

# 21 APRIL 2013: EASTER 4

### PERSEVERANCE

For many thousands of people (among them 1,521 teachers, 1,164 accountant and 618 policemen and women and a handful of clergy), April 21<sup>st</sup> has been a long-awaited date in the calendar. Months of preparation and a steady build of exercise over increasing distances will – hopefully – have left them in *just* the right condition to complete today's London Marathon, and in roughly the time they've been aiming for.

of simple In terms logistics, the event is an astonishing one. Did you know, for example, that it takes 40 TNT lorries to get the runners' kit from the line start in Greenwich to the end of the race in the Mall? Did vou know that the

organisers have laid in 750,000 bottles of mineral water and 250 tubs of Vaseline to hydrate and soothe the participants? Did you know that some 1,500 First Aiders are on hand to make sure everyone is safe and well throughout the race! And all of this in addition to the discreet but heightened security measures to ensure that there is no repeat in London of the terrorist outrage which so blighted the Boston Marathon last weekend.

But if the race is a huge challenge for the organisers, it is – of course – an an even greater one for each of the thirty five thousand runners seeking to complete the race's 26.2 miles. We wish them well and pray for them as they embark upon this remarkable personal challenge. May they

#### 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.

'stay the course' and not peak too early: for this is a marathon, not a sprint.

Of all the biblical metaphors for the Christian life (Christians a soldiers fighting a battle, Christians as farmers – or shepherds – tending fields, being fed or feeding flocks, as travellers on a journey, and so on), the image of the Christian as the one who "runs the race" is one of the most popular and compelling. We run as trained athletes (says



St Paul in the First letter to the Corintians), who elsewhere castigates his young churches

for 'flagging' or 'faltering' in a race they began enthusiastically. Memorably, in the Letter to the Hebrews, we are those who embark upon "the race that is set before us", running "with perseverance."

Perseverance is an important spiritual quality. The pursuit of a working and living knowledge of God and the attempt to embody that knowledge in a life of service is a longterm undertaking. Enthusiams and bursts of speed have their place, but the Christian life is much more like a marathon than a sprint – and there are times of toil, struggle and simple 'hanging in there' as well as moments of exhilaration and the thrills of triumph. So encourage one another – prayerfully and practically – as together we compete! *Fr. Alan Gyle* 

# PARISH NOTICES

### NEXT SUNDAY: 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.

### **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!

### WITH BURNING HEARTS: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN EASTERTIDE

'WITH BURNING HEARTS: Looking at the story of the Road to Emmaus.'

is based on the book of the name by the

renowned writer on the spiritual life, Henri Nouwen who died in 1996. This short series fo Wednesday evening discussions takes



place after the evening mass at 6.45pm and 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 | Mourning Our Losses
- April 17 II Discerning the Presence
- April24 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.

### FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES 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

### **April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**09:00 Family Mass with Hymns** – Fr Alan Gyle **11:00 Solemn High Mass** Missa Brevis - Kodaly Pater Noster - Stravinsky Let all mortal flesh - Bairstow; Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

Thank you for supporting us in the drawing up of our new Electoral Roll for the church. This has now been compliled 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 God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

### This Sunday we pray for:

 The people of Boston in the wake of the marathon bombing – and especially the wounded and the departed

### We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church in Easteride
- 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 )
- 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 all the faithful departed

Jane Stuart; Margaret Thatcher; Joan Rose Sheppard

# Among them especially those whose Year's

#### Mind is at this time:

Francis Lyall	21 April
Walter Clarke	24 April
Alethea Lyall	28 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.

Date and	Page where the are to b	lections e found
observance	🚽 Tuesday 5 February – feria 🏑	
Colour of vestments	<ul> <li>Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;</li> <li>I will proclaim your name among the</li> </ul>	
Response to the psalm	people	

Sunday 21 April – 4th Sunday of Easter Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 22 April – feria of Eastertide Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 212 (year 1); My soul is athirst for God, the living God.

Tuesday 23 April – George ●Mass at 18:00; EH p. 121; Rejoice then, you heavens.

Wednesday 24 April – feria of Eastertide Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 215 (year 1); Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Thursday 25 April – Mark the Evangelist ●Mass at 18:00; EH p. 124; The light of the eyes rejoices the heart.

Friday 26 April – feria of Eastertide Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 218 (year 1); You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Saturday 27 April – feria of Eastertide Mass at noon; DEL p. 220 (year 1); Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Sunday 28 April – 5th 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 - or by phone: 0207201 9999) at your earliest convenience so we can organize some appropriate and enjoyable preparation! Many thanks.

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#### Honorary Assistant Clergy



(I-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood; 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.

#### THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



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