



# ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

17 February 2013: The First Sunday of Lent

## Exits and entrances

*"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages..."*



At school I learned a somewhat bawdy limerick by the English poet Robert Conquest as a handy way of remembering Shakespeare's 'seven ages of man' – the various stages between 'mewling and puking' and ending up 'sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.' The limerick is too rude to print, dear reader, but Shakespeare's original can be found in Act 2, scene 7 of 'As you like it' – and a graphic presentation of it by the English artist William Mulready (1786–1863) is reproduced opposite. All of life is there. Just where I am, according to this taxonomy, I'm not quite sure – but I've long since left that grandiose phase most younger people pass through in which they believe they'll live for ever,

and even in my late forties I know now that the years bring subtle but very real signs that I can do less than I could in my late twenties. For a while, of course, it is swings and roundabouts: the loss in capacity is compensated for by gains in experience and wisdom, but eventually the time will come when wisdom and experience will themselves be eroded by the onset of old age.

The decision of Pope Benedict this week to resign the papacy sent shockwaves through the Christian church. Such a resignation, though not unknown, is unusual. It is a brave thing for the Pope to have stepped down from what many people had assumed was both a vocation and an appointment *ad mortem*. We pray for Pope Benedict as he wrestles prayerfully with the onset of debilitating ageing and what must be powerful and mixed feelings, and for the Catholic Church as the conclave of Cardinals is arranged and a successor to the Chair of Peter sought.

"Old Age doesn't come alone," as one elderly woman I know always exclaims when she stumbles upon another of the 'gifts' of ageing. The navigation of the steps in life is – of course – a spiritual issue, and certain spiritual 'challenges' are particular to the older generation: What do I do with loss? What is my purpose (now)? What values (which once seems so clear) now matter? Who am I, really...? Erik Erikson, the renowned psychologist, characterized the work of this last phase of life on earth as 'the struggle between integrity and despair' – the successful resolution of which allows us to end life well as individuals and as people in relationship with those around us. If you are in this category, are you still 'doing the work' of thinking, reflecting, praying and growing? Are you facing what you need to face? Are you doing what you need to be doing?

Whichever of the stages of life you are currently navigating, it can help to have a spiritual companion for the journey. As fellow-travellers, the clergy of the parish will be happy to advise and to accompany you!

*Fr Alan Gyle*

# PARISH NOTICES

## MUSIC & PREACHERS

### 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

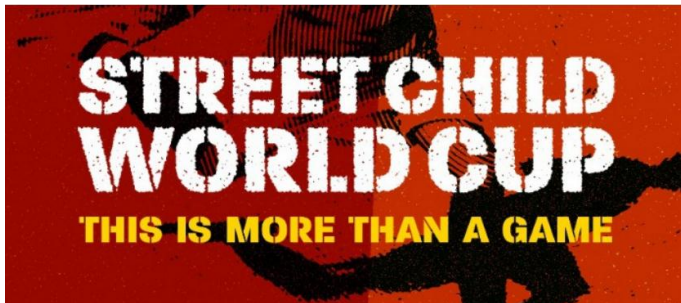
### February 24 : The Second Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Messe cum jubilo - Durufle; Beati mortui - Mendelssohn; Lassus - Adoramus

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle



The diocesan Lent Appeal 2013 is for the Amos Trust and the Street Child World Cup.

Amos has been working for many years with a partner organisation in Durban, South Africa to assist street children in the city and to challenge the brutal way they were often treated.

The Street Child World Cup brought eight different teams of street children from around the world together in Durban to compete in a football tournament, and to have their voices heard through a highly innovative arts program and the first international street child conference.

The event gained the support of among others David Beckham and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It secured worldwide media attention and successfully transformed the situation for street children in Durban and for each of the competing teams.

This Lent Appeal provides an opportunity to show that we believe that millions of street children, should have a future free from fear, neglect and abuse.

Sixteen teams of street children from five continents will come together in Rio. They will not only represent their countries (such as Egypt, South Africa, Brazil, Philippines, Ukraine, India and hopefully Mozambique) but millions of street children around the world. Together these children will use this global platform to challenge the negative perceptions and treatment of street children around the world.

Your contributions will raise the financial support needed to let these children's voices be heard.

## 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).

During the forty days of Lent we centre ourselves and place God at the centre of our lives. To this end a number of resources and opportunities are available:

**Saturday morning reflections** on 23 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 3, 10 & 17

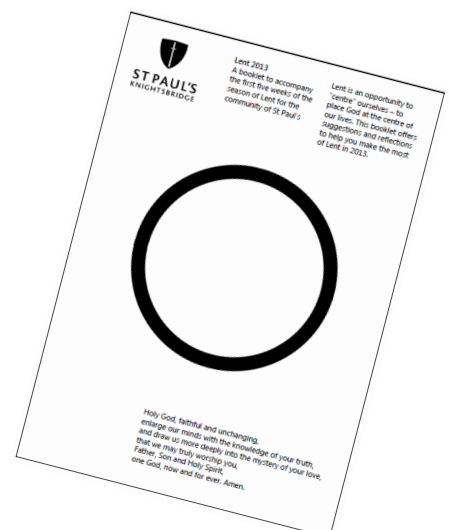
March: with (at 09:00am) a series of Lenten Reflections for adults and children on the Lenten Themes (led by Fr Alan), and (at 11:00am) sermons by Fr Andrew Sloane, Fr Alan Gyle and Fr Nick Mercer

PLEASE VISIT

[www.lentstpauls.weebly.com](http://www.lentstpauls.weebly.com)

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

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





## 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.

Diagram illustrating the structure of a service page with annotations:

- 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:** (indicated by an arrow pointing to the right)

### Sunday 17 February – 1st Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 18 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 94 (year 1);  
*Propers of Lent*

**The judgments of the Lord are true.**

### Tuesday 19 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 96 (year 1);  
*Propers of Lent*

**The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous**

### Wednesday 20 February – Ember Day

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 97 (year 1);  
*Propers of Lent*

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

### Thursday 21 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 99 (year 1);  
*Propers of Lent*

**Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

### Friday 22 February – Ember Day

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 101 (year 1);  
*Propers of Lent*

**My soul waits for the Lord.**

### Saturday 23 February – Polycarp

● Mass at noon; EH p. 75;

**I will bless the Lord at all times.**

### Sunday 24 February – 2nd 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](http://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:

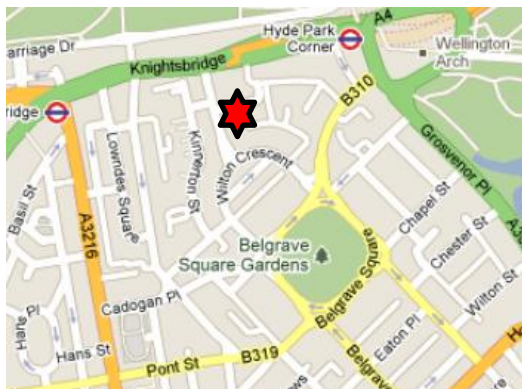
Richard Thornton; Mark Humbert; Gerlinde Brunner; Michael Watson

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

Frances Elizabeth Tully	18 February
Charles Beattie	18 February
Dorota Stankiewicz	18 February
Sr Janet SC	21 February
Josephine Ruschmeyer	21 February
Hector Dowd	23 February



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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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