



St Vedast-alias-Foster

Peace and Contemplation in the City

NEWS FROM FOSTER LANE

Newsletter No. 21, 6 June 2021

Message from Fr Paul



The City churches are celebrating their opening up next week on 10 June. This is in anticipation of a greater relaxation of restrictions on 21 June and the ongoing return of workers to the City over the summer.

If you would like to start the day with a coffee, come to St Mary Aldermary before 11 am for a 10% discount.

After opening at 10 am, we will celebrate our daily Mass at St. Vedast at 12.15 pm. Between 1 and 5 pm our courtyard will be open, as usual, and to mark opening up day we will be serving tea and cake.

The last hour, from 5 to 6 pm we will move onto Prosecco and we will be joined by Bishop Sarah for some of the time.

Please come and support our opening up, enjoy the cake and Prosecco meet our Bishop and some of our City regulars. With zero covid casualties reported over the last 24 hours, this is a time to be looking forward and to be part of the conversation: what is the new normal; and what part will the City churches play in the City community?

Yours

Paul

Date for your diary, next social event 17 June , 7pm

You should have received a separate mailing but for convenience details of the zoom link are below:

Topic: Objects of Desire: Beg, steal, borrow

Time: Jun 17, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81860277866>

Meeting ID: 818 6027 7866

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcLbMxtDAz>

St Vedast is opening for longer hours from 7 June

We open every Sunday for our 11 am Parish Mass along with opening Monday to Friday

10am – 3pm - including our weekday 12.15 pm Mass.

If you are vulnerable to COVID-19, please consider remaining at home until you have had both vaccinations and a period of three weeks has passed - especially if you are using public transport.

If you would like to discuss coming to church, please call my mobile 07877211307.

Service information

You can join us for live weekday masses & our Sunday Service

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5Plrgy_zMhIuHu-ZePfRQ?view_as=subscriber

After the Sunday Service

Paul Kennedy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Post Eucharist coffee

Time: This is a recurring meeting each Sunday after Mass

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210467362>

Meeting ID: 892 1046 7362

Donate

As with most charities the lockdown has stretched our finances considerably. If you would like to donate, or catchup on your giving, the easiest way is online at:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/3020d4c5-77d2-4718-8e2c-d9047a66f720>

Or alternatively you can make a bank transfer to: CAF Bank LTD, 40-52-40, acct name St Vedast alias Foster, acct num 00024014

Readings for Sunday 6 June 2021

Genesis 3.8-15

The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Psalm 130

R With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; with him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

Mark 3.20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his apostles could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.