



**ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE**

28 APRIL 2013: EASTER 5

JUNE RETREAT



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

“TO SEE OURSELS...”

On Wednesday Scotland’s First Minister, Alex Salmond, unveiled a new invention which promises to revolutionise the training of doctors and dentists. From the land of the steam engine, the bicycle, the telephone, the television – not forgetting the macadamised road surface! – comes, now, the **3D virtual head**. Scientists working with the Glasgow School of Art’s Digital Design Studio have created a software programme that now allows those learning about how human beings ‘work’ to ‘step inside’ a human head, and to explore it as if ‘from the inside out’. The insights the system offers promise to be of huge advantage to young medics and dentists – and, by extension, to their patients! Just imagine. They and we can see ourselves as never before!



Two hundred and fifty or so years ago, Scotland’s Bard, Robert Burns, wrote in his famous poem *To A Louse, On Seeing One on a Lady’s Bonnet at Church*:

**O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see ourseels as ithers see us!
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
An' foolish notion:
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us,
An' ev'n devotion!**

For the benefit of non Scots-speakers, that is: *And would some Power the small gift give us/ To see ourselves as others see us!/It would from many a blunder free us,/And foolish notion:/What airs in dress and gait would leave us,/And even devotion!*

If only. If only we could see the truth about ourselves! If only – by some leap of the mind or imagination – we could ‘get an angle’ on ourselves, freed of our blindnesses and our self-delusions. What an advantage that would give us and what a transformation it would yield in our lives.

But if the quest for a unique, privileged and reliable view of ourselves has taken a leap forward this week with new 3D technology, we are – alas – no closer to what Burns in his poem longed for, indeed to what men and women have longed for since the beginning of time: an authentic view of what and who we are. Caught in an endless loop of subjectivity and interpretation, we can never finally see the truth about ourselves. Only God can.

The good news: that in looking at us ‘warts and all’, God sees ‘through eyes of love’ – and views us as beloved children, redeemed in Christ.

Fr. Alan Gyle

NOTICES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM takes place today 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 stay behind 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!

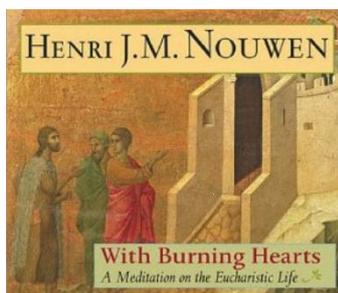
WITH BURNING HEARTS: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN EASTERTIDE

'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 for 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 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle
11:00 Solemn High Mass
Missa Brevis - Palestrina
Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles – Byrd
Almighty and everlasting God – Gibbons;
Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer
13:00 Parish Lunch

Thursday May 9: Ascension Day

19:00 Solemn High Mass
Missa Ascendens Christus in altum - Victoria
O clap your hands - Gibbons
Ascendens Christus in altum - Victoria
Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

Followed by an
Ascension Day drinks party

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the peaceful operation of your providence, carry out the work of our salvation. And let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin; even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This Sunday we pray for:

- A blessing upon our common life as we meet for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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:

Christianne Mingel 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

Richard Pontius; Joan Rose Sheppard

Among them especially those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Alethea Lyall	28 April
Sam Bartosik	30 April
Michael Taylor	2 May
Timothy Green	2 May
Michael Barney, priest	5 May
Meriel St Clair Green	7 May

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. A box contains the following text: **Tuesday 5 February – feria**, **● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;**, and **I will proclaim your name among the people**. Arrows point from labels to the box: 'Date and observance' points to the date; 'Colour of vestments' points to the green dot; 'Response to the psalm' points to the proclamation; and 'Page where the lections are to be found' points to the page number.

Sunday 28 April – 5th Sunday of Easter

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 29 April – Catherine of Siena

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 129;

Wisdom speaks noble things.

Tuesday 30 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 223 (year 1);

Alleluia!

Wednesday 1 May – Philip and James

- Mass at 18:45; EH p. 133;

In returning and rest you shall be saved.

Thursday 2 May – Athanasius

Mass at 18:00; EH p. 136;

● **Acknowledge the servants who bow before you, O Lord.**

Friday 3 May – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 227 (year 1);

O God, be exalted above the heavens.

Saturday 4 May – English Saints and Martyrs Of the Reformation Era

- Mass at noon; EH p. 139;

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, says your Maker.

Sunday 5 May – 6th 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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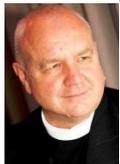
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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is 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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