

16 March 2014: The Second Sunday of Lent

If thy right hand offend thee...



Born in 1489, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer – who is remembered in the Calendar of the Church this coming Friday 21st March – met a grim death as a Reformation Martyr in Oxford in 1556. Cranmer had been, through a lifetime's

association with Henry VIII, the author of the split with the authority of Roman Catholicism and the architect of an independent Church in England with its own liturgy and structures of authority. Alas for him, times changed. The reinstatement of Roman Catholic polity under Queen Mary I cast Cranmer in the light of enemy of the state, and although he twice recanted his long-held opposition to Rome and repudiated his Protestant convictions, he was brought to trial and – on the morning of 21st March – to the University Church in Oxford, there to make a final recantation before the congregation there assembled.

Realising he had nothing to lose but his integrity (and presumably his soul!), Cranmer reckoned that to die was one thing, but to die without conviction would be to be lost eternally. So, to the astonishment of those assembled, he reversed his position, condemned the Pope and the Catholic Church, and said - memorably – *"...and now I come to the great thing which so much troubleth my conscience, more than any thing that ever I did or said in my whole life, and that is the setting abroad of a writing contrary to the truth, which now here I renounce and refuse, as things written with my hand contrary to the truth which I thought in my heart, and written for fear of death, and to save my life, if it might be; and that is, all such bills or papers which I have written or signed with my hand since my degradation, wherein I have written many things untrue. And forasmuch as my hand hath offended, writing contrary to my heart,*

therefore my hand shall first be punished; for when I come to the fire, it shall first be burned..."

John Foxe – in his Book of Martyrs (1563) – records that Cranmer saw to it that this was the case, holding his right hand in the flames of the fire before the rest of his body was even touched, so that it was burned away to a stump before his death! He died quickly afterwards.

Folly or wisdom? Bravery or foolishness? Truth or error? Anglo-Catholics particularly harbour



ambivalent feelings about Cranmer's doctrine and legacy BUT surely cannot fail to be impressed and encouraged by Cranmer's resolute conviction to his cause. Conviction.

Tony Benn – who died a peaceful death this week – was always keen to point out the need for 'conviction politics' – the need, in the end, to operate out of **principle** rather than **expediency** – and, in a world obsessed with personality and spin, to be concerned with underlying belief rather than 'the way things come across'...

It makes you think, doesn't it. As Lent unfolds, how are we doing? How clear are we about our underlying convictions and commitments? Where is our heart? And what are we prepared to renounce for our health and the health of God's world? After all, Jesus said, "if thy right hand offend thee..."

Fr Alan Gyle (alan@spkb.org)

WILLIAM HUMBERT RIP

After a courageous and spirited battle with cancer, Willie died peacefully in Meadow House Hospice on Shrove Tuesday. We are all saddened and feel the loss of a good friend and loyal member of St Paul's. His funeral will take place in St Paul's on Friday 21st March at noon. We extend our sympathies and the assurance of our prayers to Roger and to all who most dearly mourn Willie's death.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: JOURNEYING WITH JESUS.

Programme:

12 March - 9 April following the 6.45 PM Mass, 7.45 - 8.30 PM in the choir vestry.

Themes:

A discussion of the Gospel readings used in the early church for the Sundays in Lent. This is Part IV of our Pilgrims in Christ series. All welcome! Details in the Christian Formation booklet at the back of the Church

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SATURDAYS IN LENT: 'IMAGES OF THE CRUCIFIED'

To lead up to the Pilgrimage to Colmar to contemplate the Isenheim Altarpiece on the weekend of Passion Sunday, this year's Lent Study course reflects on how the crucified Christ has been portrayed down the centuries in Western Art – and how, subtly, artists have brought their own concerns and ideas to bear on their depiction of the death of Jesus – and by so doing have both expressed their own theology of the Passion and have shaped that of their audience.

Programme:

Coffee from 10:15

Presentation and discussion 10:30-11:45

Mass at noon

Themes:

Saturday 8th March 2014: Human weakness

Saturday 15th March 2014: Divine glory

Saturday 22nd March 2014: Studying Suffering

Saturday 29th March 2014: Offering Sacrifice

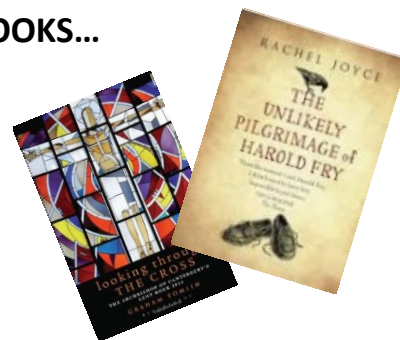
*****LAST CHANCE TO BOOK*****

ST JOHN PASSION: Friday 28 March 2014 at 19:30

Come and hear Bach's great St John Passion performed by Illuminare, London's most exciting new chamber choir, and period orchestra Knightsbridge Baroque led by Rachel Stroud, in the opulent and glorious surroundings of St Paul's Knightsbridge. £20/£15 in advance; £22/£17 on the door. Gwilym Bowen – Evangelist; Michael Mofidian – Christus; Laurence Williams – Pilatus; Jeremy Cole – conductor
www.illuminarechoir.com/concerts

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2014, **Looking Through The Cross**, is now available on the church bookstand at **£7.50**



The Knightsbridge Soiree on the evening of 15th May 6.30 - 8.15PM will be a discussion of the book, **The Unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce. Copies of the book are available at the bookstand in the porch at £4.00 each. Further details from Fr. Andrew Sloane.

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| 16 Sun | The Second Sunday of Lent
Family Mass at 09:00
High Mass at 11:00 |
| 17 Mon | Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 |
| 18 Tue | Silent Meditation at 07:30
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 |
| 19 Wed | Morning Prayer at 09:00
Funeral at noon
Low Mass at 18:45
Pilgrims in Christ: Lent Programme 19:30 |
| 20 Thu | Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 |
| 21 Fri | Morning Prayer at 09:00
Funeral at noon
Low Mass at 18:00 |
| 22 Sat | Morning Prayer at 09:00
Images of the Crucified: Lent Programme 10:30
Low Mass at noon |
| 23 Sun | The Third Sunday of Lent
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IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- the peoples of Ukraine, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon
- 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*)
- All who are travelling and far from their homes

Among the bereaved, the sick and those in any kind of need:

Kathleen Pilton; Clariette Wilmot;
Lane Davenport; Kathleen Hall;
Janet Sturdy; John Soderquist;
Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker;
Maggie Millbourn; John Millbourn;
Christiane Dupont Nangle; Peter Brook;
Michael Cook; John King; Daphne Nugent;
John Willmington; Alexandra Holesh;
Penri Morgan; Malcolm Walsh

We pray for the bereaved, and all the faithful departed, among them especially:

William Humbert; Nicholas Hawkings Bayas;
Joe Lovett; Christopher Courtauld, priest;

and those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Margaret Thornton	17 March
Irene Swinford-Edwards	19 March
David Davies	20 March
Richard Oskatel Latham	23 March
Eileen Gross	23 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.

Diagram illustrating the structure of a service card for Tuesday 5 February – feria. The card contains the following text:

- 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

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Sunday 16 March – Second Sunday of Lent

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 17 March – Patrick, bishop, missionary & patron of Ireland

- Mass at 18:00 EH p. 123

I will exalt you, O God my King.

Tuesday 18 March – Cyril, bishop & teacher of the faith

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p. 105

I will show my salvation to those who keep my way.

Wednesday 19 March – The Feast of St Joseph of Nazareth

- Mass at 18:45; EH p.130;

I will be a father to him.

Thursday 20 March – Cuthbert, bishop & missionary

- Mass at 18:00; EH p.133;

I will search for my sheep, says the Lord.

Friday 21 March – Thomas Cranmer, archbishop & Reformation martyr

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p.110 (year 2);

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Saturday 22 March – feria of Lent

- Mass at noon DEL p. 112 (Year 2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

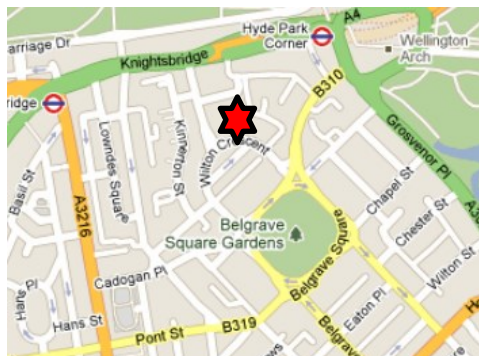
Sunday 23 March – Third Sunday of Lent

- 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 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!

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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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VIRTUALLY THERE...

In a world of social media, you may be delighted to know that in addition to our website www.spkb.org



you can find out more detail about events at our parish microsite www.spkbinfo.org



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