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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

3 September 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Louis Darrant

Mon 4 September: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Tue 5 September: Feria

Mass at 08:00

Wed 6 September: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at
18:45

Thu 7 September: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Fri 8 September: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Sat 9 September: Feria

Mass of Our Lady on Saturday

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at noon

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10 September 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

Sharpening your pencils...

The beginning of September always carries that 'start of term' feeling. People are coming back from holidays, teachers and children and students are gearing up for the new term – does anyone sharpen pencils any more? – facebook is full of smiley kids in new school uniforms going off for the first time, or to big school in long trousers, and many of us think happily or unhappily of our own years in schools and colleges. (I realise they numbered 37 mostly happy years for me.)

Life is relentlessly cyclical for human beings. It's now I usually listen to David Sylvian's short and evocative song, first released 30 years ago, September. (<https://youtu.be/H8RxNeHKgNU>)

The sun shines high above
The sounds of laughter
The birds swoop down upon
The crosses of old grey churches
We say that we're in love
While secretly wishing for rain
Sipping coke and playing games
September's here again
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September's here again and we've seen many Septembers and are familiar with the changing patterns of nature, life, weather that it brings. But of course it is never the same September. Some of our friends will be missing from this year's Garden Party and there will be new friends to make. Our own circumstances and expectations will be different. Yet the swallows will be gathering their young for the long journey to South Africa. There will be Halloween and Bonfire Night and Thanksgiving and winter will be coming.



In our daily and weekly celebration of the mass at St Paul's, we always use the same familiar words of the liturgy. We choose not to vary them or use 'other forms'. The rhythm of the words remains as constant as the love and grace of God shown in our Lord Jesus Christ who remains the same 'yesterday, today and forever'. (Hebrews 13.8) Yet no two masses are ever the same. The readings, the prayers, the music at the High Mass, the sermon, the weather our mood, those who are sitting around us... all these will make it a unique experience and a unique opportunity to hear the voice of God bringing to us the spiritual message we need to hear for this particular September day. Let those who have ears to hear, hear.

Fr Nick



Ian Powe Requiescat In Pace

We are sad to announce the death of Ian Powe who died peacefully yesterday morning surrounded by his family at St Thomas's Hospital. Ian was a faithful servant of the Church and a much-loved member of the congregation here at St Paul's. Please remember Deirdre and the family in your prayers. May Ian rest in peace and rise in glory.

Parish Lunch today

It's not too late to join us at today's Parish Lunch following Mass today. Our chefs-du-jour are Nicky Lindsay, Caroline Docker and Patricia Dopheide. Even if you can't stay for lunch we hope you will have time to join us for a glass of wine. If you are new to St Paul's or visiting us today please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

Feed the mind

You will find a variety of spiritual reading on the bookstand in the church porch. Please take a moment to see if there is something of interest. The clergy are always happy to recommend titles if you are looking for something in particular.

Farewell...

It was announced on the 30th July that in September 2017, Fr Andrew Norwood is to join the staff of St Mary's Bourne Street as a resident Honorary Assistant Priest. He will move there at the end of August.



Fr Andrew has been a much loved and greatly valued Associate here – and there will be a chance to express our thanks to him properly on Sunday 24th September after the 11 o'clock mass here at St Paul's. Before then, Fr Andrew will be one of the leaders of the parish Pilgrimage to the Llŷn Peninsula in Wales.

If you would like to make a donation to a farewell gift for Fr Andrew, please speak to John Tweddle, Churchwarden.

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www.spkb.org

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Get ready for the Garden Party

The **Parish Garden Party** will be held on **Thursday 14th September, from 6:30pm in the Vicarage Garden.** Please save the date!

It's a wonderful opportunity to come together again after the summer break and to welcome our friends and neighbours from the local community. Please speak to Caroline Docker if you have suggestions for raffle prizes.



Save the date for an exclusive evening of music

On **Thursday 5th October at 6:30pm** you are invited to the home of the Order of St John in Camberwell to an exclusive concert and champagne reception in support of the Order and St Paul's Knightsbridge. Tickets will be £100. Information from The Parish Office.



Wagner at St Paul's

The Tait Trust is delighted to present Australian tenor, Grammy nominee and 2014 International Opera Awards Male Singer of the Year, Stuart Skelton at a **gala concert** to celebrate their 25th Anniversary at St Paul's Church Knightsbridge, on **Wednesday the 13th September at 7pm.**

Tickets for this amazing concert are available online at:

www.taitmemorialtrust.org

Please enter the code SPKB1309 when prompted to obtain a St Paul's Knightsbridge members' discount.



Special discount available for members of St Paul's Knightsbridge

Edwardtide Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey

On Saturday 14th October 2017 there is the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Edward the Confessor at Westminster Abbey. The Abbey opens at 09:30 to pilgrims who will be greeted with a rite of footwashing. There is a Festival Eucharist at 11:30 (at which the preacher this year is Bishop John Inge of Worcester), and the day ends with Choral Evensong and Procession at 15:00. During the day, pilgrims will be welcome to pray at the Shrine, and there will be opportunities for the laying on of hands with prayer for healing and the renewal of baptismal promises. Please speak to Fr Louis Darrant for further information.



Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

Bishop Pete, Acting Bishop of London; University Chaplains in London; all returning to school and students beginning life at university; the parish pilgrimage to the Llŷn Peninsula this week; all affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

Among the sick and those in need:

Patricia Dopheide; Sue Ko; Brenda Young; Ann-Marie Siddall; Elizabeth Gordon; Judy Davis; Carlos Gereda y de Borbón; Ingrid Gray.

And we pray for the recently departed:

Andy Coleman; Robert Hardy; Rowan Shimada-Mead; Simon Daggart; David Tang; Irene McCoy; Ian Powe.

And at their year's mind:

Victor Danenza 3/9
Hugh Montagu Villiers, priest 9/9