

# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

## LOW SUNDAY 2015 NEW BORN CHILDREN

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 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 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.*

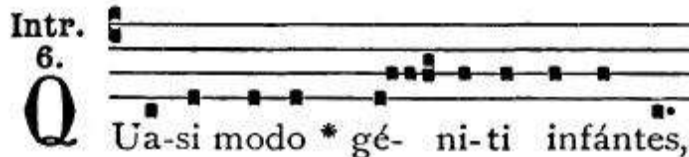
It is this mystery that we celebrated at Easter – that through baptism we are taken and built into a *living* temple to God's glory and as a holy presence in the world. And St Peter spells out the consequence of this transformation:

*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*



## WELCOME

You will find in the pews, in addition to the yellow envelopes, blue and gold "Visitor Cards". We invite visitors who would like to keep in touch with us, to complete one of these and to hand it to one of the clergy.

## THE PIANO CONCERT

We need your help! Will you join us for an evening of wonderful music, birthday celebration and fund-raising for a new piano – on Saturday, 25th April 2015 at 7:30pm in St Paul's Knightsbridge, Fliers available in church. Booking available online at <http://bookitbee.com/e/nt22e>

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Forms are available at the back of church for those who are new members or who haven't previously signed a form; please note that if you are already on the Roll, there is no need to complete a new form in 2015.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

The church is open daily for prayer.

- 12 Sun **Low Sunday, Easter 2**  
**Family Mass at 09:00;**  
**Sung Mass at 11:00**  
**Pr: Bishop Michael Colclough**
- 13 Mon Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 14 Tue **Silent Meditation at 08:00**  
Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 15 Wed Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at 18:45
- 16 Thu Morning Prayer at 09:00  
BBC Singers rehearsal  
Low Mass at 18:00
- 17 Fri Morning Prayer at 09:00  
BBC Singers rehearsal  
Low Mass at 18:00  
BBC Singers Concert - **recording**
- 18 Sat Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Low Mass at noon
- 19 Sun **Easter 3**  
**Family Mass at 09:00;**  
**High Mass at 11:00**  
**Pr: Prebendary Nick Mercer**

## VISIT TO CHICHESTER



On Saturday 13 June 2015 we plan a full-day visit to Chichester. The day will include transportation by coach to and from Chichester departing St Paul's Knightsbridge at 07.45. Cost for the full day including transport, all Cathedral and Museum access/tour and luncheon is approximately £65 per person.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...

In the first chapter of the Acts of the



Apostles, the Apostles are commissioned: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." If you think about it 'spatially', the commission describes a

series of concentric circles of witness, each pushing further out from the centre. That move from the centre out is – Christians have traditionally understood – part of the calling of God. It sits, though, uncomfortably, with our centripetal instinct to move anxiously from the outside back to the centre. One of the things that maddens many people about the Church is its parochialism and its obsession with its own life. God, by contrast, calls the Church away from self-obsession to healthy engagement with the world 'out there'. This coming term, we will be thinking about the move 'from the centre'. You will be welcome to join us.

### EVENTS:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 18:45:**

**Eucharist & Study Group:** 'A Theology of Mission'

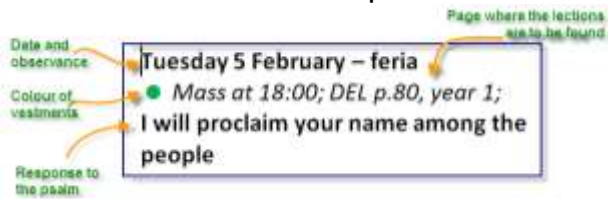
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 18:45:** **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission at Home Mission. Why? How?'

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 13:00 – Community Lunch**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May at 18:45:** **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission Abroad'

## 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.



### COLLECT FOR THE LOW SUNDAY

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 for ever. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, who through our Saviour Jesus Christ hast assured us of eternal life and in baptism made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in thy love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

### Sunday 12 April – Low Sunday

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 13 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 193 (year 1);

**Alleluia!**

### Tuesday 14 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 194 (year 1);

**Alleluia!**

### Wednesday 15 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 196 (year 1);

**Alleluia!**

### Thursday 16 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 197 (year 1);

**Alleluia!**

### Friday 17 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 199 (year 1);

**Alleluia!**

### Saturday 18 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 201 (year 1);

**Alleluia!**

### Sunday 19 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion
- 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:

Jane Elstub; Heidi Hoell; Sal Allen; John Roberts; Marjorie Isabel Wilcox; Piers Leonard; Mary Sykes-Wright; Ronald Bartle; Clariette Wilmot; Kooky Fallah; Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr. Richard Martin; Ian McDonald; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr. Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Jean Marc Lehut; Steven Davis; Margaret Beatrice Cocking; Heather

### All the faithful departed,

Silvina de Alexandris

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

Ross Davies

14 April

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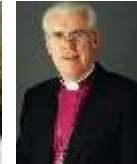
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, 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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