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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

31 December 2017

Low Mass at 09:00

Sung Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Louis Darrant

Mon 1 January: Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Mass at 12:00

Tues 2 January: Basil & Gregory

Mass at 12:00

Wed 3 January: Feria of Christmas

Mass at 19:00

Thu 4 January: Feria of Christmas

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Fri 5 January: Feria of Christmas

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Sat 6 January: Votive of Our Lady

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

7 January 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

By kindly powers surrounded ...

The close of the year invites quiet reflection as well as celebration. This week I share with you two texts which I have carried with me for some years now. The first is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's beautiful poem 'By kindly powers surrounded' and the second is the Methodist Covenant Prayer offered at the beginning of a new year. I hope you find both helpful.

"By kindly powers surrounded, peaceful and true, wonderfully protected with consolation dear, safely, I dwell with you this whole day through, and surely into another year.

Though from the old our hearts are still in pain, while evil days oppress with burdens still, Lord, give to our frightened souls again, salvation and thy promises fulfill.

And shouldst thou offer us the bitter cup, resembling sorrow, filled to the brim and overflowing, we will receive it thankfully, without trembling, from thy hand, so good and ever-loving.

But if it be thy will again to give joy of this world and bright sunshine, then in our minds we will past times relive and all our days be wholly thine.

Let candles burn, both warm and bright, which to our darkness thou has brought, and, if that can be, bring us together in the light, thy light shines in the night unsought.

When we are wrapped in silence most profound, may we hear that song most fully raised from all the unseen world that lies around and thou art by all thy children praised.

By kindly powers protected wonderfully,
confident, we wait for come what may.
Night and morning, God is by us,
faithfully
and surely at each new born day."

"I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven."

May each of us grow in our friendship with God in 2018.

Fr Louis

Sunday 7th January Epiphany Sunday

Family Mass at 09:00am
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00am
followed by Epiphany cake

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday Evening Service on 10th January

Please join us at the beginning of a new year for a reflective Mass accompanied by beautiful music with thoughtful and challenging preaching. The pattern of monthly Wednesday Evening Services is proving to be very popular and is growing. One of the clergy celebrates the Mass whilst another offers three short reflections on a topical theme. Following mass we gather for a convivial home-cooked supper in the nave as the wine and conversation flows. Please put this date in your diaries!

Who's who this Sunday At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Louis Darrant

At 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer
Reader: Veronica Scott
Preacher: Fr Louis Darrant
Intercessor: Sarah Tytherleigh



Explorations visit to the Tower of London

The date of the next Explorations visit is **Saturday 13th January**. Canon Roger Hall, Chaplain of St Peter Ad Vincula, will introduce us to the life and history of the chapel and lead prayers at the Shrine of St Thomas More. Places are limited to 15, so please speak to Fr Louis if you would like to join us.

Prayer Branch

If you would value meeting informally with other members of St Paul's to pray and reflect on Scripture then the Prayer Branch would welcome you. It's a small, lay-led group meeting once a month in a home of one its members. The next Prayer Branch takes place in the evening of Tuesday 16th January. For further details please speak to a member of the clergy team.

Candlemas

Sung Mass at 7:00pm on **Friday 2nd February** with cantor in the chancel of the church followed by a drinks party. Please save the date.

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www.spkb.org

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Patronal Festival 2018

Join us for a feast of worship, music and fellowship in celebration of our Patronal Festival.

Thursday 25th January, 7pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Festal Choral Evensong for the Conversion of St Paul with the choir and musicians of St Paul's Knightsbridge. Followed by a reception.

Friday 26th January, 1pm LUNCHTIME RECITAL

A 'drop-in' lunchtime recital with the Royal College of Music's Mayler Quartet. A free event with soup lunch.

Saturday 27th January, 2pm "COME AND SING!"

Ever wondered what it would be like to sing with the church choir? This is your chance. Michael Papadopoulos, Michael Solomon Williams and Adam Mathias will lead an afternoon of working on favourite choral classics by Parry, Rutter and Vivaldi before putting on a short, informal concert at 4.15pm at which family and friends are most warmly welcome! Tickets- £10 for participants at www.spkb.org. No charge for audience members. Followed by drinks.

Daily Reflections from Fr Richard Rohr



Fr Richard is the Director of the Centre for Action and Contemplation. You can sign up for a free Daily Meditation exploring the contemplative dimension of Christian living by going to www.cac.org/category/daily-meditations/ These daily bite-sized reflections are an excellent aid to deepening your practice of faith in everyday life and are highly recommended.

Sunday 28th January, 11am FESTAL ORCHESTRAL MASS

The Choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge with the Royal College of Music ensemble.
Spatzenmesse – Mozart
How lovely are the messengers – Felix Mendelssohn
O salutaris hostia - Rossini

Tackling Homelessness Together



We are all aware of that tricky moment when someone, begging on the street, asks us for money. To give or not? What should a Christian do? Will it help – or just compound the problem? As part of the London Diocese campaign Tackling Homelessness Together, we have identified two charities working in the local area (Westminster and Chelsea) who are working to make a real difference this winter. Next time you are accosted by a beggar, why not text **SPKB17 £10 to 70070**. We will pass the donation to our local partners who will ensure that every penny is wisely and usefully spent.

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop-Designate, church musicians, students preparing for the new academic term, ordinands in training among them Joe Moore at Cranmer Hall, medical staff in our local surgeries and hospitals, the anxious, lonely and fearful, the safety of all who travel by land, air or sea.

Among the sick and those in need:

John King; Judy Davis; Ingrid Gray; Val Hiscock; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya; Adam Curtis and Alan Bennegworth; Peter Wasowich; Ben Borthwick; Paul Denham; Valentine Beresford; Federico Fernandez, David and Ruth.

And we pray for the recently departed:

Walter Timmis; Jeremy Stampa Orwin; Natalie Lewis-Hoyle; Barbara Lockhart-Smith; Mark Whittow.

And we pray for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Guy Shea, priest – 1st
Frank Dawson – 1st