

ST. PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30th March 2014

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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TIMES OF LITURGY

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 8am, 10am [Family], 12 noon [Choir]

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday - Friday 9.30am ; Saturday 10:30am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday 9:10am; Saturday: 10:10am

HOLYDAY MASSES: 9.30am & 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 11am - 12 noon & 5:30 - 6pm

HOLY HOUR & EXPOSITION: Saturday 11am -12 noon [Bank Holidays – Mass at 11.30am]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday after 9:30am Mass

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'I WANT TO SEE, REALLY SEE'

The man in the Gospel story today has had his sight restored. Notice how his sight grows more clearly throughout the account until he finally worships Jesus. We can be blind in many ways through our refusal to believe that we can contribute to positive change in the world. Too often we dismiss these realities by thinking we can do nothing about situations such as the global water crisis. This is blindness. We sometimes hide from the evidence before us and take refuge in prayer. Prayer is important but we must also be open to action. What we do, what we buy, how we use the plentiful resources at our disposal; these all affect the wider global community. Words attributed to Oscar Romero read: 'We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.' Today we pray that we can have our sight restored so that, like the man in the Gospel, we can truly worship Jesus.

MR KEANE – After 12 years as Head Teacher at St Paul's Primary School, Peter will be moving after the Easter holiday to a new school. During his time at the school he has improved the standard of education. The results each year show what a wonderful job he does with the staff at the school. Peter will be greatly missed by the school and the parish community. We wish him well and assure him of our prayers.

FR EUGENIO – Our thanks to Fr Eugenio who has been with us for the month of March. He will be finishing in the parish on Monday and making final plans for the new Consolata Mission in Taiwan. He goes with our love and prayers. It has been good having him here in the Parish.

WELCOME – This weekend we welcome Rev Bala Kumar SJ who is a deacon preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood. Bala is presently based at Stamford Hill Parish and will be joining us for the 10am and 12 noon Masses over the coming weeks.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL – End of Term Mass on Thursday 3rd April at 9:30am. All welcome to come and celebrate with the school community.

MOTHERS DAY – We keep all our Mothers and Grandmothers in our prayers this weekend on their special day. It is a day for us to say Thank You and spoil them lots!!

SUNDAY MASS TIMES – From Sunday 6th April times of Masses will be:

Saturday (Vigil Mass)

6:30pm

Sunday

8am, 10am & 12 noon

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT: 1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11; Gospel: John 11:1-45

CLERGY AVAILABILITY

Fr Perry will be available at the Parish Centre, next to 22 Bradley Road (White Door).

Tuesday 1st April: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Thursday 3rd April: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

If you are unable to make these times, please call the Parish Office

SUNDAY 10AM MASS – Refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass today.

BAPTISM – Parents wishing to baptize their children should come to one of the Clergy Availability times and register for the next preparation course.

MASS INTENTIONS – We will be booking Masses for May from Tuesday the 1st of April.

LENT

'THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL' – leaflets to help reflect on the message of Pope Francis are available at the back of the church.

ADORATION – On Wednesday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the morning stations concluding with Benediction at 7:15pm. If you can come and watch during the day, please sign-up on the rota. We need to be sure that 2 people are present in church at all times.

ADULT RECEPTION – We remember in our prayers at this time David, Patricia, Michael and Olawale who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for 23rd March amounted to £2197.75 (Loose £662.02; Envelopes £1535.73). Thank you for your generosity.

NURSERY CLASS SEPTEMBER 2014 - St. Martin of Porres R.C. Primary School, Blake Road, New Southgate, London, N11 2AF, Telephone : 020 8361 1445. Children born between 1st September, 2010 and 31st August, 2011 are invited to apply for a Nursery place.

KATRINA PETCH RIP – Requiem Mass on Tuesday 1st April at 9:30am. The family ask that donations be given to Marie Curie in place of flowers.

CANONISATIONS – On Sunday 27th April, Pope Francis will Canonise Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II. It would be good to celebrate our two new Saints at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 4th May at 12 noon followed by food and a celebration in the hall. If you can help with the refreshments, please come to a meeting on Thursday 3rd April at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN – Adults who would like to help with this are asked to attend a meeting after the 10am Mass on Sunday 6th April. We need people to help with activities: Art, Music, Drama, Prayer etc. All are welcome - ideas more than welcome. Contact Norah on 0208 889 8725 or see her after the family Mass.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Friday 11th April at 7:30pm. 10 visiting priests will be available for Confession.

SMARTIES – Don't forget to keep filling your SMARTIE Tubes. All money raised will go towards the Pig Farm in Malawi. Please return your tubes at the end of Lent. For those who wish to Gift Aid donations envelopes will be available in the coming weeks.

PLANNED GIVING 2014 - 2015

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Offertory envelopes for the year **2014-2015** will be available for collection on the weekends of the **22nd March and the 29th of March** at the main entrance to the Church. New members are always welcome to join our **Planned Giving Scheme**. I will be available both weekends if you need more information.

If you are using envelopes but are not on **Gift Aid** please consider putting your offertory donation on **Gift Aid**. You are eligible to join if you pay income tax by: working **full time or part-time, or if you pay tax on a pension or savings account**. This scheme is a valuable source of additional income for our parish at no cost to you. Under **Gift Aid** UK taxpayers complete a simple form, which allows the parish to reclaim the tax on your donation (**eg 25p for each £1 given**). If you wish to donate by **Standing Order** please ask for more information at the table.

Parishioners on "**Gift Aid**" please let me know if you have ceased paying income tax as this is important when we are making a tax claim on your donations.

You can contact me on the number below. **Thanks to everyone for your generosity.**
Margaret (Organiser 0208 8810669)

ALTAR SERVERS – Please sign up for the Masses and Services over Holy Week and Easter. The sheets are in the Sacristy.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING – We will be training new Altar Servers after Easter. If you are in Year 3, 4 or 5 and would like to learn how to serve at Mass, give your names and details to Fr Perry.

ST PAUL'S WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER – During this week of grace and growth I experienced a profound encounter with Christ our Lord in a very special and different way. A new way of praying with the Scriptures. Allowing God's Word to enter our spiritual domain – letting God speak to us personally through his word. I had only four or five phrases from the scriptures and I prayed with them in the quiet of my home every day. I felt God was with me. I was amazed how one phrase in the scriptures led me to another. Where was God leading me? Learning to listen to Him and see where He was leading me. Such a grace and joy should be experienced by each and everyone of our community of St Paul's. Next time DO IT you will be transformed!

PARISH OFFICE – Open Monday – Friday 10am – 1pm; Monday to Thursday from 3pm – 6pm the Office will be staffed by volunteers from the parish.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 31 st March	10am – 12 noon Parents & Toddlers 7:30pm SVP Meeting 8pm RCIA
Tuesday 1 st April	7:30pm Stations of the Cross 8:15pm 1st Communion Catechists
Wednesday 2 nd April	10am – 12noon Parents & Toddlers 10:10am Stations of the Cross 10:45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:15pm Benediction 7:30pm 4 th Lent Talk John's Lazarus
Thursday 3 rd April	7pm – Meeting for Pope John XXIII & Pope John Paul II Celebration
Friday 4 th April	10am ASCENT GROUP