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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
25 June 2017

Family Mass at 09:00
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Mass for four voices – Byrd
Praise our Lord – Byrd
Ave verum – Byrd
Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

Feria: Mon 26 June
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Mass at 18:00

Feria: Tue 27 June
Mass at 08:00

Irenaeus: Wed 28 June
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Wednesday Evening Service at
18:45

Peter & Paul: Thu 29 June
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Mass at 18:00

Ember Day: Fri 30 June
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Mass at 18:00

Votive of the BVM: Sat 1 July
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Mass at noon

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2 July 2017

Family Mass at 09:00
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough

The inner city of God

Last week clergy from across the two cities of London and Westminster gathered in the iconic Rothschild Sky Garden near Cannon Street (pictured). We listened to a number of presentations on how the Church engages with the planning process in a city which is constantly adapting and changing.

There are huge issues to consider. The tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire has concentrated our minds on the unacceptable gap between provision for the poorest and richest in our city community. It causes us to ask again the age-old question posed by the Church: who is my neighbour?

In just over a week's time we will welcome a group of pilgrims from our link diocese in Mozambique. One of the gifts that flows from developing a relationship with the church overseas is the different perspective we can learn from fellow Christians.

Monica Furlong, a contemporary Anglican visionary, touches upon such questions in her poem entitled 'My Neighbour':
'I am glad You made my neighbour different from me;
A different coloured skin,
A different shaped face;
A different response to you.
I need my neighbour to teach me about You;
She knows all the things I don't know.'

The work of the Gospel in this city is shaped by the vision of the heavenly city, the rumour of which is enfolded in countless ways across London. We too seek to play our part in being faithful to the high calling placed upon us here in Belgravia.



The work of the inner city of God doesn't resign itself to the status quo and resists the temptation to suggest easy solutions which may placate one section of the community, but have unintended consequences.

We have a wealth of buildings and a community of diverse and gifted people whom, when brought together, offer the kindly hospitality of God and prayerful resistance.

Many people have spoken of tensions and unease. The Church has been present in this city for many generations and it too continues to evolve and grow to respond to present times. In the midst of all we are seeking to make sense of is the voice of one who says to us, "Behold, I make all things new."

Father Louis

Next Sunday - Parish Lunch

Please join us in the Parish Hall next Sunday after the Solemn Mass for a delicious two course lunch prepared by our chefs-du-jour, Nicky Lindsay and Serena Butt. It's a monthly opportunity to enjoy good food and to get to know other members of the congregation in a relaxed setting. Please add your name to the list at the back of church. Even if you can't stay for lunch, you are invited to join us for a glass of wine after Mass— and if you are new to St Paul's or visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy team or welcomers.

In brief ...

A group from St Paul's enjoyed a day out at **Salisbury** yesterday visiting the cathedral and surrounding places of interest. We were given a very informative tour and celebrated the Eucharist in the beauty of the Trinity Chapel. Look out for details of future trips in this weekly sheet.

Today we welcome **Penelope Joseph** and **Nathaniel Walker** to be baptised. Please pray for them and for their parents and godparents.

The next **Prayer Branch** meeting takes place on **Tuesday, July 18th at 18:30** in the home of one of our congregation. It's purpose is to provide an informal space for intercessory prayer, reflection on biblical passages and fellowship. Please ask one of the clergy for more details.

The **Parish Garden Party** will be held on **Thursday 14th September**. Please save the date! It's a wonderful opportunity to come together again after the summer break and to welcome our friends and neighbours from the local community. Please speak to Caroline Docker if you have suggestions for raffle prizes.

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Walking the Labyrinth – the next Explorations meeting

July's Explorations gathering is an opportunity to experience the ancient practice of the labyrinth. It is a path known to have existed for over 4000 years.

The twists and turns on the labyrinth path mirror the twists and turns in our lives. Following this path offers the restless mind an opportunity to be inwardly observant, to pay attention to feelings, to explore challenges and be open to fresh insights and ideas.

Walking prayerfully is very much part of the Christian tradition and is known to have been embraced by Christians since the fourth century.

This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the congregation, so please bring a blanket. Coffee and buns will be on offer.

We will meet in Hyde Park (exact location to be notified next Sunday) on Saturday 8th July at 10:00am. Please email Fr Louis at louis@spkb.org to register your interest.



Pray as you go



If you possess an iPhone or Android mobile 'phone you may be interested in installing an app called 'Pray as you go.' It's produced by the Jesuits in the UK and is a simple and user-friendly introduction to *lectio divina* – a form of prayer which consists of reflecting on a short passage of scripture. It can be used at the beginning or ending of the day, on the journey to work or during a lunch break. The app also contains a useful guide to the daily examen, which many people have found a useful aid to deepening their awareness of God's presence in their daily lives. You can also access this via www.pray-as-you-go.org

Welcoming Bishop Carlos & friends from Mozambique

On **Tuesday 4th July** we look forward to welcoming Bishop Carlos and around 20 pilgrims from the Diocese of Lebombo, our link diocese in Mozambique to St Paul's Knightsbridge as part of their pilgrimage to London.

There will be a short service of Evening Prayer at 18:30 followed by supper in the Vicarage. Please put this date in your diaries and plan to join us.

Please email Felicity at felicity@spkb.org if you are able to come.

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

Bishop Pete, Archdeacon Rosemary & Archdeacon Luke, the response of the Church in North Kensington, the work of architects and planners, our visiting pilgrims from Mozambique, students and staff at the Royal College of Music.

Among the sick and those in need:

Patricia Dopheide; John Watson; Francis Faber; Sue Ko; Ian Powe; Brenda Young; Ann-Marie Dyas.

And we pray for the recently departed:

Liam Dickerson; Martyn Hett; Geoffrey Rowell, bishop, Joy Taylor, Nick Walker, Patricia Knatchbull.