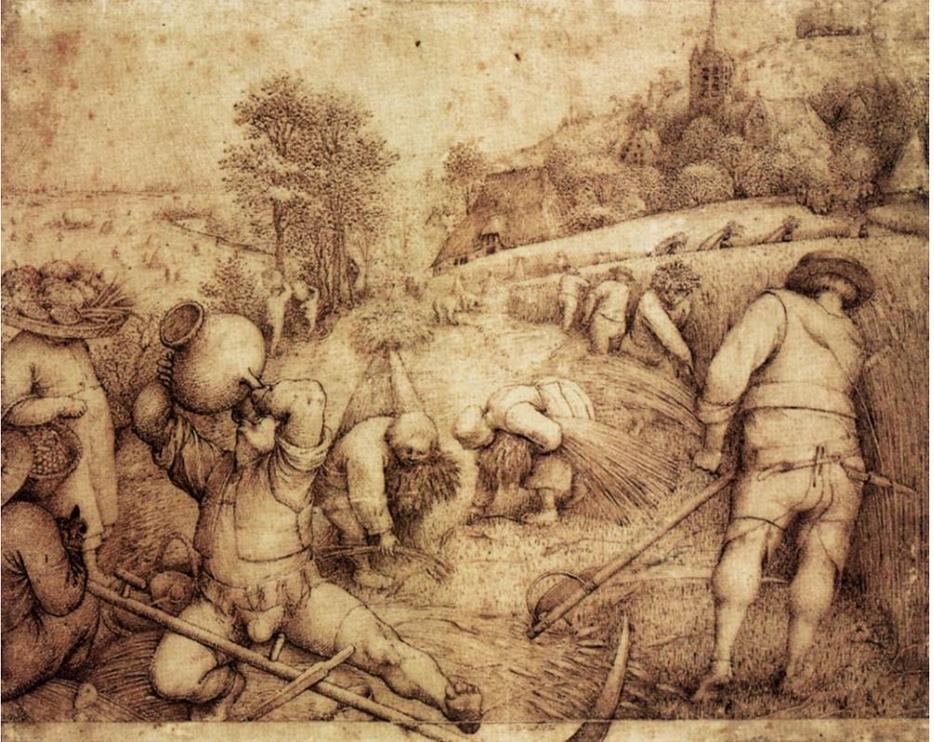


# NEWSLETTER



*This newsletter contains news from S. Cyprian's, Sharpeville, details of our Parish Fête, the next in our series of articles explaining the Eucharist in detail, plus the usual Vicar's letter, daily intentions for prayer and more.*

## Highlights of July

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Feast of S. Thomas, apostle**

Low Mass 7.45am, Sung Mass 7pm followed by Keralan refreshments.  
*We welcome Fr Alexander Shannon, Assistant Curate of St Ives, as our celebrant and preacher.*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

### **Summer Fête**

10am Mass, 11am Stalls open, ends with Pirates of Penzance at 4.30pm.  
*See later in the newsletter for full details.*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### **Forum Lunch** for dementia sufferers and their carers

11.30am-3pm. *Cooks & helpers wanted (training given).*  
*See Bob DeWolf for info.*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

### **Monthly Healing Mass**

10am preceded by prayers for the sick at 9.45am in the Lady Chapel. *All welcome to this meditative service where personal prayer & anointing with oil are offered at Mass.*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### **Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary**

7.30pm Office & Benediction at S. Mary's, Newmarket.  
*Non-servers welcome.*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **Annual Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

9am Depart LSM, 7pm return to LSM. All welcome, especially those who have not been before. It is a beautiful and holy place.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### **Feast of S. James, apostle**

Low Mass 10am, Sung Mass 7pm followed by refreshments *where we welcome members of the Confraternity of S. James (those who have been on pilgrimage to Compostela)*

# From the Vicar

Petertide 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

‘Come on, it’s too nice a day to be inside!’ I can recall my dad’s endless encouragement when I was a boy to get off the computer and enjoy the summer weather. It wasn’t my idea of fun. It’s only as an adult that I’ve done this willingly and – in this as in some other ways – begun to turn into my parents! Today I love the opportunity to eat outside, the beauties of the garden, and the light past nine o’clock at night, meaning dog walks or just ambling to the pub are both possible and pleasant. The summer encourages us to get outside because if the weather is right there is so much to enjoy.

In recent years at LSM a lot of our focus has been on the inside – the Parish Centre, the Quinquennial building works, the Lady Chapel restoration, the pew cushions and soon the Stations of the Cross, a new sound system and then hopefully the repainting of the inside of the church. Not just maintaining but enhancing and beautifying the building is both a necessary and a missionary work: it should cause visitors to stop and reflect, to give thanks for the beauty and – hopefully – ask its source. It should turn visitors into pilgrims: evangelise them.

Yet they need to have a reason to come in in the first place and as well as focusing on our church building we need to focus on building the church. That’s why our PCC will be having an Awayday later this year to pray and think and plan together about what we want to do and where we want to be in the future. LSM is in very good heart, but there is no such thing as a steady state in churches, especially churches like ours in city centres. Generally, you are either growing or declining.

I wouldn’t say it’s too nice outside the church to be in it; rather it is too nice inside the church to be keeping this to ourselves. To mix up our metaphors and imagery entirely, we need to get out there into the dark and bring people in to the light (perhaps this letter would have been better written in January!). I recognise, I hasten to add, there is light in the world and darkness in the church, lest this seem naïve.

I genuinely have no firm plan of what I want us to do or go or be. Whatever we do, we will need to pray a lot and allow the Holy Spirit both to guide us and then convert more of us to giving sacrificially both of our time and energy and of our money – for the future will need both. Perhaps we need a families/children's worker to help our volunteers develop our ministry this area? Should we, perhaps, go back to how LSM operated until the mid-1970s with a Family Mass at 9am and then a Solemn Mass at 11am? Ought we formally to support the Vigil Mass on Saturdays at S. Giles' or build up a church somewhere else in the Diocese that is at a low ebb but is open to our tradition and near where a lot of our congregation live? I throw these ideas out almost at random, but I hope they will be inspiration for your own prayers and reflections.

At His Ascension Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28.19). Church growth is not an optional extra but part of Christian DNA. It is less about saving people from Hell than it is sharing with people the faith, hope and love that we have known and grown in and can't keep to ourselves. It is too nice a day to be inside!

We may think our faith isn't strong enough to share, but faith even as small as a mustard seed moves mountains, and if we have found the church a place that is hospitable to our wavering faith, then all the more reason to be evangelistic about it to others – they don't need to be either perfect or full of 100% faith to be part of the church's life. Who better to share this than someone in exactly that situation? Even more, looking outwards ought not to be at the expense of going deeper, deepening our faith and prayer and love. Anyway, I hope you'll sense that there's much to think and pray about – these are exciting times! More anon!

With my prayers for you and the request that you pray for our parish as we discern where God is leading us, I am,

yours ever in the Lord,

Fr Robert.

# Explaining the Eucharist (IV)

*Fr Gregory writes...*

## **The Gloria**

This hymn of worship, praise and thanksgiving, called the “Angelic Hymn” has Greek origins (3<sup>rd</sup> century), though, very surprisingly, it is not part of any Eastern Liturgy; it is used during the Mass only in the Western Church. It is sung at the beginning of the Mass (with the exception of the BCP), since its first line recalls the birth of Jesus Christ, the beginning of the work of our salvation. Because of its joyfulness, the Gloria is always omitted in Masses for the dead and of a penitential character (Advent and Lent, for example).

Most medieval commentaries recall our attention to the marvellous fact that we, human beings, are now allowed to and capable of continuing the angels’ hymn. By the birth of Christ who has restored all things in heaven and on earth (Ephesians 1.10), angels and mortals, separated by original sin, are now reconciled. Every time we sing the Gloria, we should remember that the angels are not guarding Paradise with flaming swords any more, to prevent us from entering; on the contrary, we have been invited to join in their singing, with the hope of joining one day their choirs in the heavenly Liturgy.

## **The Collect**

The name of this prayer probably comes from the Priest “collecting together” the prayers of the faithful. In the most ancient forms of the Mass (one can still observe the practice on Good Friday), after the introductory parts, the Celebrant called everybody to pray for some intention with the words: “Let us pray, beloved ones, for...” Then the deacon exclaimed: “Let us kneel” and all passed some time in silent prayer, kneeling. Once the subdeacon told them to stand up, the Celebrant “collected together” and closed these private prayers. The Collect always uses the plural, because it is the prayer of the whole Church.

The great majority of the collects are addressed to the Father (a few to Jesus, none to the Holy Spirit), through Jesus Christ, following Jesus’ teaching. In the Gospel of S. John Jesus says: “In that day, you shall ask in My name: and I say not to you that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loveth

you.” The Collect thus is an expression of hope and joy, it is the prayer of the Father’s beloved children.

## **The readings and Psalms**

There is only one thing I want to talk about regarding the readings of the Mass. For most of us it is only natural that the readings of the Mass are read in the direction of the congregation, so they can hear it better. But this was not always the case during the history of the Liturgy. If you have ever been to the basilica of St. Clement in Rome (if you do not recall it, Google it!), you might have observed that though there are two marble ambos (lecterns/pulpits) for the readings (the Epistle and the Gospel), neither of them faces the congregation. The ambo used for the Epistle faces the Altar, that of the Gospel the northern wall.

There are four directions or ways to read a reading during the Mass, and every rite prefers one or another. None of them is more correct than any other, and only considering all the options together can we fully understand the role of the readings:

- 1) Sometimes the Epistle is read facing the altar (turning one’s back to the congregation) to express that reading God’s word is an act of worship – this is why it is sung sometimes. His word glorifies Him. In Isaiah (55.11) God says: “So shall My word be, which shall go forth from My mouth: it shall not return to Me void, but it shall do whatsoever I please, and shall prosper in the things for which I sent it.” God’s word is powerful; it is the word of the living God. When we hear the readings, we shall always remember that we are hearing the words of the One of whom the Psalm says: “The voice of the Lord is in power; the voice of the Lord in magnificence. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars: yea, the Lord shall break the cedars of Libanus. The voice of the Lord divideth the flame of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the desert” (28.5-8).
- 2) In most Western rites the Gospel is (or used to be) read facing the north. The meaning of this tradition can only be understood when we try to imagine the earliest stage of the Liturgy in Rome, during the Roman Empire. The north means unknown lands, darkness, barbarian hordes, fear, danger...

*Next month Fr Gregory continues exploring the readings, then the sermon and Creed.*



## **Calendar and Intentions**

**for**

**July 2018**

*The list of Thanksgivings and Intercessions offers a focus  
for our daily prayer, both at the Offices and Mass,  
and in our personal times of prayer.*

*The Vicar would be glad of suggestions or  
additions to the list of daily intentions.*

# Calendar for July

<b>SUN</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
MON	2 <sup>nd</sup>	of the Precious Blood
TUE	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>S. Thomas, Apostle</b>
WED	4 <sup>th</sup>	
THU	5 <sup>th</sup>	
FRI	6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>S. Thomas More, martyr; S. John Fisher, martyr</i>
SAT	7 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
MON	9 <sup>th</sup>	
TUE	10 <sup>th</sup>	
WED	11 <sup>th</sup>	S. Benedict, abbot
THU	12 <sup>th</sup>	
FRI	13 <sup>th</sup>	
SAT	14 <sup>th</sup>	John Keble, priest
<b>SUN</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
MON	16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>S. Osmund, bishop</i>
TUE	17 <sup>th</sup>	
WED	18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Elizabeth Ferard, religious &amp; deaconess</i>
THU	19 <sup>th</sup>	S. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop & S. Macrina, doctors
FRI	20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>S. Margaret of Antioch, martyr</i>
SAT	21 <sup>st</sup>	of Requiem
<b>SUN</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
MON	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>S. Mary Magdalene</b>
TUE	24 <sup>th</sup>	
WED	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. James, Apostle</b>
THU	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ss. Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady
FRI	27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop &amp; doctor</i>
SAT	28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
MON	30 <sup>th</sup>	William Wilberforce, social reformer
TUE	31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>S. Ignatius of Loyola, priest</i>

## Daily Intentions and Anniversaries of death for July

### **Our Parish & People** *James Dyson* 1<sup>st</sup>

Greater devotion to Our Lord's Passion *Daniel Golding, Eunice Francis* 2<sup>nd</sup>

Courage in bringing our questions to God *Tom Forte* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Her Majesty the Queen *Jack Hunter, Alfred Francis, Sally Head* 4<sup>th</sup>

The newly-ordained *James Owen, pr.* 5<sup>th</sup>

Lawyers and law-makers 6<sup>th</sup>

Our summer fête *Dorothy Oakley* 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Parish & People** 8<sup>th</sup>

All prisoners *Matthew Richards, Peter Waring, George Howe* 9<sup>th</sup>

The Archbishop of Canterbury *Eileen Thorpe* 10<sup>th</sup>

The sick *Robert Runcie, bp., Sally Theobald* 11<sup>th</sup>

Those going on pilgrimage *John Rose* 12<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving for our baptisms *Audrey Styler, Laurence Fletcher* 13<sup>th</sup>

Greater appreciation of the beauty of holiness among all Christians 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Parish & People** *Joyce Fletcher, Miranda Long* 15<sup>th</sup>

To be announced 16<sup>th</sup>

Children of our parish *Jim Campbell, Elizabeth Barnes* 17<sup>th</sup>

Those called to the nursing and caring professions

*Winifred Eakhurst* 18<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving for teachers of the Faith

*John Gibson, Gordon Roe, bp.* 19<sup>th</sup>

Midwives & mothers in childbirth 20<sup>th</sup>

The Faithful Departed *Marguerite South, Simon Hallam* 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Our Parish & People** *John Butterfield* 22<sup>nd</sup>

That our devotion to Our Lord may know no bounds 23<sup>rd</sup>

Victims of human trafficking *Amanda Copley* 24<sup>th</sup>

Those institutions & people under S. James's patronage *Pat Morgan* 25<sup>th</sup>

All parents 26<sup>th</sup>

Westcott House *Kathleen Waring, Savitri Perera* 27<sup>th</sup>

All schoolteachers *Phyllis Price, Neville Woods* 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Parish & People** *Diana Goodhart* 29<sup>th</sup>

All politicians & members of Parliament 30<sup>th</sup>

The Society of Jesus & the Congregation of Jesus 31<sup>st</sup>

## **News from Saint Cyprian's Anglican Church, Sharpeville**

*Clive Brown writes:* One of our overseas links is S. Cyprian's, Sharpeville, in the Diocese of Christ the King in South Africa. I keep in touch with the Rector, Fr David Mahlonoko, and send him copies of the newsletter. He in turn writes to me regularly with news of the Parish. Fr David is also the Chaplain to the Anglican Students' Federation at two local universities. As if that did not give him enough to do, in addition he is doing a university course in Pastoral Guidance and Psychology, and LSM was able to help him with his fees for this. Here are some highlights from a recent letter:

First, thank you very much for sharing the Newsletter of LSM with me and for being a link between S. Cyprians and Little S. Mary's; it is much appreciated. The prayers in your Newsletter are so powerful and the young people in the Parish as well as the Anglican Students Federation at the universities are really enjoying them.

### **1. Worship**

We continue to thank God for the commitment and ministry of our worship leaders (Clergy, Lay ministers, Servers and Choir) which is such a blessing to our Parish. We have a Sung Eucharist and Sunday school on Sunday mornings, a Said Eucharist on Wednesdays, both morning and evening, and home worship in different homes on Thursdays.

### **2. Pastoral Care**

As one of those old communities with lot of aged people, we find ourselves having funerals almost week. For instance, so far this year, we have already buried 16 people, of whom 12 were over 80 years of age. As a Parish, we continue to journey with these families through our pastoral group. We also have a lot of families headed by children in our care. We have 43 people on the list of the sick and aged to whom the pastoral team ministers Holy Communion every third Sunday of the month after the Service.

### **3. Evangelism**

Our Youth Group meets weekly, and the young people have led all services in June because it is Youth Month in our country. They held a "boot camp" one Saturday morning, which went well. The purpose was to encourage a healthy lifestyle and exercise, in order to take care of our bodies, which are the temples of the Lord. One of the strong points of our Church is the Women's ministry. The women hold prayer meetings every Thursday, and they take care of the local Old Age Centre. They also take care of our Altar. The St. Bernard

Mizeki Men's Guild is really promising and we hope for the best. The commitment to services of comfort and hospital ministry is very valuable.

#### **4. Maintenance and Projects**

This is a huge challenge, especially with old buildings (both the Church and Rectory) but we are grateful that the Church's roof was replaced. The Mothers' Union generously renovated the interior of the Church with garmezine and it is beautiful and clean. The greatest challenge is the roof at the Rectory as well as the replacement of the parish car. We have established a Fundraising Committee to come up with initiatives to support these projects. The LSM building is a huge blessing and great facility to have and the Women's Ministry will be extending its kitchen soon.

#### **5. Finance**

The demographics of our Parish are such that about 55% of Parishioners are senior citizens who survive on government grants but still, they give generously. About 20% are young adults and professionals, who are not as regular in their giving as the senior citizens. The other 25% are young people and children, most of them at school or university while others are unemployed. As a Parish, we need to raise at least R65,000 (£3,600) monthly to meet all our financial obligations and it is a huge challenge.

#### **6. On a personal note**

I really thank God for entrusting me with this great and humbling responsibility of taking care of the Parish of Sharpeville and the two nearby ASF branches of both Vaal University of Technology and North-West University (Vaal campus) as the Chaplain. My studies are going well thus far, and thank you for your donations which helped me settle last year's fees and register for this year, which is much appreciated. I really could not have enrolled for a better course to equip me for ministry. Tertiary fees continue to be a challenge across the country but the government and business sector are really trying very hard to alleviate the burden for all students except us, theological students. Somehow, they reckon that the Church has money. We continue to pray and be faithful stewards of the gifts God has bestowed upon us.

Blessings,  
Fr David.

# Music

*On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June the Vicar with other members of the LSM congregation attended the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev'd Dr Zachary Guiliano, a former member of our choir and congregation. It is a special delight therefore to be welcoming his wife Melissa back to LSM. Melissa writes:*

After leaving LSM for two years to study at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire I am excited to return to Cambridge, with my colleague, Konan Tanaka on piano, to perform at a venue close to my heart. Also close to my heart is American Song, my homeland. Our lunchtime recital celebrates music on themes of love and joy by a wide range of composers: André Previn, Ned Rorem, Samuel Barber, Douglas Moore, Amy Beach, Richard Hageman, and a Gershwin finale. *Sounds from the Heartland*, Lunchtime 1pm, Tuesday 3 July; free admission with retiring collection towards the LSM Music Fund. Link to Eventbrite <http://bitly.com/2MEkpIi>

## People for our prayers

*Fr Robert writes:*

It has been very good to have **Tim Wheatley** back with us Sunday by Sunday. Tim is now living once again in his own home and being supported by a number of carers, not least the kind lady who brings him to Mass each week. He welcomes visitors – just drop him a line if you'd like to come.

I'm also pleased to report that **Gillian Beard** is now back home and making a recovery. She hopes to be back at LSM soon, but in the meantime I've added her to our home communion roster. Do give her a ring or pop by and see her.

Do keep **Franca Basso** (Franco's mother) in your prayers and **Rita Feering** (Cheryl Cook's mother) – both of them are seriously ill in different ways.

# SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY MAGDALENE COLLEGE

6pm WHITWORTH TRUST AGM

*Directions to the AGM will be on display from the Porters' Lodge*

7.30pm WHITWORTH HOUSE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
GARDEN PARTY IN THE MASTER'S GARDEN

## **Food \* Drinks \* Live Music**

Whitworth Trust Patron Lord Rowan Williams of Oystermouth and Daniel Zeichner MP will be in attendance

**Tickets for the garden party** (which covers admission and unlimited food and drink) can be reserved by emailing [whitworthtrust@gmail.com](mailto:whitworthtrust@gmail.com) and will be available for collection on the door.

In return, we kindly ask you to consider providing a minimum donation of £30 per partygoer. You can donate on the day, or at the point of reserving a ticket via cheque or bank transfer (details on request).

**All profits will go to the Trust, for the support of the House residents and other homeless and vulnerable women in Cambridge.**

[www.friendsofwhitworthhouse.org](http://www.friendsofwhitworthhouse.org)  
(Registered Charity No. 1091682)

# Summer Fête and Gift Day

*Hanna Weibye writes...*

This year's **Summer Fête** promises to be as jolly as ever. Many of your favourite stalls will be there – including Bat the Rat, the Beechams' fabulous produce stall, and the strangely addictive tombola. There are also some changes: there will be no savoury lunches this year, but instead the catering team will be serving cream teas all day from noon onwards (with a glass of prosecco for those feeling particularly festive!)

The **young people's concert at 12 noon** shows off the many and varied musical accomplishments of our young musicians, while the art exhibition in church (which continues after Mass on Sunday) provides an opportunity to admire the talents of Malcolm Munro, Margaret Waring and other artists in the congregation.

The big performance of the afternoon is the **Come & Sing Pirates of Penzance**, with professional soloists. If you are feeling in fine voice, come along at **2pm**, practise the choruses and enjoy watching Simon Jackson turn a motley group of singers into a polished choir at lightning speed. If you aren't so keen on singing yourself, you can turn up at **4.30pm** to enjoy an abridged performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful comic opera.

Contributions are still sought to sell on the day: \*good quality\* bric-à-brac and books (please do not bring anything that you would not buy yourself!), bottles for the tombola, and home baking. Goods may be brought to the church during the week before the Fête and left in the Parish Centre. Please label your contributions with the name of the donor so that we can return them to you if they don't sell.

**10am - Mass**

**11am - Stalls open**

**12 noon - Chorister concert (free, retiring collection)**

**12 noon onwards - cream teas**

**2-3.30pm - Come & Sing rehearsal (£10\* for singers)**

**4.30-5.30pm - Come & Sing concert (£5\* for audience members)**

\*under 16s go free

For any questions, please email [hweibye@gmail.com](mailto:hweibye@gmail.com)

# Summer Fête & Gift Day

Saturday 7 July

Cream teas · Stalls · Games · Art exhibition

Mass 10am      Chorister concert 12 noon



## Come and Sing!

extracts from

*The Pirates of Penzance*

by

Gilbert & Sullivan

Singer rehearsal 2-3:30pm

Performance 4:30pm

£10 for singers      £5 for audience

Tickets on the door