



ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

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10 March 2013: The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Community

First and foremost, since this is my first writing for the Weekly Sheet, please allow me to express my profound thanks for the extraordinarily warm welcome you have given me in so many ways since I arrived in time for pancakes at the Vicarage on Shrove Tuesday. It has been most heart-warming and encouraging to have been so kindly embraced into this community of faith. Thank you.

And I think it is to “community” to which I would speak this week. I’m afraid that “community” is a word that is perhaps over used, and not least of all, in my experience, in places where there is little evidence that

community in fact exists! Yet “community”, and its relatives “communion”, “corporate”, “incorporation”, “corpus”= “body”, the “Body of Christ”, “ecclesial” (the community of those who are “called out”, “assembly”, as in “Assembly of Israel”, and many others, are in fact of the essence in Christian faith and living.

Surely we do not need to be reminded of the “corporate” nature of the Judaeo/Christian Tradition. It is as a community that Abraham and his people, Noah and his people, Moses and his people are called out; at the very start of the Lord’s own ministry he calls together the diverse band of the disciples who will become the Apostolic Community; it is upon the Christian community gathered together in one place,

not as isolated individuals, that the Holy Spirit is poured out on the day of Pentecost. Our initiation into the Christian faith by Baptism is at the same our inCORPORATION into the Body of Christ, the Church. The very word “Catholic” as in “Anglo Catholic” means “ according to the whole”, “universal”. So even as we are called into a deeply personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, we are at the same time thrust out beyond ourselves to community, and at that

a community of ALL those who are not only with us in the faith but those too who have gone before, “all the company of heaven”.

Living and ministering in now three major cosmopolitan cities,

New York, Washington, and London, I am ever increasingly aware of the disjointed and unrooted nature of the lives of many in these cities. A frenetic pace of work and living, coupled often with divorce from our formative roots geographically and even emotionally, can lead so easily to isolation of the individual and even of the family. It is of course no accident that St. Benedict in his Rule has “stability” as one of the central vows of Christian, monastic living, reflecting in turn something of the essence of Christian living for us all. Interesting too that even contemporary, secular “corporations” are looking to the wisdom of the Rule of St. Benedict to build up their own communities and nurture fruitful results!



And so it is with our Lenten observances which you remember began with our coming together on Ash Wednesday in an act of CORPORATE worship. It is first as the gathered community of the crucified and risen Lord that we tread the pilgrim path together of a Holy Lent, then appropriated only secondly in personal disciplines as varied as the people we are and the places where we find ourselves on our journey Godward.

The potential power then of a faithful Christian community in our urban and disjointed living is potentially enormously important and transformative. While churches such as ours might be best known for the “big do’s” when all the stops are pulled out with all the bells and smells and whistles, I believe that the real transformative seat of power for us is in the rather quiet and unspectacular but utterly dependable, regular, stable worship of Almighty God that is offered here each morning and evening of the week. Those few who gather here are a vicarious community, that is they are here on behalf of the wider community of the parish church who are not able to be present, on behalf of all those who live and work and visit in our parish boundaries, and indeed on behalf of The Church and the world.

So perhaps a challenge to us all- to make some commitment to being part of that weekday power house? For when God’s people are gathered together in one place God surely acts! I realize that most of us do not live near the church; but I wonder if here, as in other urban parishes I have served, we could develop a “cult” (in its best meaning!) of commitment to the weekday offerings of worship. Perhaps those of us who do live nearby have a particular contribution to make by exercising regularly not only the opportunity but also the privilege of daily worship. Perhaps no matter where we live or work to arrange schedules and work and social activity say once a week around a weekday morning at 9AM on the way to...; or a weekday evening at 6 or 6.45 PM on the way from...; or even to “take time out” from the hurly burly not just to benefit oneself do you see, but also to contribute to and participate in the engine that is by Grace our spiritual power house that can remain untapped, unrecognized, undiscovered, but most surely not unwanted or undesired. Do you think that is just “pie in the sky” or can it be the heart of our parish and of our mission- a heart from which so much can and must spring, a great treasure house that we may make known.

Fr. Andrew Sloane

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM 2013

PALM SUNDAY: 24th March

Monday of Holy Week
 Tuesday of Holy Week
 Wednesday of Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 28th March

GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March

EASTER EVE: 30th March

EASTER DAY: 31st March

Family Mass at 09:00
High Mass with Blessing of Palms
& Procession at 11:00

Mass & Reflection at 18:00
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Solemn Liturgy with Foot Washing Wa
Watch of the Passion till midnight

Family Stations of the Cross at 1030
Preaching the Cross at noon - Fr Andrew Sloane
The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, Veneration of the
Cross and Mass of the Pre-sanctified at 14:00

The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 20:30
 with drinks afterwards
Family Mass at 09:00
High Mass at 11:00



PARISH NOTICES

MUSIC & PREACHERS

March 10 : The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Missa Salve – Victoria

My shepherd is the living Lord – Tomkins

Sicut cervus - Palestrina

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

March 17 : The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Mass Collegium Regale – Howells

O vos omnes – Casals

Christus factus est – Bruckner

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Lent
- Our Bishop, Richard
- 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:

Chantal Patel; Tessa Murphy; Matthew; Rosemary Powell; Tim Dally; Annelise Bowser; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Adcock; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; Kenneth James; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Katherine Davis; John Willmington.

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Julian Goldsmid 13 March

Margaret Thornton 17 March

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

Page where the lections are to be found → DEL p.80, year 1;

Sunday 10 March – 4th Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 11 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 131 (year 1);

O God, I will praise you for ever.

Tuesday 12 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 133 (year 1);

The Lord of hosts is with us.

Wednesday 13 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 135 (year 1);

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

Thursday 14 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 137 (year 1);

Remember me, Lord, when you show favour to your people.

Friday 15 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 139 (year 1);

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted.

Saturday 16 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 141 (year 1);

God is my shield that is over me.

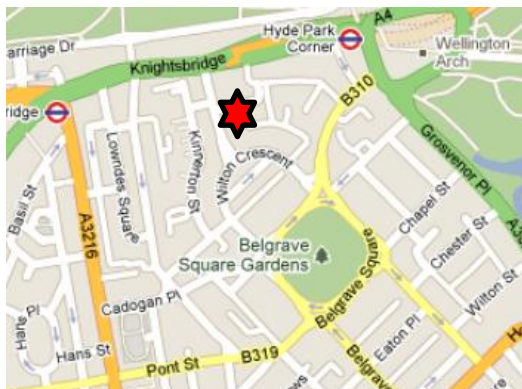
Sunday 17 March – 5th Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Anyone who is interested in or who may have any questions about being baptized and/or confirmed in the coming months is asked to please contact Fr. Andrew Sloane (AndrewSloane@spkb.org - or by phone: **0207201 9999**) at your earliest convenience so we can organize some appropriate and enjoyable preparation! Many thanks.

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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 Mondays and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

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