



**ST PAUL'S**  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

**14 APRIL 2013: EASTER 3**

**JUNE RETREAT**



Please keep Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 free and plan to join us in Albi in the South of France for our annual parish retreat.

**“No! No! No!”...**

A friend and colleague of mine – whose parish in the East End is as gritty as my own feels privileged – was asked to take the funeral of Reggie Kray when he died in 2000. He is a very experienced and wise priest. In the week or so preceding the funeral the Press were very keen to know his views on the gangster – what was he going to say about him in the service? Was he going to take the line that he loved his mum and never hurt anyone who didn't deserve it, or denounce him as a violent thug?

His response was – very properly – that a Christian funeral was *not* about choosing between competing public images; rather it was to place a human life in the context of the love of God, a love that is prepared to cherish and forgive but also a love that makes clear sin and failure.

Part of the scandal – or, as St Paul would have it, the *stupidity* – of our faith is that we believe that no sin is big enough to remove us from the love of God, and that there is no saint who is not also a sinner. The funeral service seeks to acknowledge the need for pardon as well as the achievements of a human life, in whatever proportion they might be. It is sometimes hard to keep this perspective on a funeral and not allow it to turn into a battleground of competing public judgements. We live in an age that has – to a great extent – forgotten this discipline and lost sight of this wisdom.

The death of Margaret Thatcher has provoked strong emotions in the nation – and, in a world of instantaneous comment through social media, has seen views expressed that are too-hasty and ill-considered. “No! No! No!” She, of course, was a politician and not a gangster. But, equally, she was clearly loved by family and friends, clearly elevated to mythic proportions by those who share her ideology and despised and hated by those who, most particularly, suffered the ill-effects of some of her decisions. Her rule as Prime Minister and the legacy she has left still require debate and assessment. But her funeral should not be used as a tool of that debate: neither by those who publicly celebrate her death, nor by those who share her politics – both are equally guilty of showing disrespect and bad taste.

How will we spend Wednesday? We would do well to spend at least part of it quietly in prayer: for our city and common life; for our Bishop, upon whose shoulders falls the unenviable task of preaching in the Cathedral; for *all* who bear the burdens of loss and bereavement, for surely the children even of the famous have a right to mourn; and for *all* the departed – among them Margaret Thatcher – that she, with them, through the mercy of God may rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Fr. Alan Gyle*

## PARISH NOTICES

### VISITORS & NEWCOMERS TO ST PAUL'S

If you are visiting us this Sunday morning, welcome! If you are here from another church, please let us know. All who are in good standing with their own churches of whatever tradition and who are regular communicants are welcome to receive the sacrament at the altar today. Afterwards, we hope you will join us for refreshments – and if you will, pause to fill in a Visitor's Card: we will be glad to add you to our mailing list and to make contact if that is what you'd like.

And if you simply wish to visit and slip away, that is fine too!

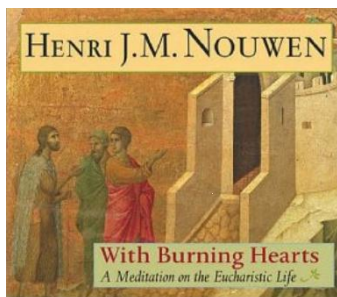
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### WITH BURNING HEARTS: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN EASTERTIDE

Twenty people began the five-week long study course on Wednesday evening of this past week – and any who didn't manage to make session 1 will still be very welcome to make an appearance *this* Wednesday evening at 6.45pm. The series, entitled **'WITH BURNING HEARTS: Looking at the story of the Road to Emmaus.'** is based on the book of the same name by the renowned writer on the spiritual life, Henri Nouwen who died in 1996. It explores the wonderful and significant story of the meeting of the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus and the subsequent supper at Emmaus. Nouwen offers an insightful understanding of the Eucharist and the part that the story and the Eucharist have to play in the lives of modern Christian pilgrims. From mourning to discernment, from invitation to intimacy, and from community to the charge to go forth and witness, *With Burning Hearts* calls us to experience all of this journey, to know that what we celebrate and what we are called to live are one and the same."

This is the plan:

- **April 10** I **Mourning Our Losses**
- **April 17** II **Discerning the Presence**
- **April 24** III **Inviting the Stranger**



- **May 1** IV **Entering into Communion**
- **May 8** V **Going on Mission**

Copies of the Nouwen book available at £12 each (including delivery charges), please see Fr Andrew if you would like one.

This series will take on a slightly new format in that after then 6.45 Mass all are invited for a wine and cheese supper in the choir vestry so that we might have some fellowship and an opportunity for discussion. Please join us.

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### FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

#### April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

**09:00 Family Mass with Hymns** – Fr Alan Gyle

**11:00 Solemn High Mass**

Missa Brevis in D K194 - Mozart ; We praise thee, O Father - Gibbons; Surrexit Pastor Bonus - L'Heritier; Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

#### April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

**09:00 Family Mass with Hymns** – Fr Andrew Sloane

**11:00 Solemn High Mass**

Missa Ego flos campi - Padilla

Alleluia: In resurrectione tua, Christe - Handl

Jesus came when the doors were shut - Tomkins; Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

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### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 12.30pm, after the main mass.



Refreshments will be provided after the meeting. Nomination forms are available at the back of church. We very much hope you will plan to be present for this important annual meeting and opportunity to elect

members to the Parochial Church Council.

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### ELECTORAL ROLL

Thank you for supporting us in the drawing up of our new Electoral Roll for the church. This has now been compiled and we enter a 'closed season' until after the APCM. If you would like formally to 'join' St Paul's, please ask for an Electoral Roll form.

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Almighty Father,  
who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by  
his risen life and serve thee continually in  
righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church in Eastertide
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- those on active service overseas, especially Robin Lindsay and the men he commands in Afghanistan
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, 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](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acp)*)
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.

### Among the sick and those in need:

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; Andrew Westwood; Malcolm Welsh; Alexandra Holesh; Teresa Noone; Caitriona Quinn.

### We pray for the bereaved, and for all our departed loved ones

Jane Stuart; Margaret Thatcher; Joan Rose Sheppard

### Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Ross Davies 14 April  
Francis Lyall 21 April

## 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.

The diagram shows a service card for Tuesday 5 February. Annotations include: 'Date and observance' pointing to 'Tuesday 5 February – feria'; 'Colour of vestments' pointing to a green dot; and 'Response to the psalm' pointing to the text 'I will proclaim your name among the people'. A note at the top right says 'Page where the lections are to be found'.

● Tuesday 5 February – feria  
● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;  
I will proclaim your name among the people

### Sunday 14 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 15 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 203 (year 1);  
***Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.***

### Tuesday 16 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 204 (year 1);  
***Let your face shine upon us, O Lord.***

### Wednesday 17 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 206 (year 1);  
***Be joyful in God, all the earth.***

### Thursday 18 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 207 (year 1);  
***Be joyful in God, all the earth.***

### Friday 19 April – Alphege, archbishop

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 116;  
***Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***

### Saturday 20 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at noon; DEL p. 210 (year 1);  
***I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving.***

### Sunday 21 April – 4th Sunday of Easter

- 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](mailto: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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Fr Graham Palmer

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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