



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

6 July 2014: **Trinity 3**

“The face of evil?”

Rolf Harris (84), veteran entertainer, musician and artist, has been found guilty of 12 charges of indecent assault between the 1960s and '80s. The announcement coincided with the publication, by the Metropolitan Police, of his 'mug shot' – taken at the time of his arrest. It shows the star without the benefits of make-up and stage lighting, eyes heavy and looking weary. As an image it is far from flattering, reproduced endlessly with sensationalist headlines as 'the face of evil'.

For six decades, Rolf Harris had success as an astonishingly popular entertainer – someone who was constantly on television and variety shows, bewildering audiences with his skill as an artist and as a musician-cum-entertainer. I loved him and, as a child, sat transfixed as he took a tray of paint and a paint roller and created, on some blank wall, an image that emerged from a few apparently random splodges of paint. “Can you see what it is yet?!” I couldn't... I couldn't... and then I could. Wonderful. He was a man of remarkable talent.

It is interesting what we do with news of the sort that emerged on Monday – and with the individuals involved, isn't it? We condemn. And we condemn *absolutely*. No shades of grey. We edit out any good there may ever have been and find it easier to see the accused as wholly, 110% evil and bad. It is called '*schizoid process*'. Around the world, politicians and public figures have rushed to condemn, *absolutely*, a man who is to be stripped of public honour. He is, we have been told, “despicable”, “wicked” and a “pervert.

And – of course – wicked he has been. To corrupt and to take advantage of the vulnerable from a position of power, and especially to exploit them sexually, is to do a great harm and is to abuse a place of trust. Thank God he has been duly tried and found guilty and those involved as victims, now believed and vindicated, have the chance to achieve closure.



It is just that he is *not* wholly evil, is he – rather that there is something in us that finds it much easier to deal in absolutes than in complexity. What of his talent. What of the skill as an entertainer and an artist?



St Paul was keen to encourage us to recognise that life is all about complexity and ambiguity. Few situations and fewer individuals are *wholly* bad or *wholly* good. Most of us are a bundle of competing instincts, good and bad, and of mixed motivations. Writing to the Church in Rome St Paul said this: “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do” (Romans 7:19).

If Scripture is clear about this complexity, it is also clear about one other thing: the need to avoid judgement of others. Scapegoating, vilification, crude categorisation makes *us* feel better but is ultimately unchristian. “Judge not that you be not judged...” (Matthew 7:1)

So let's pray for the victims of crime, and for perpetrators of abuse, certainly. But let's also pray for ourselves: for grace to stand, for strength to allow good not evil to flourish in us, and for forgiveness from over-hasty judgement of others.

Fr Alan Gyle

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH LUNCH

There will be a Parish Lunch today – hopefully (weather permitting) in the Garden of the Vicarage. All welcome, everyone at least for drinks – and those who have signed up and as many others as can be fed, for lunch.

PCC MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on **the morning of Saturday 12th July 2014** (from 10:00am till 2:00pm with a working lunch). Apologies for absence from either meeting should be sent to the PCC Secretary, Felicity Cranfield.

TUESDAY MORNING: SILENT MEDITATION

Because of travels and absences during the coming summer months, the group will take a break from now until September when it will re-launch.

CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION

Next Sunday, **Sunday 13th July at 11:00am**, we look forward to welcoming – in his official capacity as an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese – Bishop Michael Colclough for the sacrament of confirmation and for a formal reception into the church of those of other denominations. Even at this late stage, will any who are not yet Confirmed and would like to be – or who may not be Baptised – or who wish to confirm their move from another denomination into the Church of England and the full life of St Paul's by being formally Received – please give their details to Fr Andrew Sloane this week.

"BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MINDS." (Romans 12:2)



What would you like to learn about? What areas of the Faith would you like to explore? We are currently planning the opportunities we shall

offer here for Christian formation for adults during the next Academic Year, 2014-15. Please do let Fr. Andrew Sloane have your ideas, comments, requests, recommendations, and reviews for any aspect of how we grow in the Faith: topics, schedules, formats, special events etc.

Please let Fr. Andrew have your ideas within the next month and before Sunday 20 July by mail, email or conversation.

AWARENESS AND TRANSFORMATION



As part of our emerging thinking about Mission (about which more after the summer), the Vicar, Fr Alan, is very keen to

find some likeminded souls to explore affiliation to and involvement with two organisations: **London Citizens** (www.citizensuk.org) and **Amnesty International** (www.amnesty.org.uk/). Both organisations are committed to deep societal change and to leveraging the involvement of ordinary people in achieving that task. If that strikes a chord with you, please email him: **alan@spkb.org**

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY



Beanstalk is a national charity that recruits, vets, trains and supports volunteers to

work in primary schools with children who have fallen behind with their reading. Founded in 1973 as Volunteer Reading Help (VRH) in North Kensington, over the last 40 years Beanstalk has grown from a handful of volunteers to a network of over 2,100 working reading helpers supporting 6,400 children across the country. Could you be one of them? If you'd like to find out more, look at their website:

www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk

ALMA

ALMA is about to become a big part of our lives.

What do you know

about Angola and Mozambique? The clock is ticking. Get researching!



IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Almighty God, who hast broken the tyranny of sin and hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts, whereby we call thee Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service, that the whole world may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR TRINITY 3

We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church.
- All who are to be confirmed and baptised on the 13th July.
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- 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.

Among the sick and those in need:

Clifford Browne; Christopher Browne; Agnes Ligere; Jessica Macdonald Johnston; Elizabeth Gordon; 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; Jean Marc Lehut; James James & Ronald James.

Our departed loved ones:

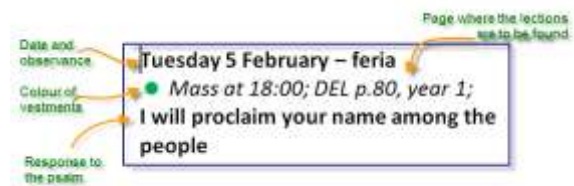
Devon Minchin; Margaret Dargie; John Hughes (priest); Agnes Ligere

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Archibald Bertram Cooke	6 July
Peter Moore	6 July
Simon Constable	8 July
George Quayle	9 July
Georgie Quayle	10 July
Jasmine Lydia Bligh	10 July

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY & THE FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 6 July – Trinity 3

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 7 July – feria

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.470 (year 2);
- I will bless the Lord every day, and praise his name for ever.**

Tuesday 8 July – feria

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.472 (year 2);
- The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

Wednesday 9 July – feria

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p.476 (year 2);
- To your name, Lord, be the glory.**

Thursday 10 July – feria

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.479 (year 2);
- Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

Friday 11 July – St Benedict

- Mass at 18:00; EH 281;
- Incline your heart to understading wisdom**

Saturday 12 July – feria

- Mass at noon DEL p.484 (year 2);
- Make me a clean heart, O God.**

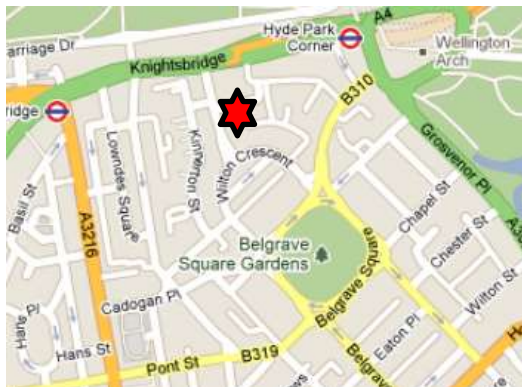
Sunday 13 July – Trinity 4

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

There is to be a service of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception on Sunday 13th July. 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**)

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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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