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## SERVICES THIS WEEK:

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY

28 January 2018

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

### Mon 29 January: Feria of Epiphany

Morning Prayer at 09:00

No mass today

### Tues 30 January: Charles

No mass today

### Wed 31 January: John Bosco

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at  
19:00

### Thu 1 February: Brigid

Mass at 08:00

Solemn Evensong at 19:00

### Fri 2 February: CANDLEMASS

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

### Sat 3 February: Anskar

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00

### SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

4 January 2018

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Bill Scott

## From the cradle to the cross

Many years ago I was sent a Christmas card depicting a single lit candle. Among all the beautiful scenes on the different cards I received the simplicity of this candle was arresting. It wasn't until I read the back of the card that I discovered the picture was in fact a detail from a much larger picture I was already familiar with, namely Christ before the High Priest by Gerrit van Honthorst on display in the National Gallery.

'And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not'. Familiar words from the opening of St John's Gospel resonant of the Christmas masses. Yet in this painting the words find their context not in the wonder of the nativity scene, but in an atmosphere of suspicion and persecution in a make-shift courtroom. The high priest points his finger at Jesus whose hands are bound with ropes and whose gaze is fixed upon the one who accuses.

That Christmas card gave me an insight into the mystery of our faith. If the season of Christmas and Epiphany reveals the wonder of God sharing his life among us and inviting us to share our lives with his, then the season of Lent unfolds the cost in human terms.

Every Holy Week since I have been ordained I make a short pilgrimage to this painting and generally sit before it for about half an hour. You can imagine my horror one year when I discovered it was on loan – 'they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him' (!) What do I think happens when sitting before the painting. I don't know. I have to allow myself to move beyond that stage of trying to understand and glean new meaning as if succumbing to a pressure to have something to show for the time. What I can say with confidence is

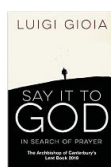


know the time is used. We're often in a rush trying to fit in as much as we can. This painting has taught me to slow down and wait.

This Friday the Church celebrates the Feast of Candlemas. It's when the season of Christmas draws to a conclusion and the focus of the Church's liturgical looks towards the mystery of Lent. The Gospel for Candlemass recalls the faith of Simeon and Anna who waited in the Temple and trusted that they would see for themselves the child who would save the people from their sin.

The Mass is celebrated here at St Paul's at 7:00pm this Friday on Candlemass and I encourage you to come. It may not be your usual practice to come to mass during the course of the week, but I promise you it will add both depth and colour to the practice of your faith.

*Father Louis*



### SAVE THE DATE

Please plan to join us for a Parish Quiet Day in the church in preparation for Lent on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30 till 15:30. The cost of the day is £20, which includes a simple lunch and a copy of the parish's Lent Book, 'Say it to God' by Luigi Gioia. Please ring to secure your place: 020 7201 9999.

## Who's who this Sunday At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Louis Darrant

## At 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle  
Deacon: Fr Louis Darrant  
Subdeacon: Phil Davies  
Reader: Emily Bueno  
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle  
Intercessor: tbc

## St Paul's Cathedral



The new Adult Learning programme from St Paul's Cathedral is now available – copies on the book stand at the back of church. Highlights of the term ahead include a seminar by Mark Oakley and Paula Gooder on 'Scandal & Glory: The Cross in the Bible and in Poetry' on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and another on 'Who am I?: Identity, Faith and Being Human' with Rowan Williams and John Swinton on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Both a free admission events. In addition to these there are many other events, talks, and spiritual explorations. Please pick up a copy and book your places.

## Parish Lunch

You are warmly welcome to join us for lunch after the Solemn Eucharist next week in the Parish Hall. Our chefs-du-jour will be Lorraine Bondarenko, Joe Dickerson & Louisa Skipper. Please add your name to the list in church to help us plan the catering. It's a very relaxed affair and a good way to get to know other members of the congregation.

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## Forthcoming Events

### Free Sunday Recital

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 14:30, Eleanor Ross will give the first of this year's free Sunday afternoon recitals.

The recital follows the regular Parish Lunch in the hall at 13:00. Please add your name to the Blue Book at the back of church to help us assess numbers for catering.

### Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00, there will be Choral Evensong with the choir and musicians of St Paul's Knightsbridge followed by the Vicarage Pancake Party.

### Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00, there will be a Solemn Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

### Concert: 'Over My Shoulder'

with Clare McCaldin – Mezzo Soprano and Paul Turner – Piano. This is a McCaldin Arts Project about soprano Elisabeth Schumann and a musical comedy star Jessie Matthews. Songs by Mendelssohn, Strauss and Schubert, Noel Coward and Rogers & Hart. Tickets available through the Parish Website: £25/£15/£10.



### TODAY:

#### 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  
Preacher: The Vicar

*Followed by a drinks party to bid farewell to Fr Louis Darrant as he leaves for Spain.*

## Candlemas

Although the season is already long-forgotten by the world 'out there,' our pondering of the mystery of the Incarnation which began at Christmas only ends at **Candlemas, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**. That day there will be a mass at 7pm, followed by a cocktail party. Please join us – and to help with the calculation of numbers, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

## Lorna Gradden

We are pleased to announce that Lorna Gradden was elected Churchwarden to serve alongside John Tweddle. Phil Davies, formerly one of our two churchwardens, will join the staff team on 1<sup>st</sup> February in a new fulltime role shaping future programme at St Paul's and guiding us through our Fundraising and Capital Project. He joins Anne Hayward who is our new consultant Head of Fundraising.

## Please pray for...

### We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop-Designate, and for +Pete Broadbent our acting Bishop; for Lorna Gradden and John Tweddle, our Churchwardens; for all students and staff at the Royal College of Music; for all institutions under the patronage of St Paul; for the work of the Samaritans; for the victims of the terrorist attack in Kabal.

### Among the sick and those in need:

John King; Ingrid Gray; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya, David and Ruth; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth.

### And we pray for the recently departed:

Barbara Lockhart-Smith; Mark Whittow; Bernard Gordon-

Lennox; Margaret Agnew; Bella Emberg.

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

Michael Cooke – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Eileen Gosse – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Frank Gosse – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Kathleen Cooke – 31<sup>st</sup>  
Lucinda Knight – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb