

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

*No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

*John Donne*

**PRAY FOR** the unity of the Anglican Communion and for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams; for Richard our Bishop and the Area Bishops in London; for The Deanery of St Margaret's (Westminster); for this parish of St Paul and all who dwell and work here; for our sister parish of St Paul's K Street, Washington;

### THOSE TO BE MARRIED

Piers Thynne and Lucinda Wharton; Mairi Brewis and Benjamin White; Simone Sigouin and Gavin Kelly.

### THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Martin Warner, bishop; Tom Bingham; Dorothy Jones; Frances Stonor; Kitty Baxter; Clariette Wilmot; Chantal Patel; Dominique Murray; Ralph Dunstan; Cynthia Angus; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan; Juliet Merz; James Bedford; Simon Murphy; Michael Taylor.

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Celia Ball; Farah Russell.

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Jack Windham; June Fenwick; Victor Danenza.

All names will be included on lists for the clergy to pray for day by day for as long as people wish us to pray for them, but on the Weekly Sheet names will be removed after two weeks. We would be very grateful if people could keep us informed about those for whom we pray.

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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. If you would like to meet with the clergy, please ring the parish office to make a weekday appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule Fr Alan is unavailable on Fridays and Fr Richard on Tuesdays.

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ST PAUL'S  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE



THE WEEKLY SHEET 29<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 20

## Because I could not stop for death...

Driving down the King's Road in a funeral cortège on a summ afternoon in 2010 is an instructive experience. When I did it other day it made me think of an episode from my childhood. I sitting a black limousine driving behind the hearse carrying deceased grandfather to Kettering crematorium. I was surprised and touched when a policeman stood to attention and saluted we went by. My grandfather was the town dentist, and I wondered if he'd cured the policeman's toothache or made him a particular snug denture; but as we drove along I noticed lots of people stopping and bowing their heads and doffing their caps (caps were still worn in Kettering back then). It is a different world today; although a couple of tourists in the King's Road crossed themselves and a tramp doffed a filthy baseball cap, most people were oblivious to our solemn parade. The driver, with whom I was sitting up front, said that today, in London's dog-eat-dog traffic, it is unusual for other drivers to cut them up and honk their horns even tailgate the hearse. *Sign of the times*, he sighed. As we headed towards Richmond on a clear road three girls suddenly stepped on a zebra crossing so that the hearse, and the limousines which followed, had to brake hard. I heard the soft crumple of a fascinator striking the driver's glass partition behind me and that was an anxious moment with the coffin in the car ahead. Oh dear, a line of Emily Dickinson's leapt unbidden to mind. *Because I could not stop for Death, He kindly stopped for me...*

I find some aspects of public mourning faintly absurd. The Victorianism of funerals, with black plumed horses and top hat undertakers seems as quaint as town criers and milkmen, a version of the nostalgia we feel for the Christmases of grandparents' generation. More striking, perhaps, is the public appetite for celebrity funerals, the heaping up of forecourt bouquets, the books of condolence in Tesco's, teary crowds lining streets, as members of boy bands and snooker players gangsters go to their various rewards. We seem to love a big do I wonder why we pay so little attention to ordinary funerals as they pass by? What touched me about the saluting policeman in Kettering and the cap-doffing passers-by was an acknowledgement that we are all in this together; as John Donne put it, any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. That horizontal final journey to Mortlake or Putney or the enclosing clod is one we will all one day undertake. Isn't it worth a nod?  
Fr Richard Coles, *Curate*

## SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	<b>Family Mass</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> August	6 p.m.	Low Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9 a.m. 6.45 p.m.	Morning Prayer <b>Wednesday Evening Service</b> <i>followed by refreshments.</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
<b>Friday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
<b>Saturday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9 a.m. 12 noon	Morning Prayer Low Mass
<b>Sunday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> September	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 1-6 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>Family Mass</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b> <b>Parish Lunch</b> Church closed (BBC) Evening Prayer

**St Paul's Knightsbridge maintains a tradition of daily prayer and a daily mass, with clergy available each day for conversation and counsel. However, our main focuses are Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. You will be very welcome. The church is open for prayer from 09:00 till after the evening service.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL...

The August holidays are over, the choir and clergy are back, so from September 1<sup>st</sup> we return to our normal regime, with Morning Prayer at 9 on Tuesday morning and Evening Prayer at six on Sundays restored.

## PARISH LUNCH

Parish lunch will be served after Mass on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall at 77 Kinnerton St. James and Ivana are our *chefs du jour* and we anticipate a tantalizing menu of Dulwich/Sao Paolo fusion. If you would like to come, please sign up in the blue book at the back of church. Suggested donation £8.00.

## FOR YOUR DIARIES...

On three consecutive Sundays in September, at 5 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer at 6, Fr Richard will lead three sessions intended as introductions (or refreshers) to three key aspects of Christian faith. On **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September *This Is My Body*** deals with Holy Communion; on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> *Between a Puritan and a Papist*** looks at the origin and identity of Anglicanism; and on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> *The Harp with a Thousand Strings*** introduces the Bible. If you would be interested in attending all or any of these, please let the office know.

## RAPHAEL TAPESTRIES AT THE V&A

To coincide with the visit of the Pope to London in September the Vatican has agreed to lend four of the ten tapestries designed by Raphael for the Sistine Chapel, including the "Magnificent Draught of Fishes". They will be displayed beside Raphael's seven surviving cartoons held by the V&A since 1865, and reunited for the first time. Free timed tickets available from 1st July from the Victoria and Albert Museum for the exhibition lasting six weeks from Wednesday 8th September.

## ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

St Martin in the Fields' Autumn Education Programme for 2010 is entitled "And the Word became flesh and lived among us." In this year's Autumn Education Series a team of speakers seek to engage deeply with the Christian Scriptures, in the context of our 21st century world and our lives. Speakers include Dr Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans, and Dr Richard Burrige, Dean of Kings London and the Revd Lucy Winkett, new Rector of St James' Piccadilly. The sessions are scheduled for Mondays 27<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 22<sup>nd</sup> November in St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square from 7.00pm-8.30pm. The events are free, unticketed, and all are welcome. For further information please email richard.carter@smitf.org or contact the Parish Office on 020 7766 1100 www.smitf.org

## MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

29<sup>th</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** Gre

*Pray for peace throughout the world*

Psalm: *Oh, that my people would list*

Gospel reading: Luke 14.1, 7-

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>: John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688** Wh

*Pray for pilgrims*

Psalm (EHp364): *O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

Gospel reading (EHp365): Luke 21.21, 34-

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>: Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651** Wh

*Pray for the Church in the north of England*

Psalm (EHp367): *O sing praises to God, sing prais*

Gospel reading (EHp353): John 13.16-

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> September: Week 22** Gre

*Pray for the choir*

Psalm: *God alone is my rock and my salvati*

Gospel reading: Luke 4.38-e

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>: feria** Gre

*Pray for United Nations Organisation*

Psalm: *The earth is the Lord's, and all who dwell there*

Gospel reading: Luke 5.1-

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Gregory the Great, bishop, 604** Wh

*Pray for Pope Benedict*

Psalm (EHp371): *Give thanks to the Lord, the Holy O*

Gospel reading (EHp372): Mark 10.42-

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>: feria of the B. V. Mary** Wh

*Pray for the housebound*

Psalm: *The Lord is righteous in all his wo*

Gospel reading: Luke 6.1

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