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## SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
30 April 2017

**Family Mass** at 09:00

**Sung Eucharist** at 11:00

Missa Qual dona - Lassus  
Dic nobiss, Maria - Bassono  
In resurrection tua domine  
Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

**Philip & James, Apostles: 1 May**  
Mass at 12:00

**Athanasius, bishop: 2 May**  
No mass today

**Feria in Eastertide: 3 May**  
Mass at 18:45

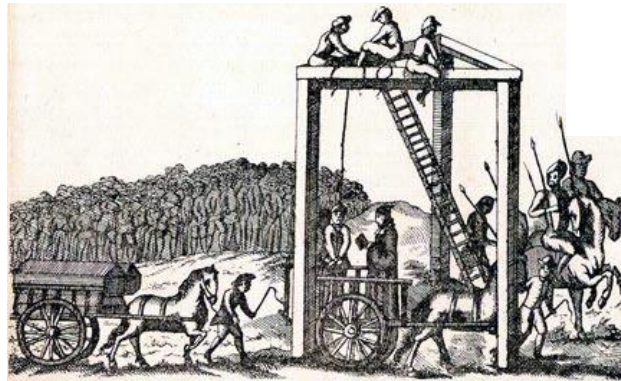
**English saints and martyrs of the  
Reformation Era: 4 May**  
Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Mass at 18:00

**Feria in Eastertide: 5 May**  
Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Mass at 18:00

**Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
6 May**  
Morning Prayer at 09:00  
Mass at 18:00

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
7 May 2017  
**Family Mass** at 09:00  
**Sung Eucharist** at 11:00

## Death, execution and martyrdom



◀ An image of the 'Tyburn Tree', the King's Gallows which stood near Marble Arch.

On the morning of **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** there is the opportunity to join in our latest London Exploration – just a short distance from St Paul's at the top end of Hyde Park, near to Marble Arch. Tyburn was the site of 'The King's Gallows' from 1196 to 1783. It was thus the one-way destination for six centuries for every kind of criminal. Experts reckon that during that period some 50,000 people met their death there, and for all sorts of reasons.

In the minds of churchpeople, the place is most notable for the deaths of the Tyburn Martyrs in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries – Catholics who were executed for upholding their faith in a religiously hostile world. Among the most famous was the great Jesuit Edmund Campion. This week we remember the English martyrs of the Reformation Era at mass on Thursday.

Close to the site of the martyrs' deaths stands now the Tyburn Convent – a place of perpetual prayer and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a chance to learn about the history of the place and for those who wish to visit and to pray together in the Convent which is open to the public.

It is salutary to think about where the boundaries lie in our minds between lawful execution and martyrdom and between reasonable faith and extremism – as a way of engaging history, but also of thinking about life in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century in a London in which 'fanatics' and 'terrorists' apparently motivated by an absolute faith are prepared, even enthusiastic, to embrace death for their causes. Extremism & conformity; difference & dispute; tolerance & fear. Join us to explore, learn, ponder and pray. Details overleaf.

*Fr Alan Gyle*

## Come and eat together

Next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, there is to be a parish lunch in the hall in Kinnerton Street. On the first Sunday of every month (except August) we sit down to a shared meal cooked by a volunteer from the congregation. Booking is helpful (there is a blue book kept at the back of church in which you need merely write your name if you intend to come) and there is a small charge to help defray the cost. The parish lunch is a great opportunity to meet members of the congregation. If you're new, do come along.

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## Hear a Stradivarius!

Claudio Cornini, as Deputy Chair for Greater London of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, is organising a musical charity event cum champagne reception on May 12<sup>th</sup> (6.30pm for 7) at the Order's headquarters at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

Beneficiary of the event's fundraising is the Order's Eye Hospital of Jerusalem, playing an important charitable healthcare role in the Holy City.

The chamber music programme will be performed by the West Sussex Bernardi Music Group led by Andrew Bernardi - with the event made more exceptional by its instrumental centrepiece, a Stradivarius violin crafted in the Italian city of Cremona in 1696.

Please contact the Parish Office or Claudio's team member Basia (barbara.korzeniowska@gmail.com) if interested.

## Findlay Spence

Join us on the evening of the 22nd June in St Paul's for a recital by Findlay Spence our cello and composition scholar, accompanied by John Sunderland and Michael Papadopoulos. Programme to include the Beethoven Cello Sonata and works by Liszt, Elgar, Chopin, Dvorak, Saint Saens and Brahms.

Tickets from the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999 or [info@spkb.org](mailto:info@spkb.org).

## Trips and Pilgrimages

We look forward to the **Parish Retreat in Sicily** in May. Some 27 people are booked to join us from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. However, it is not too late to book for two other events.

For those who wish to stay closer to home, join us for

the Parish Pilgrimage to the historic and beautiful **Llyn Peninsula in Snowdonia, North Wales** from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September 2017 for an experience of Welsh spirituality and to visit the shrines of the ancient saints.

And on 24th June 2017 there will be a day trip to **Salisbury Cathedral in Wiltshire**.

For all these trips, please save the date – and register your interest through our website at [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

## Explorations: Discovering the city through the eyes of faith

The monthly Explorations trip is an opportunity to take advantage of the many cultural opportunities in the city through the eyes of faith.

Each Saturday is open to all ages. For more information on any of the events please contact Fr Louis at [louis@spkb.org](mailto:louis@spkb.org).

13th May: Discovering the story of the Tyburn Martyrs: journeying from Marble Arch to the Tyburn Convent.

3rd June: Visit to the Jewish Museum in Camden.

1st July: Walking the Labyrinth in Hyde Park.

## Annual Meetings

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting take place **today**, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April after the 11:00 Solemn Mass. If you are free, please join us for this opportunity to be talked through the annual financial report from the PCC and to hear about our life and direction of travel.

## The Music Dinner 2017

**LAST CHANCE TO BOOK:** The Ballroom of the Berkeley Hotel is currently under reconstruction, but we are very privileged to be among the first new users of the space when, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00 for 7:30pm we have our annual Music Dinner. Individual tickets and full tables are available - tickets are £50 for a black tie dinner with wine plus a recommended donation of £125 per head towards the music fund. Please speak to John Tweddle or to the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999/[info@spkb.org](mailto:info@spkb.org) to reserve your place. As ever, between courses, the hugely talented musicians on the team here will cast off liturgical constraints and show us what they can do!



## Please pray for...

**We pray this week for:**  
Bishop Pete and the witness of the Church in this city; for Fr Richard & the people of St Paul's K Street Washington DC; for Fr Alfredo & the people of All Saints' Nhamavila; for the work of composers and all who further healing through the arts.

**Among the sick and those in need:**  
Alexandra Holesh; Patricia Dopheide; John Watson; William Guise; Shands Prevost; Dan Gadow; John Roberts; Juliette Gimon; Francis Faber; Nick Walker; Elizabeth Heim; Sue Ko.

**And we pray for the recently departed:**

Sr Theresa SC; Marjorie King; Alain Jouret; David Sears; Rita Dickson; Maisie Percy; Mary Ann Brashler, Jean Marc Lehut

**Year's mind:**

Valery Tweddle	29/4
Sam Bartosik	30/4
Alec Taylor	2/5
Timothy Green	2/5
Michael Barney	5/5