

## Dedication Festival: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

### *The Last Sunday after Trinity*

### A Tale of Two Cities

'Being human is difficult, and therefore all kinds of settlements have problems. Big cities have difficulties in abundance, because they have people in abundance.' So writes Jane Jacobs in her book, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. How do you feel about living in London and how would you describe its personality when compared to your experience of other cities?

It's common in my experience for people to talk about having a relationship with oneself, being attentive to the needs of the body both physically and emotionally. What does this begin to look like when we think in terms of developing a relationship with the place where we live? I'm from London and find myself being lulled into a false sense of security believing I know what living in London is like and has to offer. But you will know that life in the city is always changing. You will know it from your own experience – and things that change constantly invite us to either passively go along with the change or be instrumental in shaping it. We need a physical place in the city which helps us to understand our relationship to the whole of London.

One of the creative tasks of the local church is to ask the question: how can we live well in the city? We're not the only people answering that question. Here's what a promotional film for Airbnb, the home rental service, has to offer: 'The world is full of cities and towns constantly growing larger. But the people within them are less connected. Yet we are all yearning for a sense of place. We are seeking to belong. We all want to connect and share. To feel accepted and feel safe. Imagine having that anywhere. Airbnb stands for something much bigger than travel. We imagine a world where you can belong anywhere.' I like Airbnb's concept very much and am grateful for the service they provide, but it will require something more intentional if we want to experience the connection and growth that comes from rooting ourselves in a sense of place. Belonging is a good thing, but to what purpose?

What forms of belonging will promote growth in living lovingly and truthfully. The community we are committed to building in the Church is not an end to itself, but is sacramental. It points beyond itself to the life which is eternal. Our Dedication Festival is a good time to ponder such things. Francis Thompson's poem, *In No Strange Land*, draws our attention to the dual citizenship we share: our temporal belonging in London and the eternal city of the new Jerusalem:



The kingdom of God is within you.  
O world invisible, we view thee,  
O world intangible, we touch thee,  
O world unknowable, we know thee,  
Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!

Does the fish soar to find the ocean,  
The eagle plunge to find the air—  
That we ask of the stars in motion  
If they have rumour of thee there?

Not where the wheeling systems darken,  
And our benumbed conceiving soars!—  
The drift of pinions, would we hearken,  
Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors.

The angels keep their ancient places—  
Turn but a stone and start a wing!  
'Tis ye, 'tis your estrangèd faces,  
That miss the many-splendoured thing.

But (when so sad thou canst not sadder)  
Cry—and upon thy so sore loss  
Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder  
Pitched betwixt Heaven and Charing Cross.

Yea, in the night, my Soul, my daughter,  
Cry—clinging to Heaven by the hems;  
And lo, Christ walking on the water,  
Not of Genesareth, but Thames!

*Fr Louis Darrant*

# News & Events

**DON'T FORGET! NEXT SUNDAY THE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR.**



## **AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE**

This will take place at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall at 77 Kinnerton Street on Saturday 29 October. You are invited to bring contributions to the Jumble Preview in the Church Hall from about 5 p.m. on Friday 28 October when we will be offering a glass of wine.

## **FAMILY MASS VISIT TO THE V&A MUSEUM**

Fr Louis is organising a visit to the V&A on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. We will meet in the café at 10:00am. Although the visit is primarily aimed at our young people, everyone is welcome to join us.

## **ALL SOULS' DAY REQUIEM**

Please join us for the Solemn Requiem on All Souls' Day, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 7pm. Music: Duruflé Requiem. At the mass we will remember by name the faithful departed. Please add names to the list at the back of church.

## **PRAYING FOR THE SICK AND THE DEPARTED**

There is now a book at the back of church for you to add names to be included in the weekly sheet. Names will be included for a period of four weeks, following which you will be asked if you would still like the name to be included in the weekly prayers.

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

A Christian Meditation group meets every Monday in the chancel of the church at 6.30pm. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel, the letters of St Paul and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4th century. Newcomers are welcome to share in this space which includes quiet music, a reading from the writings of the late Fr John Main, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation.

## **NEW CONFIRMATION GROUP TO START**

A new confirmation group has begun at St Paul's. If you would like to have a conversation about being prepared for Confirmation or would value the opportunity to deepen your understanding and practice, please speak to a member of the clergy team.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY SERIES: IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST: REFLECTIONS OF DIFFERENT FACES OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Jean Vanier – French philosopher, humanitarian and founder of L'Arche.

The final workshop will begin at 7.45pm and conclude at 8.45pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE AT 6.45PM**

The daily mass is one of the privileges of our life here at St Paul's. Many people appreciate the reflective character of a weekday mass which lasts no longer than 25 minutes. The Wednesday Evening Service is slightly different in having a simple mass setting, hymn and homily followed by refreshments. Please consider making this part of your own practice.

## **PREPARING INTERCESSIONS FOR THE EUCHARIST**

A workshop will be held in church on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 11.30pm to help intercessors develop their practice. For more information please speak to Fr Louis.

## **AN EVENING TO HONOUR THE COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE OF OUR CHURCHES TO POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN LONDON**

If you would like to find out more about what churches across the Diocese are doing to help tackle poverty and inequality in our city then please join Fr Louis at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

# 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.

Date and observance → Tuesday 5 February – feria  
Colour of vestments → ● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;  
Response to the psalm → I will proclaim your name among the people  
Page where the lections are to be found

## COLLECT FOR LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Most gracious God, whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew thy people with thy heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by thy true and living bread; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## SERVICES TIMES

**Sunday 23 October: Last Sunday after Trinity - green**

◇ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00;

**Monday 24 October: feria - green**

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 733

**R: *The Lord knows the way of the righteous.***

**Tuesday 25 October: Crispin and Crispinian - red**

◇ Mass at 8:00; EH p. 592 (Common of Martyrs)

**R: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***

**Wednesday 26 October: Alfred - white**

◇ Mass at 18:45

**Thursday 27 October: feria - green**

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 740

**R: *I will sing a new song to you, O God.***

**Friday 28 October: The Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles - Red**

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 463

**R: *I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, says God.***

**Saturday 29 October: James Hannington - red**

◇ Mass at noon; EH p. 466

**R: *Do not fear for I am with you, says God.***

## We pray this week for:

- Bishop Richard and the staff and students of St Mellitus College
- the people of Aleppo and all working to establish peace in Syria.
- An end to the drought in Mozambique.
- those seeking support of the mental health services
- the life and work of the L'Arche Community.

## Among the sick and those in need:

Patricia Dopheide; Nick Samuelson; Simon Spence; John Watson; Stephen Allen; Jean Marc Lehut; Geoffrey Wilcox; Jamie Britten; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Michael Cooke; John King; Vivienne Mallinson; Alain Jouret, William Guise; Shands Prevost; Ian Powe; George Galitzine; John Udal.

## We pray for all the recently departed

Lena Skirrow; Julian Lawrie; John Brett.

**and for all those whose year's mind falls at this time.**

Valerie Middleton	24 October
Nadine Killearn	24 October
Esme MacDonald	25 October
Sarah Hoexter	25 October
Harold Loasby	27 October
Patrick Hackett	30 October
Rose Macaulay	30 October

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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 Louis is unavailable on Fridays.*

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