without warrant by soldiers and after over 14 postponements of hearings was sentenced in May 2018 by a military court in Cameroon to 15 years in prison + a huge fine for 'acts of terrorism, secession and of hostility against the fatherland'. He was considered a leader of a peaceful demonstration against the marginalization of the English-speaking minority. The authorities' response in the conflict has been very violent, including the use of live ammunition against protesters, mass arrests, torture, humiliation and intimidation. In 2019, after organizing, with four other human rights detainees, a protest against their ill-treatment, he was moved temporarily to a military camp where he was again tortured. His sentence was extended for another three years. He is in poor health + he can communicate with his family only with the authorization of the prosecutor and by paying fees. According to recent reports (May 2020) his health has seriously deteriorated and at least one fellow prisoner has tested positive for coronavirus.

Please send a greeting to:

**Mr Mancho Bibixy
Yaoundé Central Prison
1000 Yaoundé
Cameroon**

Déogratias Mushayikdi A non-violent campaigner for peace and democracy in Rwanda, has been imprisoned for many years. A Tutsi, he lost his family during the 1994 genocide. During and after the armed rebellion in which Paul Kagame – current president of the Republic – was one of the leaders, he occupied a senior position in the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) but left after discovering that it was committing extra-judicial killings with impunity. In 2000, following threats, he fled to Belgium, where he mobilized both Hutus and Tutsis with a view to bringing about peaceful political change in a united Rwanda. In March 2010 he was arrested in Tanzania with an expired visa on a fake Burundian passport (which he used to avoid detection), and taken to Rwanda, where he was given a life sentence after an unfair trial. The Supreme Court upheld the sentence. With no family in Rwanda he receives few visits and has been largely forgotten by the international community. In 2017 the US State Department documented various human rights problems in Rwanda,

Please send a greeting to him via the following address.

**ACAT-France – Rwanda
Action Déogratias Mushayidi
7, rue Georges Lardennois
75019 Paris, France**

Juan Antonio, Jesús Iván and Luis Adrián (then a minor) Figueroa Gómez, On 18 January 2012 three brothers, were arrested without warrant by police from the Chihuahua Public Ministry, Mexico. They were held incommunicado, tortured and presented to the media as members of a racketeering gang. The younger brother was finally released in August 2013, the other two in June 2014. All three were tortured, but complaints against the police have not been followed up. The brothers and their families are constantly threatened and intimidated to force them to drop their complaints. Since 2006 successive governments in Mexico have waged a 'war on organized crime' that has added massive human rights violations to the violence of cartels and other criminal gangs. The most vulnerable people — those from poor neighbourhoods, women, natives and migrants — are exposed to murder, torture, arbitrary arrests, disappearances and extrajudicial executions. The authorities, often corrupt, rarely conduct serious investigations and the impunity rate is around 98%. Even the Victims Unit of the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Chihuahua Human Rights Commission are alleged to have blackmailed the brothers' family, who, if they want to obtain safe accommodation in another city, must cease supporting the Paso Del Norte Human Rights Center, which is campaigning for justice for the brothers.

Please send a greeting (preferably in Spanish but otherwise a simple one in English).

Below is a suggested message (or use your own English words): *Mis pensamientos están con ustedes.* [My thoughts are with you.]

Que sean fuertes, valientes y perseverantes en esta prueba. [May you be strong and courageous in this trial.] **Please send the message to:**

**Para los hermanos Figueroa Gómez C.
Centro de Derechos Humanos Paso del Norte, Independencia No. 7073 Col. Lino Vargas
CP 32663, Ciudad Juárez,
Chihuahua MEXICO**

Bertrand Zibi Abeghe caused an uproar in Gabon in July 2016 when he resigned as an MP of the ruling Gabonese Democratic Party (PDG) during a public rally attended by President Ali Bongo Ondimba, who was re-elected a month later in a questionable electoral process. Bertrand was later arrested and held for four months, before being transferred to the central prison in Libreville. In September 2017, after eight months of pre-trial detention, he was charged with 'illegal possession of a firearm', 'non-assistance to a person in danger' and 'crimes against public peace'. He was repeatedly beaten, shackled, hooded, and placed in solitary confinement. His lawyers found him haggard, walking with difficulty, and his body covered with bruises. He told them that he had not eaten or drunk for three days. A complaint of torture was summarily dismissed. On various occasions he was denied food and water for several days in a row, and endured solitary confinement in a cell without light and only a few ventilation holes during extremely high temperatures. In July 2019 he was tried and sentenced to six years in prison. An appeal hearing has been postponed indefinitely. **Please send a greeting to the following:**

**Bertrand Zibi Abeghe
C/o Libreville Central Prison
BP 2110, Libreville
Gabon**

Celeste Nlemvo Makela, Parfait Mabiala, Franck Donald Saboukoulou, Guil Ossebi and Meldry Dissavoulou were arrested in November/December 2019 and detained in Brazzaville, Congo for 'undermining the internal security of the State'. They are five young Congolese civil society activists, Although the examining magistrate ordered their provisional release in March 2020, all but Celeste Nlemvo Makela, who was freed in June, remain in detention. They are accused of communicating on social networks messages of electoral support for Andrea Ngombet, an opponent of the regime of President Denis Sassou Nguesso, who is seeking re-election in 2021. ACAT-France has led the campaign for the men's release. A major concern is the conditions of their detention in a country where the use of torture and ill-treatment is common, especially against critics of the regime. **Please send the above a greeting to:**

**ACAT-France (Action CONGO)
Parfait Mabiala, Franck Donald Saboukoulou, Guil Ossebi and Meldry Dissavoulou
7, rue Georges Lardennois
75019 Paris**

Or you can write to them directly at: Maison d'arrêt de Brazzaville, Avenue du Chaillu, Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo