



# ST CYPRIAN'S NEWSLETTER

## September 2016

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### 3pm Evensong and Benediction

Responses: Ayleward

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in G

Motet: Bairstow: *Save us, O Lord*

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**10.30am Mass** Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Byrd *Mass for Four Voices*

Motet: Wood *Oculi omnium*

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**10.30am Mass** Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Jackson *Missa brevis*

Motet: Jackson - *Unto thee I lift up mine eyes*

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – St Cyprian

**7.30pm Mass** Celebrant: Father Gerald Beauchamp

Preacher: Ven. Luke Miller

Mass setting: Howells *Collegium Regale*

Motet: Bairstow - *Blessed City, heavenly Salem*

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**10.30am Mass** Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Dove *Missa brevis*

Motet: Howells - *O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival

**10.30am Mass** Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Victoria *Missa O quam gloriosum*

Motet: Byrd - *Ave verum*

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

**9pm – Compline**

**Weekday Mass** – Thursday, 1.10pm,

**Morning Prayer** – Monday – Friday, 8am



"It is really a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. Yet in the midst of it I have found a quiet and holy people. They have discovered a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasures of this sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. These people, Donatus, are the Christians - and I am one of them." So wrote St. Cyprian of Carthage, whom we celebrate as our Feast of Title on September 15th. This Statue is in the Holy Name Chapel on the Lectern. It was given in 1906 in memory of Mother Emily who was the one-time Superior of St Cyprian's Sisterhood, founded by Fr. Gutch to further his work among the poor.. (Photo: David Peet)

## Father Michael writes

September falls during the liturgical season known as 'Ordinary Time' or in our case 'Sundays after Trinity', which is represented by the liturgical colour green. During September, as in all of Ordinary Time, the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for us to be a follower of Christ. During 'Ordinary Time' we can concentrate more on the saints and imitate their holiness as Christ's followers, a must for all Christians. Amongst the celebrations we observe the following:

Holy Cross Day is on the 14th. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. We sing of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th. Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows.

Harvest Thanksgiving on the 25th. Recognising that we are both spiritual and physical beings, God provides for our needs in our everyday lives. As Christians we recall God's constant protection over God's people and give thanks for the year's harvest.

Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. This feast is on September 29th, when we praise God for the ministry of Angels. This day was previously referred to as "Michaelmas" and was celebrated with traditional foods and customs.

The Feast of St. Matthew. We know Matthew principally as an Evangelist. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. Not much else is known about Matthew. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places east.

Sadly, at St Cyprian's, we do not seem to observe these important events, our neglect impoverishes our lives as Christians, who are called to follow these men and women, whose task is to point us to Jesus.

Your priest and friend,

Fr Michael Fuller

## St Cyprian's Festival Weekend

Thursday 15 September, 7.30pm High Mass.

Friday 16 September, 6.30pm Purcell's Dido & Aeneas performed by Francis Holland School

Saturday 17 September, 7pm Quiz Night *Please note the 7pm start – not 7.30pm*

Sunday 18 September, 10.30am Parish Mass

## Hiring the church

Do you know of groups that need space and would like to use the church? Now that the new toilets and kitchen are in place St Cyprian's is much more able to host groups especially those wishing to organise musical events and rehearsals. We have just lost the Rock Choir which used to use the church on Thursdays. Please ask anyone interested to contact the parish office.

## In memoriam: Rosa Soufi

It was with great sadness that we record the death of Rosa Soufi who died just a few days short of her 80th birthday on 15 August. Her funeral was held a week later in church. Rosa died after a short illness following a fall at home.

In recent years Rosa's attendance at church has been increasingly infrequent due to the onset of dementia. People regularly stayed in touch with Rosa however and everyone admired the way in which her husband Sam cared for her until the very end.

Rosa was born in the Lebanon of French heritage in what was its golden age. She and Sam met when she went to work for a magazine in Beirut in the '50s. It was love at first sight. When war came to the Lebanon in the '60s, the magazine moved first to Cyprus where their daughter Cathy was born and then to London.

Rosa was a wonderful homemaker. She brought up her eldest grandson while his parents went to work - teaching him French and the value of the finer things in life. In the congregation we will remember Rosa's sense of style. She had a bred-in-the-bone sense of devotion: always lighting a candle after receiving the sacrament and quietly standing before the image of the Virgin. Her passing on the Feast of the Assumption was fitting.

Sam now has to discover a new way to live. He has gone to Germany for a while to spend time with Cathy and her family. Please pray for all of them and for the repose of Rosa's soul. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



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CHORAL EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION



SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

at 3pm

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With the S<sup>t</sup>. Cyprian's Singers

Directed by: Julian Collings