

## The Second Sunday of Lent 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016

### 'In a word...'

The late Cardinal Heenan was asked to sum up in one word what Catholicism meant to him. He answered 'Authority'. The Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe writes an arresting response, 'This, to my mind, is the remark of someone who had probably never fully experienced the relationship of love, of love between equals – someone who had ignored, perhaps systematically ignored, the glimpses of love that must have been present to him during his life. Such a man wants to be a kindly benevolent ruler or a willingly obedient subject. He wants life to be conducted in a rational and friendly way. He wants to adjust things so that there shall be no scenes. And, if possible, he wants nothing to happen for the first time. But love is closely connected with things happening for the first time, with creativity and radical newness.'

We cannot tell if Cardinal Heenan would have recognized himself in McCabe's description, but far more pressing is the question do we recognize ourselves? Our attempts to find the right language of God often feels like grappling with fog and yet

there are things we feel we have to say about God if we are to take our bearings in the confusions of life. We say with confidence that God loves us and yet a little digging beneath the surface reveals that what we often believe God to be is a 'kindly benevolent ruler'. I want to say that God is the reality beneath all of our language and is the source of our freedom. Of course all language is provisional, but God's holding us in being isn't dependent on our understanding of him. In the life of Jesus our picture of God grows up. No longer are we just creatures but we receive a summons to fullness of life, none other than sharing the life of the Trinity.

What this actually looks like and how it shapes us and the world around will be revealed in its good time. For today, at least, the invitation of Lent is to remove the barriers and allow God back in. We have the tangible hope of witnessing something happening for the first time.

*Fr Louis Darrant*

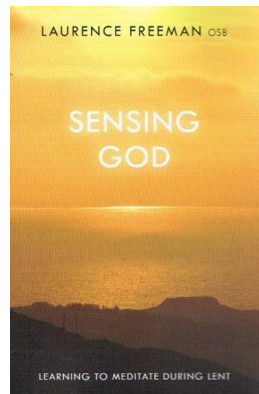


*Image: God's Hand, Carl Milles (1875-1955)*

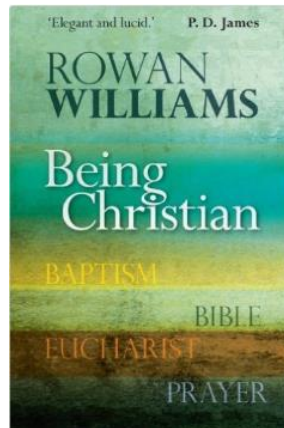
# News & Events

## BOOKS FOR LENT

Those who wish to explore Meditation this Lent are encouraged to obtain a copy of **'Sensing God' by Laurence Freeman** – which contains a general introduction and an exercise for each day of the 40 days of Lent.



**'Being Christian' by Rowan Williams.** "Unless we understand our faith," writes Sister Wendy Beckett, "we cannot live it, but it is the living that matters. Knowing and thinking and understanding are all means to draw us into the life of Christ, an active living and loving way of being. Christianity is both simple and profound. Rowan Williams understands these two levels and how we come to the depth of what Jesus is by the simplicities of informed Christian practice. This is a handbook for Christian living." Copies available. £8:00



## LENT STUDY COURSE

Living Distinctively: a Lent study course based on the book BEING CHRISTIAN by Rowan Williams

*Where:* In the Choir Vestry

*When:* Wednesdays 25th February and 2nd, 9th March 2016 at 19:30; preceded by mass at 18:45

*Led by:* Fr Louis Darrant

Using Rowan Williams' 'Being Christian', Fr Louis Darrant invites you to explore four cardinal points in our distinctive way of living: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer. Each session will last 1h 15m, ending

promptly at 20:45 and will contain both input and individual and group reflection with discussion. By the end of this four week course we will have a stronger sense of what is distinctive in our identity and those who follow Jesus Christ in daily life.

## MEDITATION SPACE

Please join us on Monday evening for the regular 'Meditation Space' at St Paul's following the Monday evening mass. If you can come to mass, great – **this week (to allow for attendance at the Music Dinner)** the meditation group will start at 6:30pm. No previous experience of meditation is necessary, though all will be welcome; this promises to be a perfect introduction to exploring this way of prayer. The meditation space will conclude at 7:00pm.



## LYON – JUNE 2016

Information about the forthcoming Parish trip to Lyon, France (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June 2016) is now available on the Parish Website, [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL – JULY 2016

Please make a note of the forthcoming **Cathedral visit to Lincoln** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (by coach from St Paul's Knightsbridge, departing at 08:15am, returning by 18:45) – and of a preparatory talk on **'The Glories of Lincoln'** on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July at 19:30 by Dr Serenhedd James, columnist for the Church Times and Honorary Research Fellow at St Stephen's House, Oxford.

# 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

Colour of vestments

Response to the psalm

Tuesday 5 February – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;

I will proclaim your name among the people

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## COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord 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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## SERVICES TIMES

**Sunday 21 February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

[Proper – Lent 2 C; DEL Second week of Lent]

♦ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

**Monday 22 February: feria of Lent**

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 104, year 2

**R: Righteousness is on your side, O Lord.**

**Tuesday 23 February: Polycarp, bishop and martyr, c.155**

♦ **Mass at 08:00; EH p. 75**

**R: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

**Wednesday 24 February: feria of Lent**

♦ Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 107, year 2

**Thursday 25 February: feria of Lent**

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 108, year 2

**R: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.**

**Friday 26 February: feria of Lent**

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 110, year 2

**R: remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

**Saturday 27 February: George Herbert, priest & poet, 1633**

♦ Mass at noon; EH p. 78

**R: The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

## We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the unity of the Church
- Peace and justice in God's world
- All prisoners and refugees

## Among the sick and those in need:

Peter Morris; Michelle Trauman; Judy Beecroft; Geoffrey Wilcox; Barbara Farrell Wilson; Fabienne Frichot; Jamie Britten; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Margot Stewart; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh.

## We pray for all the recently departed,

Jim Brown; Henry Worsley; Terry Wogan.

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

Sr Janet SC	21 February
Josephine Ruschmeyer	21 February
Hector Dowd	23 February
David Pilton	26 February
Charles Ashton James	28 February

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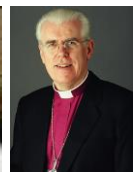
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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;  
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*A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy 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.*

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