



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

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27 April 2014: **LOW SUNDAY**

QUASIMODO

I'd always imagined that the name 'Quasimodo', the Hunchback in Victor Hugo's great novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1831), was merely a play in Latin words on the idea of man 'partly formed'... He is described by Hugo, after all, as 'hideous' and as 'a creation of the devil' – and his appearance shocked everyone. But – to my delight – I have discovered that in fact the name of the hunchback also came from the particular Sunday on which he was discovered and rescued by the Archdeacon of Notre Dame and brought up to become the Cathedral's bellringer: Quasimodo Sunday, or – as we more commonly call it 'Low Sunday'.

Why the name Quasimodo Sunday? Well, the word comes from the Latin introit for the Octave Day of Easter (see above) and the text is drawn from the second chapter of the first epistle of Peter: "Quasi modo geniti infantes..." *As newborn children (quasi modo, in this manner), crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

St Peter's reflection is on the transformation that faith in Christ brings, Christ who was rejected but in whom we have come to know the fullness of God. St Peter quotes the prophet Isaiah and the Psalms to remind his readers of the ancient tradition that it is the stone rejected [by the builders] that is a

new cornerstone, and that upon that cornerstone will be built God's new temple.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

It is this mystery that we celebrated at Easter – that through baptism we are taken and built into a *living* temple to God's glory and as a holy presence in the world. And St

Peter spells out the consequence of this transformation: *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.*

There is encouragement in this series of metaphors, isn't there? We are those who, *like little children, are to be fed and who are to grow up steadily; we are those steadily being built* into a new Temple. These emphasise the continuous quality of

transformation in Christ. We are not yet fully and completely made... and we are to be transformed steadily by love.

The great Octave of Easter now completed, we nonetheless continue in Eastertide for fifty days... fifty days of being fed by God at his altar and of being steadily transformed and built up into holiness.

Fr. Alan Gyle



PARISH NOTICES

LENT APPEAL

The Lent Appeal raised over £3,000. Thank you to all who supported. A cheque will be sent to the Diocese this week – so any stray and straggling final donations in as soon as possible pleased.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The flowers in church this morning are from yesterday's wedding service. We extend our congratulations and thanks to Thomas and Ekaterina Morley and assure them of our prayers.

THE SPRING JUMBLE SALE

The Spring Jumble Sale, which took place on the eve of Palm Sunday, raised an astonishing £1,000. Thanks to Niki Bartman and her team.

REQUIEM FOR FR CHRISTOPHER COURTAULD

My thanks to all those who came to support Elizabeth Courtauld and her daughters, and to make welcome the late Fr Christopher's many friends. Some 450 people packed the church on Wednesday of this past week; the Bishop of London presided and Bishop Peter Nott gave the homily.

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

You are warmly invited to the Parish Lunch in the hall on Sunday 4th May. The lunch will begin at 1pm with drinks beforehand. Names, please, in the Blue Book at the back of church – or to the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999.



PCC MEETING

There will be a brief PCC Meeting at 12.30pm after the main mass and before the Parish Lunch on Sunday 4th May, to elect officers.

THE SATURDAY FORUM

Just two more left this year: **Saturday 3rd May at 10.30am**, "Food to Pilgrims Given" - a workshop on the meaning of the Eucharist by means of a Demonstrated Eucharist in the chancel - not a celebration of the Mass but a "talk and walk through" as to why we do what we do, how and when. Mass that day at Noon as usual. The final Saturday Forum of the season will be the day trip pilgrimage to Canterbury - see below.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This morning's mass is followed at 12:30pm by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All who are members of StPaul's and who are on the Electoral Roll are encouraged to stay.

CANTERBURY TRIP

On Saturday 7th June there is a Day Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, led by Fr Andrew Sloane. The day will include a Mass at the cathedral for our group, lunch at the Cathedral Cafe, a guided pilgrimage of the cathedral and free time. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible.



PILGRIMS IN CHRIST

Part V (the final part of this year's programme) will begin on **Wednesday 7th May** with our trip to the Choral Pilgrimage of The Sixteen at the Chapel at Greenwich (for those who have already booked tickets). On Wednesday 14th and 21st May we shall review the year's progress and begin to make plans for next year. On Wednesday, 28th May there is a Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey - please sign the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



BOOK DISCUSSION

Please join us for our next Knightsbridge Soiree Thursday 15th May from 6.45-8.15pm. We will explore "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce (books available at the book stall). Please sign the sheet at the back of the church so that we can make the appropriate arrangements at Fr Graham's flat.



JUNE RETREAT

Details of the **Assisi Pilgrimage 9th – 12th June**



are now available on www.spkbinfo.org – and on a flier which can be collected from church or downloaded from the same website. Please register your intention to come as soon as possible,

either online (see above) or with Felicity on 020 7201 9999 / felicity@spkb.org

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER 2 (LOW SUNDAY)

We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church in Eastertide
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- those on active service overseas
- 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.
- Pray for Thomas and Ekaterina, married on 26/4 and for Phoebe Burrige, baptised on Low Sunday – and for her parents Nigel and Lois.

Among the sick and those in need:

Elizabeth Gordon; Kathleen Pilton;
Clariette Wilmot; Lane Davenport;
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; Gordon Gray

Our departed loved ones:

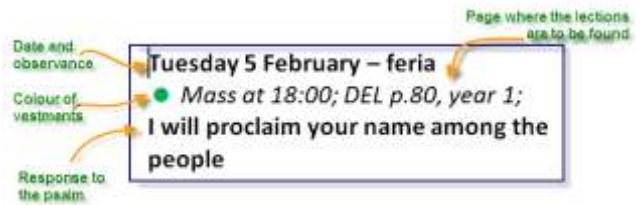
Jim Cotter; Mark Shand

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

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.



THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

Sunday 27 April – Low Sunday

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 28 April – St George's Day

- Mass at 18:00 EH p.164

Rejoice, you heavens, and those who dwell therein.

Tuesday 29 April – St Mark the Evangelist

- Mass at 18:00 EH p. 168

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart.

Wednesday 30 April – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p.196;

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thursday 1 May – SS. Philip & James, Apostles

- Mass at 18:00; EH p.177

In returning and rest you shall be saved.

Friday 2 May – Athanasius, Bishop

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 180

Acknowledge the servants who bow before you, O Lord.

Saturday 3 May – feria of Eastertide

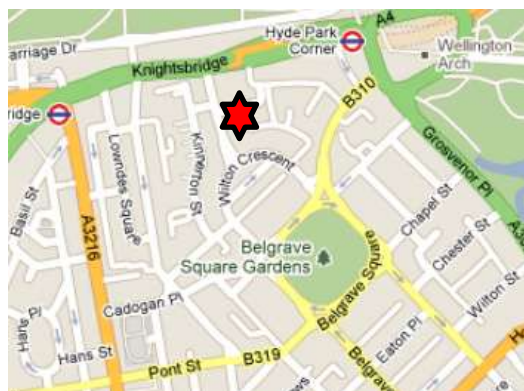
- Mass at noon DEL p. 201

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

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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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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