



ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

10 February 2013: Sunday next before Lent

What gets in the way?



This week – to my astonishment – I managed to ‘connect’ all my photographic devices and albums together. It means that photographs ‘snapped’ whether on a sunny afternoon on the banks of the Tay in Scotland or in snow on the other side of the world are – without any fiddling or copying – immediately accessible in one place on my PC in my study in London and I can edit them, print, crop and apply to them any one of a thousand subtle improvements at the touch of a button. Photography has become so much easier – what with auto-focus, auto-exposure, digital media and ‘the cloud’. It is a world (and 30 years) away from the vagaries of

the darkroom and the dim red light in the school photographic club: all wet negatives, chemicals, enlargers, finger-staining chemical substances, stop baths and fixing... all then a much more seemingly random and messy process with much less satisfactory results! In theory now so much that got in the way has been removed – leaving me free to concentrate simply on capturing what I see and expressing myself through it.

The **Man Ray exhibition** at the National Portrait Gallery off Trafalgar Square has opened and runs till 27th May. Go! Man Ray (born Emmanuel Radnitsky) was a master of his art. One of the 20th century's most skilled and creative photographers, he was – of course – ‘encumbered’ by all the gumph and paraphernalia of the more primitive photographic processes in the 20th century that the digital world of the 21st has now made unnecessary. He'd have been astonished – and perhaps delighted – by what digital technology has now made possible. His triumph?... that despite all the encumbrances and fiddliness of the technical side of things, he brought an immediacy to the creative process and made images that can stop you in your tracks and make you catch your breath. *Nothing* got in the way of what he wanted to say. Of him, Marcel Duchamp wrote: "It was Man Ray's achievement to treat the camera as he treated the paintbrush, a mere instrument at the service of the mind."

Great artists, great technicians, the best musicians and top photographers remind us of the ‘end’ of our human creativity. A comparison of their results and ours reminds us not only of an uneven distribution in the world of skill and giftedness (would that I had more talent!) but much more importantly of the way ‘stuff’ gets in the way of what we want to do, to say and to be. It is true of our spiritual living too. Religion is not meant to ‘get in the way’ but so often aspects of church-going and the ‘stuff’ of our daily religious lives impedes rather than liberates us in being and achieving fully what God would have us do, make and be. So – this Wednesday – to the Holy Season of Lent. In Lent's forty days this year a good question for us might be ‘what gets in the way?’ – and Lent's forty days might be a good season to begin to clear the decks, to increase our skill and aptitude, or to re-order things more productively. We start on Wednesday at noon or at 7pm. Be there!

Fr Alan Gyle

MAN RAY
PORTRAITS
7 February – 27 May 2013
National
Portrait
Gallery

**Ash Wednesday masses to mark the start of
Lent at noon at 7pm this coming Wednesday,
13th February**

PARISH NOTICES

MUSIC & PREACHERS

Feb 10: The Sunday next before Lent

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Missa Sancti Nicolai – Haydn

Exultate Deo – Palestrina

Salvator mundi (II) – Tallis

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

February 13: Ash Wednesday

Noon: Low Mass with the Imposition of Ashes – Fr Andrew Norwood (St Luke's Chapel)

19:00 High Mass with the Imposition of Ashes – Fr Alan Gyle, preacher Fr Nick Mercer.

Mass for Four Voices – Byrd;

Versa est in luctum – Lobo; Vide homo – Lassus

February 17 : The First Sunday of Lent

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns & Lenten Reflection – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Messe gregorienne / O quam suavis / Tantum ergo – Jehan Alain

Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

ARRIVAL OF FR ANDREW SLOANE: ASSOCIATE VICAR

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to a **Shrove Tuesday pancake party** in the Vicarage on Tuesday 12th February at 6.30pm (after mass) at which we will welcome Fr Andrew Sloane our new Associate Vicar. Subsequently Fr Andrew will be **licensed by the Bishop of London** early on Friday morning of that week – Friday 15th February – in St Paul's Cathedral where Fr Sloane sang as a chorister and learned to serve at the altar! The Friday morning Eucharist at the Cathedral is at 08:00. If you plan to attend either event, please put your name in the blue book at the back of church to assist in planning. On the **first Sunday of Lent**, after drinks at the back of church, we will 'migrate' to the Spaghetti House in Knightsbridge for lunch together at 12:45 – which will give those who attend a chance to welcome Fr Andrew informally.

LENT AT ST PAUL'S a season for centring

Please collect your Lent Booklet this morning – or, if you are reading this online and would like a 'hard' copy – ring the Parish Office who will gladly send it to you (020 7201 9999).

These coming forty days are days in which to centre ourselves and to place God at the centre of our lives. To this end a number of resources and opportunities are available:

Saturday morning reflections on 24 Feb and 2, 9 & 16 March

From 10am till 11:45am (followed by mass at noon) – in which Fr Alan explores four Lenten themes in preparation for the Sunday masses: Narrative, Dehydration, Prodigality and Perfume

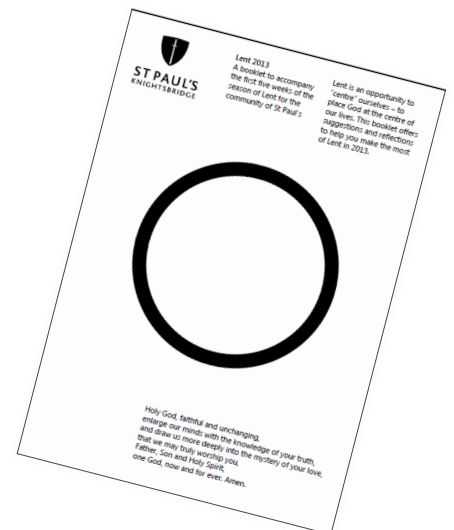
The Sunday Masses on 17, 24 Feb and 2, 9 & 16

March: with (at 09:00am) a series of Lenten Reflections for adults and children on the Lenten Themes (led by Fr Alan), and (at 11:00am) sermons by Fr Andrew Sloane, Fr Alan Gyle and Fr Nick Mercer

Reflections & Daily Devotions (available in the Lent Booklet or online at our dedicated Lenten microsite)

Giving to the Lent Appeal (this year in support of the Bishop of London's Lent Appeal – see the leaflet in church)

Reading a **Lent Book** from the Book Stall in church



PLEASE VISIT

www.lentstpauls.weebly.com



Masses & Psalm Responses

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.

Date and observance → Tuesday 5 February – feria
Colour of vestments → ● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
Response to the psalm → I will proclaim your name among the people
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Sunday 10 February – Sunday next before Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 11 February – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 312 (year 1);
I shall sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Tuesday 12 February – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 315 (year 1);
**O Lord our governor,
 how glorious is your name in all the world!**

Wednesday 13 February – Ash Wednesday

● Mass at noon and 19:00; RCL p. 87;
Have mercy on me, O God.

Thursday 14 February – Cyril and Methodius

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 68;
**Lift up your heads, O gates,
 and the king of glory shall come in.**

Friday 15 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 90 (year 1);
 Propers of Lent
**A broken and contrite heart, O God,
 you will not despise.**

Saturday 16 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 92 (year 1);
 Propers of Lent
**Teach me your way, O Lord,
 and I will walk in your truth.**

Sunday 17 February – 1st Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

In our daily prayers

We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Lent
- Our Bishop, Richard
- Our church and neighbourhood
- Our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- Peace, especially for the Middle East, the people of Syria, and for Christian minorities.
- Those on active service overseas

We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion

*(the daily cycle of prayer for the Anglican Communion is to be found at:
www.anglicancommunion.org/acp)*

Among the sick and those in need, we pray for:

Brian Fuller; Matthew; Rosemary Powell; Tim Dally; Ruth Stevens; Annelise Bowser; Alyson Coney; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Adcock; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; Kenneth James; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Katherine Davis; John Willmington.

Among the recently departed:

Richard Thornton; Mark Humbert

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Joan Watson	8 February
Ian Ferguson Sommerville	11 February
Brenda Tweddle	16 February
Jamie Courtauld	16 February
Frances Elizabeth Tully	18 February
Charles Beattie	18 February
Dorota Stankiewicz	18 February

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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by 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.

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