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## SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8 April 2018**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (WS)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Bill Scott

**Mon 9 April:**

**The Annunciation (tfd)**

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

**Tues 10 April:**

**William Law**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

**Wed 11 April:**

**Feria of Eastertide**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

The Wednesday Evening Service

at 19:00 (NM)

**Thu 12 April:**

**Feria of Eastertide**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

**Fri 13 April:**

**Feria of Eastertide**

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

**Sat 14 April:**

**Feria of Eastertide**

Low Mass at Noon (AG)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**15 April 2018**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (AG)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

## Highs and lows



After all the (exhausting but also energising) excitement of the great Triduum, culminating in the Alleluias of Easter morning, this Sunday feels very different. Traditionally referred to as 'Low Sunday', it is more correctly known as The Second Sunday of Easter. Why 'low' Sunday? Some say that it is simply a question of its contrast with the high solemnity of Easter Day; others believe that etymologically the name may be a corruption of the ancient sequence associated with the liturgy of the day, *Laudes Salvatori voce modulemur supplici* (Let us sing praises to the Saviour with humble voice). So, perhaps a mis-heard 'laudes Sunday'!

But it doesn't end there. In other parts of the tradition this is known as 'St Thomas Sunday' (on account of the gospel set for the day) and in still others as 'Quasimodo Sunday.' If you're thinking 'hunchback', then this last, most peculiar name, derives from the traditional introit at the mass of the day, *Quasi modo geniti infantes* ('therefore like new-born infants...' c.f. 1 Peter 2). Interestingly, Victor Hugo, the creator of the hunchback of the same name in his novel *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*, so named him because Easter 2 was

the day on which his adoptive father, Archdeacon Claude Frollo, found him abandoned and took him in. Goodness, what's in a name!

The important point in all of this for Christians is that Easter is not 'over.' The secular world of the high street may even now be discounting Easter Eggs and moving on to their summer offering, but in church, Easter Day just marks the beginning of a season which runs through until Pentecost, 50 days later. This is a bright season in which we will explore together the mystery of the resurrection and that new life which God gives us in baptism. Throughout this time we will wear white at our services and 'alleluia will be our song.'

Of all the names given to this Sunday, I like Quasimodo Sunday the best. The text from 1 Peter sets our agenda and ambition for these days: *Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Ready to be built anew?

Fr Alan Gyle

## Eastertide Concert

### Handel Messiah

sung by the Choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge with The Royal College of Music Ensemble, directed by Michael Papadopoulos.

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm

Tickets available online ([www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)) or at the door



## Who's who this Sunday At 09:00 (Low Mass)

Celebrant: Fr Bill Scott

## At 11:00 (Sung Mass)

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer  
Reader: Molly Bartle  
Preacher: Fr Bill Scott  
Intercessor: Melissa Longley  
Cantor: Paul Sheehan

## The Music Dinner

This year's Music Dinner will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm for 7:30pm**. Black tie or equivalent – tables of 10, or individual tickets – a ticket cost of £50 with an additional (gift-aidable) donation of £150 means £200pp or £2,000 per table. Please speak to John Tweddle for more information.

## Quiet Day this Saturday

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April** Chris Chapman is running a quiet day at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine in Limehouse. Places are still available. The cost of the day is £40 – and you can book by calling Carol Rider on 03001111147



## Spiritual Direction

The London Centre for Spirituality offers a three-year course for those wishing to explore their vocation as a Spiritual Director. Interested? There is an open evening (free of charge) this week on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm**. London Centre for Spiritual Direction, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9EA. Call Kathy Redington on 07979157603

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AND REGISTER FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL

## Notices

### Next Sunday: Annual Parochial Church Meeting

On **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12:20pm** we hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It is an opportunity for members of the congregation to receive the annual report of the parish's life, with a chance to scrutinize the accounts for 2017. We will also be electing new members to fill spaces on the Parochial Church Council left empty by our resignation by rotation process. Even if the prospect of a business meeting fills you with something other than delight, please try to come along. This annual process is an important aspect of good governance in our common life. A copy of the annual report is displayed on the noticeboard in the porch, as required by law, for you to scrutinize in advance: copies will be available on the day.

### Ascension Day Mass & Party

On Ascension Day, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm there will be an evening mass followed by a party in the Vicarage to which all are warmly invited. If you are a new member of the congregation, or a visitor, it is a good opportunity to meet other members of the congregation. Please 'save the date'.

### Jumble Sale & Preview

You're warmly invited to come along to the Parish Jumble Sale on the morning of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. Please bring donations of jumble for sale to the Church Office at any time – just ring before you come (02072019999) – or bring things when coming to a church service or to the Hall at 77 Kinnerton Street on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April from noon. If you can offer help on the day, please ring Niki Bartman on 020 7602 4599. There is a preview of the sale on Friday evening (for parishioners – glass of wine included) after the evening mass at 6pm.

### Call for Volunteers

We are hoping to refresh our team of volunteers who take care of the laundry of small altar linens – and also those who act as Sacristans and who are prepared to support the daily mass by volunteering to set up the altar and to attend the mass on a particular day of the week. Training given! Please email [phil@spkb.org](mailto:phil@spkb.org)

## Please pray for...

### We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop of London;  
Lorna Gradden and John Tweddle, our Churchwardens; for our staff team;  
All Christians in the Easter Season and for the renewal of the Church.

For those from St Paul's worshipping in Peyrole, France this morning.  
For our musicians.

### Among the sick and those in need:

Fr Alfredo; John King; Ingrid Gray; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth; John and Julia Watson; Ruth and David; Sall Allen; David Eckland.

### And we pray for the recently departed:

Derek Bowyer

### And we pray for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

#### APRIL

Phoebe Bartulovic  
Malcolm Aird

2<sup>nd</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup>

## Forthcoming Trips and Visits

Please visit the parish website for more information:

### BOOKING NOW OPEN:

**Coventry Cathedral**  
**Saturday 16th June from 08:00 – 18:00**



A visit to Basil Spence's remarkable 1960s Cathedral and to reflect on its distinctive ministry in the face of conflict. We will travel by train and enjoy a late lunch together after a tour and Eucharist.

**Berwick Church in Sussex,**  
**Saturday 28th July from 09:00 – 17:30**



Grade 1 listed church with extensive 20th Century murals which cover the nave walls, chancel arch, screen and pulpit, painted by the Bloomsbury artists, Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell and Quentin Bell; followed by a late lunch in the countryside.

### This week: Berlin: pre-trip supper



Some 30 of us are booked to go on the Berlin trip over Pentecost weekend, some 50 days from now. By way of orientation, there will be a simple (German) supper and discussion **after the Wednesday Evening Service on the 11<sup>th</sup> April**. Pilgrims, please note the date.