

Corpus Christi Sunday
7th June 2015

LINGUA FRANCA

A kind lunch invitation this past week took me south of the river and into the company of new friends. We were four, for what was a classic and simple English summer lunch in what almost passed as English summer weather! Our host was English-speaking with pretty fluent French; one of the guests was a Russian lawyer, fluent in (at least) English and French; the third, an older French banker who spoke almost no English at all. It became clear – if we were not to be rude and exclusive – that although this lunch was a classic English experience, the *lingua franca* – the one common language that would enable conversation to take place – would be French. *Zut alors!*

Although I studied French at university and was, in those days, pretty fluent, that was some thirty years ago, and my then-fluency was only achieved because of serious and intentional immersion in day-to-day French life, the reading of French newspapers and, best of all, listening on the wireless to *France-Inter*. More recently my trips to France have been sporadic, and as a result though the basic structure of the language and my memory of syntax and grammar has survived, I find that my active vocabulary has shrunk. In company, I find myself knowing what it is I *want* to say – but then stalling internally because I cannot remember the French word for this or that. And while some people simply forge ahead in a strange hybrid

language, a '*Français*', in which missing words from the internalised French lexicon are simply replaced by their English equivalent, there is something in my ridiculous internalised perfectionism that won't let me do so. If I can't form the whole sentence before I begin, and if I can't find a sufficiently elegant circumlocution for it, I

tend to drop out and sit mute – which in a company of four at lunch is inexcusably rude!

Quietly, over an aperitif, I confessed my anxiety to the Frenchman. "Je trouve," I said,

"que je manque le vocabulaire nécessaire. Je peux dire seulement les choses très simples – pas les concepts et les idées complexes." I find that I only have words for simple things – not concepts and ideas...

He smiled kindly and wisely. "Mais, souvent," he said, "les choses simples *sont* les choses importantes." Often, it is the simple things that *are* the important things.

Ouch! He was so right. Sophistication can get in the way, can't it – and perfectionism too. There is much to be said for 'keeping it simple', for enduring inarticulacy and for permitting faltering – if, in so doing, we really encounter one another and talk simply about the real stuff of life.

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.

PCC

There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday 9th June at 7:00pm in the Hall in Kinnerton Street. Papers will be circulated in due course. Apologies for absence, please, to Felicity Cranfield.

PARISH LUNCH

you are very welcome to join us for refreshments and for lunch after this morning's mass in the Hall in Kinnerton

Street. Chef du jour is Veronica Scott. If you've signed in already your place is assured; if you haven't, why not come along anyway for a drink and we'll see what we can do to stretch the food as far as we can.



VISIT TO CHICHESTER

The parish visit to Chichester is on Saturday 13th June. Itineraries for those who have booked are available on the table at the back of church.

MEDITATION

The Tuesday morning Silent Meditation/Centering Prayer group will **not** meet in the months of June, July or August

BBC SINGERS

The church will be in use on Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week for rehearsals by the BBC Singers. Morning Prayer will be said at 09:00 and there are the usual masses in the evening, at 18:00 on Tuesday and at 18:45 on Wednesday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Hollamby will be held at St Paul's Knightsbridge on Tuesday 30th June at 11:00

JOIN US IN KRAKOW

Information about the planned trip to Kraków and Auschwitz ('Theology after Auschwitz' with Fr Alan Gyle) is available at the back of church.



THE MUSIC OF FAITH



Timothy Radcliffe OP and Andrew Carwood in conversation

at St Paul's Cathedral, Ludgate Hill. Tuesday 16 June 2015 6.30 - 8pm Free tickets can be obtained online at the Cathedral's website. Music parallels and illuminates the experience of God in its changeability and fleetingness, and is one of the best ways we have to find the stillness in which a experience the sense of God's presence. It can also provide a narrative for the cycle of life which allows our inexpressible feelings to be given voice at times of both sorrow and rejoicing. In reflection and conversation, renowned theologian Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP and award winning musician Andrew Carwood will explore together what music can teach us about faith beyond words. Timothy Radcliffe is a Dominican Friar, a former Master of the Order of Preachers, and one of the best-loved Christian spiritual teachers of our times. His bestselling books include Sing a New Song: The Christian Vocation, What's the Point of Being a Christian? and Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation. Andrew Carwood is Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral. An internationally regarded singer and conductor, he is also the Founder Director of The Cardinal's Musick, with which he has won numerous awards including the prestigious Gramophone award for Recording of the Year.

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 service card for Tuesday 5 February – feria. The card contains the following text:

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
- I will proclaim your name among the people

Callouts from the diagram:

- Date and observance: Tuesday 5 February – feria
- Page where the lections are to be found: DEL p.80
- Colour of vestments: (indicated by a red dot)
- Response to the psalm: I will proclaim your name among the people

COLLECT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise be to thee, our God and Father, for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine: grant that we, being grafted into Christ, may grow together in unity and be partakers of his heavenly feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY & THE 10th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B; DEL YEAR 1)

Sunday 7 June – Corpus Christi Sunday

○ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 8 June – Thomas Ken

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 182

The Lord acts with steadfast love.

Tuesday 9 June – Columba

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 185

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me.

Wednesday 10 June – feria

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 402 (year 1)

We will recount the praises of the Lord.

Thursday 11 June – The Feast of St Barnabas the Apostle

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 189

Clothe yourself with God's righteousness and let justice be your garment.

Friday 12 June – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 407 (year 1)

Exalt the Lord our God: for holy is his name.

Saturday 13 June – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 410 (year 1) ;

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and bless his holy name.

Sunday 14 June – Second after Trinity

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

We pray daily for:

- For those baptised today
- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its Rector Designate
- 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.
- Pray for Michael Pate and Brad Moore as they leave London and return to the United States of America
- For Howard and Hilary Shelley on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Among the sick and those in need:

Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Michael Pate; Ian Powe; Bernard Gordon-Lennox; Jane Elstub; Heidi Hoell; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Tim Touhey; Fr.Richard Martin; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr.Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Cath Dunkley

We pray for all the recently departed,
Charles Kennedy; John Hollamby; Derek Walker

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

Patricia Farr	7 June
Arthur Colley	10 June
Mimi Hashemi	13 June

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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;
Fr Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough

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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