



St Vedast-alias-Foster

Peace and Contemplation in the City

NEWS FROM FOSTER LANE

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Sunday opening

We open every Sunday for our 11 am Parish Mass along with opening Monday to Friday 11.30 am - 2 pm - including our weekday 12.15 pm Mass.

We are not yet able to gather socially, so we are unable to offer refreshments or the opportunity to catch up, but we now open for private prayer and for all our services. Streaming on YouTube will continue as will Zoom coffee after our Sunday service.

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_zMhluHu-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 this Sunday printed below.

Sunday 7 March, Lent 3

Exodus 20.1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Psalm 19

R The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard, yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. **R**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. **R**

By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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submitted by Tony King

William Fuller VI



FROM RICHES TO RAGS - THEN REFUSED A GRAVE.

On the south wall of the chapel of St. Dunstan in St. Vedast is a fine cartouche, memorial to Dr. William Fuller. Resplendent, with gold curlicues, three differently coloured stones, black, white and salmon-pink, and a long Latin inscription, giving his version of his turbulent life.

William Fuller (1578/9-1659), was educated in Cambridge. A fine linguist and outstanding preacher, he came to the attention of James 1, and was made one of his chaplains. He continued in this position under Charles 1, and was part of the royal retinue in attendance on the King, when he greeted his bride, Henrietta Maria, at Dover.

In 1626, Fuller was appointed to the living of St. Giles and given special permission to continue to hold that of Weston in Nottinghamshire, where he had been appointed in 1616. Eight years later, he was raised to the Deanery of Ely, and appointed Timothy Hutton, to be his curate in London, a decision he was to rue.

By 1641, the parishioners of St. Giles had had enough, and petitioned Parliament for both Fuller and Hutton to be dismissed. They alleged that Fuller was non-resident and held pluralities of livings, charged excessive fees for baptisms and burials, in a parish of some 40,000 poor souls where the his income was £700 a year.

Further, that ' he useth superstitious cringing and bowings to the Communion table, and the name of Jesus' Finally, that he had appointed unsuitable clergy, namely Hutton , who ' repaireth from the pulpit to the tavern on the day, and drinking there uncivilly, dances and sings most profaine and ungodly songs, to the shame and disgrace of religion' He sounds rather fun.

Both were imprisoned, Fuller for two days, poor Hutton for a month. In 1643, Hutton had his money.

In spite of all this, Fuller remained loyal to Charles, and was present with him at Oxford in the Civil War, being rewarded for this loyalty in 1646, becoming Dean of Durham. There seems some disagreement as to whether he was placed in post.

We take up the final part of his life ...

' After Oxford was surrendered, the Dean retired to London, where he lived in obscurity and poverty to an advanced age, and full of sorrows, till death released him from misery and fears, though not from persecutionbut the vengeance of those days of confusion followed him to the tomb, for his remains were denied internment in his own church of St. Giles, so that the body was stolen to the grave to the Church of St Vedast, Foster Lane, where it rests in the south aisle.'