



SERVICES THIS WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

23 April 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Sung Eucharist at 11:00

Merbecke

Laudamus Te – Bach

Oh Lord whose mercies numberless -
Handel

Preacher: Fr Louis Darrant

George, martyr, patron: 24 April

Mass at 18:00

Mark the Evangelist: 25 April

Mass at 08:00

Feria in Eastertide: 26 April

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:45

Feria in Eastertide: 27 April

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Friday of Easter Week: 28 April

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Catherine of Siena: 29 April

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

30 April 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Sung Eucharist at 11:00

And the lot fell on Jonah

The Bible doesn't deal much with 'getting a mandate from the people' unless you include Pontius Pilate asking the crowd "what do you want me to do then with Jesus...?" Somewhat strangely to us, decisions were often made by praying and using the urim and thummim or casting lots. It's the decision-maker of choice some 70 times in the Old Testament and 7 times in the New Testament, including choosing a new Apostle to replace Judas Iscariot – no extensive head-hunting and interviews, let alone a vote by the existing 11 Board Members – just a prayer and the equivalent of a flip of a coin made Matthias Twelfth Man rather than Joseph. Jonah is a wonderful short story that belongs to the wisdom literature of the Bible. God tells Jonah to go and preach judgment to the people of Nineveh but he takes a ship in the opposite direction, because he's afraid the Ninevites might repent and then God might forgive them instead of wiping them off the face of the earth. Then there is the storm, the prayers, the casting of lots, the casting of Jonah into the sea where the Big Fish delivers him to preach his brief message of Judgment: "forty days Nineveh destroyed". It's these four words that get him included among the 12 books of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament.

Well they all repent and God spares them and Jonah is angry with God for being so gracious and forgiving, rather than giving them their comeuppance. The story ends with Jonah sitting in the desert under the hot sun, depressed and confused about a God who doesn't punish bad people and who lets bad things happen to good people. Jesus uses the story to illustrate his own death and resurrection.

Casting lots is probably not the best way of choosing our next government, but praying before we cast our votes is very biblical; not only for wisdom in our individual choice, but praying that the men and woman elected will not be reluctant servants of the people, like Jonah, but those who will work together for the Common Good – even of people we don't much care for.

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TODAY Where next for our link with Mozambique?

Bianca Dally and Fr Louis will be sharing stories and experiences from Mozambique over breakfast after the Family Mass and drinks after the Solemn Eucharist. Both presentations take place in the Parish Hall.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions and to hear about how we plan to develop our relationship with Fr Alfredo and All Saints Nhamavila.

On **Tuesday 4th July** at 6:00pm, a Diocesan Party

from Mozambique will join us at the evening mass followed by refreshments.

And on **Sunday 9th July** (ALMA Sunday) a smaller group will join us for mass before attending the service in the Cathedral that afternoon.

Hear a Stradivarius!

Claudio Cornini, as Deputy Chair for Greater London of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, is organising a musical charity event cum champagne reception on May 12th (6.30pm for 7) at the Order's headquarters at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

Beneficiary of the event's fundraising is the Order's Eye Hospital of Jerusalem, playing an important charitable healthcare role in the Holy City.

The chamber music programme will be performed by the West Sussex Bernardi Music Group led by Andrew Bernardi - with the event made more exceptional by its instrumental centrepiece, a Stradivarius violin crafted in the Italian city of Cremona in 1696.

Please contact the Parish Office or Claudio's team member Basia (barbara.korzeniowska@gmail.com) if interested.

Findlay Spence

Join us on the evening of the 22nd June in St Paul's for a recital by Findlay Spence our cello and composition scholar, accompanied by John Sunderland and Michael Papadopoulos. Programme to include the Beethoven Cello Sonata and works by Liszt, Elgar, Chopin, Dvorak, Saint Saens and Brahms.

Tickets from the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999 or info@spkb.org.

Trips and Pilgrimages

We look forward to the **Parish Retreat in Sicily** in May. Some 26 people are booked to join us from the 15th – 19th. However, it is not too late to book for two other events.

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

Explorations: Discovering the city through the eyes of faith

The monthly Explorations trip is an opportunity to take advantage of the many cultural opportunities in the city through the eyes of faith.

Each Saturday is open to all ages. For more information on any of the events please contact Fr Louis at louis@spkb.org.

13th May: Discovering the story of the Tyburn Martyrs: journeying from Marble Arch to the Tyburn Convent.

3rd June: Visit to the Jewish Museum in Camden.

1st July: Walking the Labyrinth in Hyde Park.

Annual Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 24th April after the 11:00 Solemn Mass. Apologies for absence, please, to Felicity Cranfield in the Parish Office (felicity@spkb.org). Nomination papers for elections to the PCC can be found at the back of church.

The Music Dinner 2017

The Ballroom of the Berkeley Hotel is currently under reconstruction, but we are very privileged to be among the first new users of the space when, on Monday 8th May at 7:00 for 7:30pm we have our annual Music Dinner. Individual tickets and full tables are available - tickets are £50 for a black tie dinner with wine plus a recommended donation of £125 per head towards the music fund. Please speak to John Tweddle or to the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999/info@spkb.org to reserve your place. As ever, between courses, the hugely talented musicians on the team here will cast off liturgical constraints and show us what they can do!



Please pray for...

We pray this week for:
Bishop Pete and the witness of the Church in this city; for Fr Richard & the people of St Paul's K Street Washington DC; for Fr Alfredo & the people of All Saints' Nhamavila; for political parties preparing manifestos and selecting candidates; for an end to the violence in Syria.

Among the sick and those in need:
Patricia Dopheide; John Watson; Jean Marc Lehut, William Guise; Shands Prevost; Dan Gadow; John Roberts; Juliette Gimoin; Francis Faber; Nick Walker; Elizabeth Heim.

And we pray for the recently departed:
Sr Theresa SC; Marjorie King; Alain Jouret; Lucinda Knight; David Sears; Rita Dickson; Maisie Percy; Mary Ann Brashler

Year's mind:
Walter Clarke 24/4
Alethea Lyall 28/4
Valery Tweddle 29/4
Sam Bartosik 30/4