

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:

**Sunday: 12 February 2017**

**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Mass at 11:00

Missa Brevis in Bb K 275 – Mozart

Gabrieli – Jubilate Deo

Victoria - O sacrum convivium a 6

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

**Monday: 13 February 2017**

**Feria**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Tuesday: 14 February 2017**

**Cyril & Methodius, missionaries**

Mass at 08:00

Meditation at 08:30

**Wednesday: 15 February 2017**

**Sigfrid, bishop**

Morning Prayer at 08:00

Mass at 18:45

**Thursday: 16 February 2017**

**Feria**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Friday: 17 February 2017**

**Janani Luwum, martyr**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Saturday: 18 February 2017**

**Votive of the BVM**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at noon

**Sunday: 19 February 2017**

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Mass with Baptism &

Confirmation at 11:00

Missa Ave Regina – Victoria

I was glad – Purcell

Ego sum panis vivus - Palestrina

Preacher: Bishop Michael

## “He prayeth best, who loveth best ...”

The poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, was twenty five when he wrote his arguably most famous poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. It recounts the story of a ship that loses its way after initial good fortune and is driven by a storm into the treacherous waters of the Antarctic. As if from nowhere an albatross appears and flies a course which enables the ship to sail into safer waters. Despite the redemption of the situation, the mariner shoots the albatross and the poem goes on to unfold the events which take place before the ship finally makes its way home into the welcome rest of the harbour.

It's an extraordinary poem made even more so by the fact that Coleridge had never encountered the sea before he wrote it. In a peculiar twist of fate, the poem parallels his future life, but was some other power at hand? There is the journey away from the faith he was born into and then back again only to 'know it for the first time' to borrow words from T.S. Eliot. His life was marked by suffering and despite the periods of paralysing darkness there was a persistent, questing hope which carried him forward. I sometimes wonder if there is a form of knowledge which can only be discerned through suffering; the paradox is the ability to be thankful in that place also.

A friend of Coleridge was going through a period of deep desolation when he said to Coleridge, 'I have given up on any idea of the divine' only for his poet friend to respond, 'My dear, you are a divine idea!'

The gift of a poem – or a piece of music or work of art – is its ability to fire the imagination and open up a space into which we can grow. It isn't long now before Lent begins so why not take the time to think about how you might live the season differently? Taking up a poem a day could be one of the ways in which our own persistent, questing hope is fired by the imagination of those who have been open to larger horizons before us.

Fr Louis



*The mariner up on the mast in a storm. One of the wood-engraved illustrations by Gustave Doré.*

## A whistle-stop tour of Mark's Gospel



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February you are invited to join us for a session focused on encountering God through the Gospel of Mark. An opportunity to take a tour through the Gospel of Mark – its themes, accents and particularities in how it paints a portrait of Jesus. **Meet at Flat 7 in St Paul's House (behind the church – for directions ask Fr Alan or Fr Louis) from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.**



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

Next month sees the launch of a new initiative at St Paul's called Explorations. The aim is to create a regular space in our life here for connection, conversation and growth in faith. We will be taking advantage of the remarkable cultural opportunities and the richness of our city's history viewed through the eyes of Christian faith.

Each month – most commonly on the first Saturday – we will meet at a particular location for refreshments before embarking on our chosen

activity finishing with a view to finishing at lunchtime. Explorations will be family-friendly and so we hope will be a meeting place for both the Family Mass and Solemn Eucharist congregations.

**Our first gathering will be on Saturday, 4th March at the V&A.** We will meet in the main entrance of the museum. Please visit the website or have a word with Fr Louis to indicate your interest.

### Future meetings:

8th April – The Gospel according to Shakespeare - a guided tour of the Globe Theatre

13th May – The story of the Tyburn Martyrs

3rd June – Our common heritage – a visit to the Jewish Museum in Camden

1st July – Tracing our steps – walking the Labyrinth in Hyde Park

## Around the Parish

### THE FUNERAL OF MICHAEL COOKE

Michael Cooke's funeral service will take place in St Paul's on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 11am.** Michael outlived many of his friends and his physical frailty has meant that for much of the past decade he has been practically housebound; nonetheless he was a regular home communicant and it will be good to see at his funeral many of the congregation who, though they may not have known him by sight, shared in our Eucharistic life with him regularly.

**MEDITATION:** Every Tuesday morning at 8:30am, after the 8:00am mass, Fr Louis Darrant leads a time of silent meditation in the Chancel. This form of imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in

the Gospel, the letters of St Paul and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4th century. Newcomers are welcome to share in this space which includes quiet music, a reading from the writings of the late Fr John Main, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation. If this time of the morning is difficult for you to commit to and you would like to explore Christian Meditation, please speak to Fr Louis.

**PRAYER BRANCH:** On the third Tuesday evening of each month (next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February), the parish Prayer Branch meets in Elm Park Gardens. We meet as a committed nucleus for specific and general intercessory prayers. For details please contact Cecily Worrall on 020 7352 7844.

**FLOWERS:** If anyone would like to join the flower rota, to help with Sunday flowers, you would be most welcome. Not an onerous task and if you have no experience, that's not a problem, tuition can be given! Please get in touch with Veronica, the Lady Verger, telephone number and email on the back page of this weekly sheet.

## Retreats, Pilgrimages & Trips in 2017

Booking will open on 4th January for three excursions with a spiritual dimension.

The Parish Retreat will take place in the five star **Donnafugata Hotel and Spa, Sicily** from Monday 15th – Friday 19th May 2017. This all inclusive ‘Mind, Body, Spirit’ holistic retreat will be

led by Alan Gyle with Jackie Cameron and Lindsey Gray.

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**

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During Lent this year, on Tuesday evenings, we are going to revisit time-honoured catholic practices for living the Christian life. Our desire is to discover ancient disciplines for helping us to grow in the abundant life that is God’s gift to us.

**Confession – 7<sup>th</sup> March** The old Anglican dictum for Confession is ‘all may, some should, none must.’ It may have fallen out of fashion,

but our television screens and print media are full of ‘confessional’ stories. What is the Anglican approach to confession, sometimes called the sacrament of reconciliation, and how might we make fuller use of it?

**Fasting – 14<sup>th</sup> March** We have an ambiguous relationship with fasting, often seeing it as an opportunity for losing a few pounds, but how can a gentle discipline of fasting enable us to become more attentive to God’s Spirit in our lives?

**Mary – 21<sup>st</sup> March** Mary is honoured in both sublime music and in established prayers, but who is Mary for us as Anglican Christians? We will explore Mary as a model for Christian discipleship and the thinking that lies behind the devotion to her.

**Praying with the body – 28<sup>th</sup> March**

We pray with our bodies as much as we pray with our hearts and minds. Standing, kneeling, making the sign of cross, genuflecting and bowing for starters – are these empty gestures or do they have a more vital role to play in our worship of God?

**Scripture – 4<sup>th</sup> April** The Bible was written over thousands of years in cultures very different from our own, yet its power to transform is perennial. What is a catholic approach to reading the Scriptures and how do we understand its authority in our lives?

We look forward to your joining us for these free discussions.

## Please pray for...

### We pray this week for:

The Bishop of Willesden who assumes new responsibilities during the interregnum; for the witness of our sister parish, St Paul’s K-Street, for our partner in mission, All Saints’ Namahvila; for Rachel, Emily and Steven preparing for baptism and confirmation; for the work of poets, artists & musicians.

### Among the sick and those in need:

Patricia Dopheide; Nick Samuelson; John Watson; John King; Alain Jouret, William Guise; Shands Prevost; Ian Powe; Gregoriy Galitzine; Dan Gadow; Mary Ann Brashler; John Roberts; Juliette Gimon; Francis Faber.

### And we pray for the recently departed:

Johannes Breukhoven; Michael Cooke; Lucinda Knight; Tara Palmer-Tomkinson

### Year’s mind:

Brenda Tweddle	16/2
Jamie Courtauld	16/2
Frances Tully	18/2
Charles Beattie	18/2
Dorota Stankiewicz	18/2

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## Who's who at St Paul's?

### THE CLERGY

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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood; Fr  
Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough

*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 and Fr Louis is unavailable on Fridays.*

### THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

#### Director of Music



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### VOLUNTEERING

*St Paul's has a small paid staff and a large team of volunteers who enable us to do far more than our staffing budget allows. If you would like to get involved, please have a word with us, whether you are willing to 'lend a hand' or whether you bring specialist or professional skills. We also recognise that many people simply want to come and go as regular worshippers – and so if you don't want to get involved, that's fine too!*

### LAY OFFICERS & OTHER STAFF

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