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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

FEAST OF DEDICATION

29 October 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Mon 30 October: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Tue 31 October:

Mass at 08:00

Wed 1 November: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at
19:00

Thu 2 November: ALL SOULS' DAY

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Solemn Requiem at 19:00

Fri 3 November: Richard Hooker

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Sat 4 November: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

5 November 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

Listening for the unheard voice

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Fr Alfredo and Ivan so welcome on their recent visit to London. Our friends from Mozambique had a wonderful time meeting a variety of people, exploring the sights and learning more about the work of the Church across the city.

Our link with the people of All Saints Nhamavila is enriching. Hopefully we have left behind outdated Western attitudes of First and Third World categories and are freed up to explore the gifts of solidarity, partnership and cooperation.

The outworking of our common baptism brings us into the company of Jesus and wherever Jesus is found we will be in for a few surprises. You can't follow Jesus without sharing the company of those whom Jesus also calls to follow. But where is Jesus to be found?

The Eucharist teaches us to listen for the unheard voice. History is told primarily from the perspective of the powerful, but the Eucharist tells the story from the perspective of the victim – Jesus, the forgiving victim. And what is so transformative about the particular way in which this story is told is the absence of any resentment.

So whose stories are we not hearing? Who are the people who we overlook or who we don't even realise we are overlooking? Many of you will be familiar with The Passage next to Westminster Cathedral. This place of hospitality and healing was founded by Cardinal Hume in the hope that the dignity of each person would be



honoured and the image of Christ in each person would be recognised. Ivan, Fr Alfredo and I were shown around by the Chaplain, Fr Pdraig (above) and saw for ourselves the remarkable breadth of its work. We happened to visit on a day when the Goring Hotel was providing training in the hospitality industry for clients who are currently homeless or who have recently experienced homelessness.

I cannot see how its possible for the Church to faithfully fulfil its calling to be the Church unless it is in a position to listen to peoples stories both at home and abroad – moving beyond seeing people in difficult situations as merely the objects of charity. All of our encounters are transformed when we understand each person has a story to tell.

Whose story are we not hearing and are we open to having our landscapes enlarged by those who story differs from our own?

Fr Louis

Remembrancetide Concert

Tickets are now available for a fabulous evening of remembrancetide music and readings in St Paul's Knightsbridge, with Keith Marshall and the Thames Chamber Orchestra, Paul Hopwood (tenor), Michael Papadopoulos (Organ) and Alan Gyle. Poulenc's Organ Concerto along with music by Elgar, Finzi, Barber and Arnold will be interspersed with readings for the season.

7:30pm on Saturday 11th November 2017. See www.spkb.org and click the banner on the home page to book online.

Parish Lunch

Next Sunday: You are warmly invited to join us at our next Parish Lunch on **Sunday 5th November** when the chefs-du-jour will be Robert Clouston and Steven Harrison. Please add your name to the list in church.

Advent Pilgrimage

On Saturday 16th December there will be a day pilgrimage to the ancient chapel of St Peter at Bradwell on Sea in Essex. If you would like to join us or have any questions about the pilgrimage please speak to Fr Louis.



Praying together in Advent

We are preparing a booklet of daily meditations to accompany us in our journey through Advent together. If you have a favourite poem, prayer or reading that sustains you in your spiritual life please do speak to Fr Louis who invites submissions from the congregation. The deadline for submissions is 5th November.

The Invitation: remembering those who have died of homelessness in the last year

A Service of Commemoration organized by St Martin-in-the-Fields, The Connection at St Martin's and Housing Justice. Music provided by Streetwise Opera and Choir with No Name. Thursday 9th November at 11:00am.

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AND REGISTER FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL

Sunday recital: 5th November at 2:30pm

Next Sunday: We are delighted to welcome pianist **Yuanwei Ping** for the first in our series of Sunday afternoon recitals in partnership with the Royal College of Music. Yuanwei will be performing a programme of Liszt, Brahms, Szymanowski, and Dun on our 1990 Steinway Concert Grand.

Free entry; duration 1 hour



Explorations: discovering London through the eyes of faith

This week: Saturday 4th November – Tate Britain

Art historian Richard Thomas will lead a private tour on the theme of 'Art and Soul – spiritual perspectives in troubled times'. The cost is £14 per person. 10:30am – 12:00pm



Saturday 2nd December – The Tower of London

Canon Roger Hall will introduce us to the Shrine of St Thomas More and talk about the history of the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula at the Tower.



Please email Fr Louis (louis@spkb.org) for further details.

Christmas Lunch

If you do not have plans for Christmas Day and would like to come to a Festive Parish lunch, please sign the book at the back of church or get in touch with Bramble Badenach-Nicolson and Claire Pilton or the Church Office We are currently gauging interest and hope to have a good idea of numbers by 19th November please. This will then give people enough time to make alternative plans if the lunch does not prove sufficiently popular (minimum 24).

All Souls Day Requiem

This week: On Thursday 2nd November we sing our annual Solemn Requiem for All Souls'. Please will you add names of those you would like us to mention by name during the Requiem on the sign-up sheets at the back of church. Alternatively, names can be emailed to the parish office (felicity@spkb.org). And join us. The music is one of the finest settings of the ancient text of the Requiem Mass, by Maurice Duruflé. **7pm on All Souls' Day, 2nd November.**

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

Bishop Pete, Acting Bishop of London; for the work of the Royal Household; for all who offer support and counsel to those who grieve; for the work of artists and musicians and all which enriches our experience of the world; for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Among the sick and those in need:

John King; Patricia Dopheide; Sue Ko; Elizabeth Gordon; Judy Davis; Ingrid Gray; Val Hiscock; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya; Adam Curtis and Alan Bennegworth

And we pray for the recently departed: Robert Hardy; Charles Gordon Lennox; Julie Bond; Pauline Round.

And at their year's mind in October:

Patrick Hackett – 30th
Rose Macaulay – 30th
Gordon Fenwick – 2nd Nov
Nora Powell – 2nd Nov
Felicity Millais – 3rd Nov

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ALL SOULS REQUIEM ON THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER at 7pm