

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Claris Bryan, Richard Hamilton, David McClure, Lois Paine, Tracey Llewellyn

Those who have died recently: Rita Bacon

Offertory hymn: 294 Just as I am, without one plea

Anthem: Quia Respexit - Bach

Thanksgiving hymn: 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Readings next Sunday, Lent 3

Exodus 17: 1-7, Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42

The Church is open for quiet thought or prayer
from 8am – 5.30pm,
Monday –Friday,
12pm – 5pm on Saturday.

Monday – Friday there is a daily Mass at 12.15pm – 12.40pm.

Monday 1.05pm – 1.30pm Mediation group.

On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Fr Paul is running the London Marathon on 26 April 2020 for The Lord Mayor's Appeal. If you wish to donate Paul has set up a Just Giving page, details at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-kennedy29>

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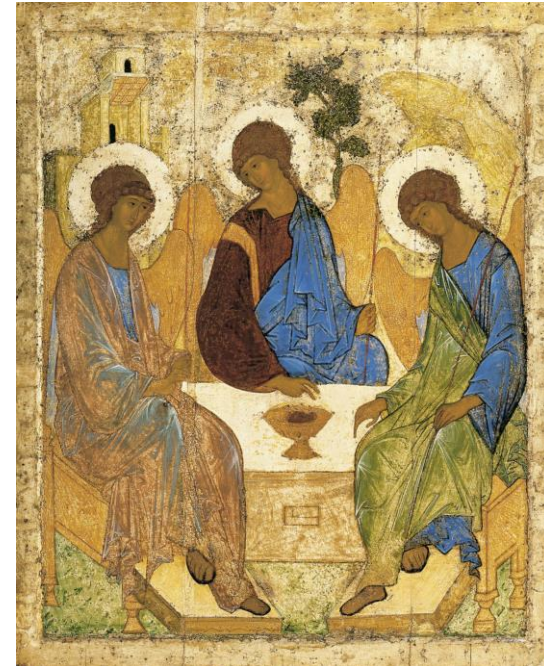
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8 March 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr Paul Kennedy

Setting: Missa Brevis - Wills

Hymn: 238 New every morning is the love



Genesis 12.1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

R: My help comes from the Lord

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself is thy keeper
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day
neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil
yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'