

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

At all times and in all places

Who invites who to the Eucharist? We come to the Eucharist because Jesus desires our company. Yet as the bread of wine are prepared on the altar so it is we who invite Jesus to be sacramentally with us. Before us is the marvellous mystery of a divine exchange.

God in Jesus Christ offers us hospitality and in doing so frees us to extend that hospitality to others. How effective are we at sharing the hospitality of God? Is the life of God's Reign discerned in our life together? The following words by the Anglican monk and liturgist, Dom Gregory Dix speak for themselves. Living the Eucharist is the theme for our study in this Spring term. I hope you will consider taking advantage of one of the opportunities to explore the depth of this sacrament over the next few weeks.

“Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or

for a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a

dead lover; in thankfulness because my father did not die of pneumonia; for a village headman much tempted to return to fetich because the yams had failed; because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna; for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so-and-so wounded and prisoner of war; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the

beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of S. Joan of Arc—one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God”.

*Fr Louis*



# News & Events

## CLARIETTE WILMOT RIP

It was with sadness that we heard, this week, of the death of Clariette Wilmot – a longstanding member of St Paul’s who generously served as both a weekday sacristan, a member of the Parochial Church Council and as one of the parish’s representatives on the Deanery Synod and Westminster Council of Churches. Her funeral will take place in Ghana – but there will be an opportunity for members of the community here to give thanks to God for her life and to commend her in prayer at a service in St Paul’s (details to be arranged).

*Jesu, mercy; Mary, pray.*

## MEDITATION SPACE

**This Monday** ‘Meditation space’ on Monday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) following the evening mass. If you can come to mass, great –



the meditation group will start at 6:30pm. No previous experience of meditation is necessary, though all will be



welcome; a perfect introduction to exploring this way of prayer. The meditation space will conclude at 7:00pm.

## LIVING THE EUCHARIST

**This Wednesday** after the mass at 18:45 you are warmly invited to the second session in this term’s Adult Formation Course, Living the Eucharist. Fr Louis will introduce a discussion on the Eucharist as the pattern of all Christian worship. Talk and discussion from 19:30.



## HELP FOR HEROES

On Saturday Fr Louis will be taking part in a Tough Mudder event in Henley. The challenge is to complete a 12 mile obstacle course which includes around 25-30

obstacles to test mental and physical endurance. Money raised from the day will go to Help for Heroes. If members of the congregation would like to sponsor Fr Louis, a form can be found at the back.

Alternatively you can sponsor online by visiting [www.justgiving.com/louis-darrant1](http://www.justgiving.com/louis-darrant1).

## ASCENSION DAY

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May a Solemn Eucharist will be celebrated for the Feast of the Ascension at 19:00 followed by drinks in the Vicarage. Everyone is welcome. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church.

## LYON – JUNE 2016



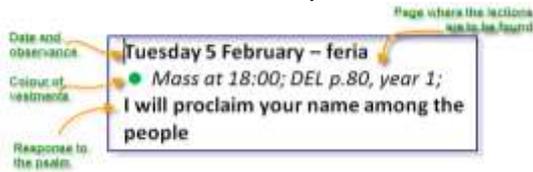
Information about the forthcoming Parish trip to Lyon, France (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June 2016) is now available on the Parish Website, [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL – JULY 2016

Please make a note of the forthcoming **Cathedral visit to Lincoln** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (by coach from St Paul’s Knightsbridge, departing at 08:15am, returning by 18:45) – and of a preparatory talk on ‘**The Glories of Lincoln**’ on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July at 19:30 by Dr Serenhedd James, columnist for the Church Times and Honorary Research Fellow at St Stephen’s House, Oxford.

# The Ordo & Intercessions

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; 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.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR THE 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF HM THE QUEEN

Heavenly Father, who hast brought our gracious sovereign Queen Elizabeth to the completion of her ninetieth year, and dost gather her people in celebration of the same: grant that we, rejoicing before thee with thankful hearts, may ever be united in love and service to one another, and her kingdom flourish in prosperity and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SERVICES TIMES

### Sunday 24 April: 5th Sunday of Easter

◇ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 25 April: The Feast of St Mark the Evangelist

◇ Mass at 18:00; Mass with Gloria; EH p. 124

**R: The light of the eyes rejoices the heart.**

### Tuesday 26 April: feria of Eastertide

◇ Mass at 8:00; DEL p. 223

**R: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.**

### Wednesday 27 April: feria of Eastertide; commem. Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

◇ Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 225

**R: Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

### Thursday 28 April: feria of Eastertide; commem. Peter Chanel, missionary & martyr, 1841

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 226

**R: Sing to the Lord a new song!**

### Friday 29 April: Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 129

**R: Wisdom speaks noble things.**

### Saturday 30 April: feria of Eastertide; commem. Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

◇ Mass at noon; DEL p. 229

**R: Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth.**

## We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street in Washington DC
- All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the unity of the Church
- Peace and justice in God's world
- All prisoners and refugees
- persecuted Christians in Syria and Iraq
- our ministry with young people

## Among the sick and those in need:

John Watson; Stephen Allen; Jean Marc Lehut; Michelle Trauman; Geoffrey Wilcox; Fabienne Frichot; Jamie Britten; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Margot Stewart; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Vivienne Mallinson.

## We pray for all the recently departed

Jean Paget; John Willmington, priest; John Findlater; Michael Gibbs; Clariette Wilmot.

## For those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Walter Clarke	24 April
Alethea Lyall	28 April
Sam Bartosik	30 April

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