



ST PAUL'S  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

**THE BEGINNING OF LENT: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

SHROVE TUESDAY MASS AT 18:00

SHROVE TUESDAY VICARAGE PANCAKE PARTY FROM 18:30

ASH WEDNESDAY LOW MASSES AT 08:00 & NOON AND 19:00 (SOLEMN HIGH MASS)

I HOPE YOU WILL MARK THE DATES NOW, AND JOIN US.

**23 February 2014: The Second Sunday before Lent**

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH IN YOUR HOME?

Upon the recommendation of a friend I am reading a book by Diarmaid MacCulloch published last year called **“Silence. A Christian History”** – and if you know MacCulloch’s other works, you will know that this too is a fascinating read. In one chapter on the place of silence in Orthodoxy, entitled “Orthodoxy and Hesychasm” ( a word that simply means the practice of silence), MacCulloch rather wonderfully draws attention to a complementary set of experiences that has developed within corporate Orthodox worship: namely the *liturgy* itself in all its solemnity with priests and deacons going from before to behind the iconostasis, the *screen o f icons* that separates the sanctuary from the nave in Orthodox churches, so often chanting as they move, and the *icons* themselves. For during the long and complicated liturgy of the Orthodox churches of the East one finds “a myriad of simultaneous small acts of contemplation and prayer offered by the faithful, before icons placed on their own stands, or formally ranked amid the assemblage of icons on the iconostasis” (page 110).

MacCulloch points out that it can surely be no accident that the first flourishing of the iconostasis in church interiors in the thirteenth century was also the period when the practice of silence also flourished in Orthodoxy.

I am sure that you, like me, have observed the silent contemplation that so often accompanies the veneration of the icon by the faithful. One could here expound once more the importance of silence in our own lives as individual Christians and in our life as the gathered community here at St Paul’s – and that ultimately is the thrust of the book. But it was another of MacCulloch’s insights that has

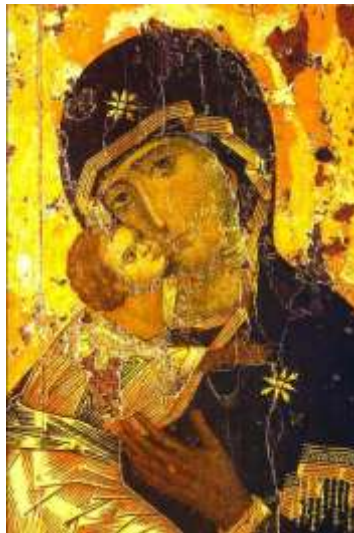
struck me: *“[but] crucially, each icon might equally well be found in a humble room in any household, and it could mediate the same individual devotion there: Martha of Bethany busy in her kitchen can be a theologian”* ( page 110).

Are we in the West, perhaps especially in this very English Church of England, in danger of relegating our practice of the Faith and our lives of prayer merely to the allotted and compartmentalized time slot of an hour or so on a Sunday morning? Where, I wonder, is the devotion in our homes? – as individuals and families, and even , dare one ask, in our work places? – a discreet lunchtime noon prayer downloaded to our computer screen perhaps? 1994 was designated by the United Nations as the Year of the Family. In welcoming this designation the late Pope John Paul II issued his “Letter to Families” where he spoke movingly of what he called the “domestic church” – the gathered praying Christian community of the Church now dispersed as individuals and households but still the praying church as family and friends at home.

Have we in our own “sophisticated” culture lost the ancient practice of prayer, ritual, and devotion in the home, for example at meals or through acts and articles of devotion among the “two or three gathered”? And, perhaps alongside that, the loss of the practice of silence? These are both essential means by which we may allow God to enter more deeply and more “realistically” into our daily round.

Food for thought for me in any event, and perhaps for you?

**Fr. Andrew Sloane ([andrew@spkb.org](mailto:andrew@spkb.org))**





## '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.

Full details from Fr Alan Gyle – or call 020 7201 9999 to register your interest.

### 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

## ISSENHEIM ALTARPIECE, COLMAR, APRIL 2014

Fr Alan Gyle invites you to join him in Colmar, Alsace, France on Passion Sunday Weekend (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014). Full details of the trip to reflect on the art, theology and spirituality of the Isenheim Altarpiece are available on [www.spkbinfo.org](http://www.spkbinfo.org)



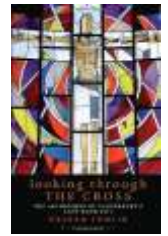
## ST JOHN PASSION: Friday 28 March 2014 at 19:30

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.illuminairechoir.com/concerts](http://www.illuminairechoir.com/concerts)

**BOOK DISCUSSION. ADVANCE NOTICE.** 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 book rack in the porch at £4.00 each. Further details from Fr. Andrew Sloane

## A GOOD READ

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2014, **Looking Through The Cross**, is now available on the church bookstand and in all good bookshops. **£7.50 from the parish bookstand.**



## FR CHRISTOPHER COURTAULD

A Memorial Service giving thanks for the life and ministry of Christopher Courtauld will be held in St Paul's Knightsbridge on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 at 15:00. Please will members of the congregation intending to be present notify the Parish Office. [pa@spkb.org](mailto:pa@spkb.org)

## VIRTUALLY THERE...

In a world of social media, you may be delighted to know that in addition to our website [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)



you can find out more detail about events at our parish microsite [www.spkbinfo.org](http://www.spkbinfo.org)



you can follow us @StPKbridge



and you can find us on facebook [facebook.com/StPaulsKnightsbridge](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsKnightsbridge)

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014

- 23 Sun **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
Family Mass at 09:00  
**High Mass at 11:00**
- 24 Mon Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 25 Tue **Silent Meditation at 07:30**  
Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 26 Wed Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:45
- 27 Thu Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 28 Fri Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 1 Sat Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at noon
- 2 Sun **The Sunday next before Lent**  
Family Mass at 09:00  
**High Mass at 11:00**
- 3 Mon Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 4 Tue **SHROVE TUESDAY**  
**Silent Meditation at 07:30**  
Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 5 Wed **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**LOW MASSES AT 08:00 & NOON**  
**19:00 (SOLEMN HIGH MASS AT 19:00)**

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

**Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and hast made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
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.**

*COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT*

### We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- the peoples of 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](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acp)*)

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

Kathleen Pilton; Clariette Wilmot; Lane Davenport; Kathleen Hall; Janet Sturdy; John Soderquist; Pepper Clarita Pay; Sara Carroll-Parker; William Humbert; Maggie Millbourn; John Millbourn; Christiane Dupont Nangle; Sal Allen; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; John King; Daphne Nugent; John Willmington; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan.

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

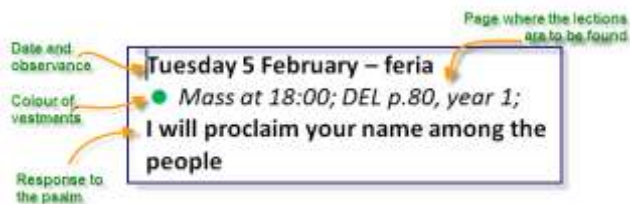
Christopher Courtauld, priest;

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

Hector Dowd	23 February
David Pilton	26 February
Charles Ashton James	28 February
David Woolley	1 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.



### Sunday 23 February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 24 February – feria

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p. 347 (Week 7, Year 2)
- The judgements of the Lord are true:  
more to be desired than gold.***

### Tuesday 25 February – feria

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p. 350 (Year 2)
- Cast your burden upon the Lord  
and he will sustain you.***

### Wednesday 26 February – feria

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p.352 (year 2);
- God shall ransom my soul;  
From the grasp of death he will take me.***

### Thursday 27 February – George Herbert

- Mass at 18:00; EH 105;
- The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.***

### Friday 28 February – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p.357 (year 2);
- Bless the Lord, O my soul.***

### Saturday 1 March – St David's Day

- Mass at noon EH p. 109
- Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.***

### Sunday 2 March – Sunday next before 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](mailto:AndrewSloane@spkb.org) - or by phone: **0207201 9999**) at your earliest convenience so we can organize some appropriate and enjoyable preparation!

# PARISH CONTACTS



[www.spkbinfo.org](http://www.spkbinfo.org)

## THE PARISH OFFICE

32a Wilton Place, London SW1X 8SH

Telephone 020 7201 9999 • Fax 020 7201 9997

## THE PARISH CLERGY



### Vicar

Fr Alan Gyle

[alan@spkb.org](mailto:alan@spkb.org)

020 7201 9999 • 07939 805970



### Associate Vicar

Fr Andrew Sloane

[AndrewSloane@spkb.org](mailto:AndrewSloane@spkb.org)

020 7201 9996 • 07429 806173

## Honorary Assistant Clergy



(l-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



### Director of Music

Stevie Farr

[stephen.farr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephen.farr@yahoo.co.uk)

07930 542555



### Assistant Director of Music

Jeremy Cole



### Organ Scholar

Georgina Sherriff

## LAY OFFICERS & OTHER STAFF



### Churchwarden

John Tweddle

[john.tweddle@bidwells.co.uk](mailto:john.tweddle@bidwells.co.uk)

020 77363878



### Churchwarden

Caroline Docker

[dockercaroline@gmail.com](mailto:dockercaroline@gmail.com)

020 7384 1165

## Deputy Churchwardens

Noel Craven

Phil Davies

Nicky Lindsay

Susie Thornton

## Treasurer

Phil Davies

[philip@spkb.org](mailto:philip@spkb.org)

07989 387198

## Lady Verger & Churchwardens' Deputy

Veronica Scott

[veronicamscott@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicamscott@hotmail.com)

020 7603 7680



### Vicar's PA

Felicity Cranfield

[felicitycranfield@spkb.org](mailto:felicitycranfield@spkb.org)

020 7201 9999



### Parish Administrator

Dimitrios Dalageorgos

[pa@spkb.org](mailto:pa@spkb.org)

020 7201 9999

[www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

[www.spkbinfo.org](http://www.spkbinfo.org)

[www.facebook.com/stpaulsknightsbridge](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsknightsbridge)