

March

Feasts/Memorials

Monday 10 – Saturday 15 – Lent Feria

Monday 17 - Feast of St Patrick, Bishop – Patron of Ireland

Headteacher Required

A vacancy exists for Headteacher at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, Richmond, appointment starting in September 2014. Please see website for full details: www.st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk Headteacher: Christine Brett. Tel: 020-8940-3015

St Patrick's Night Celebration

On Saturday next 15 March there will be a special St Patrick's Night Celebration at Westminster Cathedral Hall, from 7pm to 10.30pm. Musical entertainment from The Black Velvet Band, plus Irish dancers from 'Lord of the Dance', poetry etc. and much more. Irish supper included. Tickets at £15 available from the Friends Office or Clergy House Reception. Tel: 020-7798-9059

Weekday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Saturday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10.00am (<i>with Choir</i>) 11.00am (Sung Latin), 12.15pm, 6.00pm (<i>with Choir</i>)
Holy Day Masses	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Bank Holiday Masses:	9.00am, 12.15pm (no 6.00pm Mass)
Weekday Confessions:	5.30-5.50pm - Priest on duty except 12 Noon-3pm
Saturday Confessions:	10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm

The Rosary is recited in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays after 6pm Mass.
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kensington

Parish Newsletter

9 March 2014 – First Sunday of Lent

The Monotony of Sacrifice

It was a saint who said it, or I wouldn't dare! St Thérèse of Lisieux once declared, "*To ecstasy, I prefer the monotony of sacrifice*". We might feel she had strange tastes and we would choose differently, given the chance. But the point is that, heroic soul though she was, she found sacrifice monotonous.

We embark on our Lenten resolutions with a firm resolve, bracing ourselves for the long challenge ahead, perhaps with a secret sense of our own noble generosity. But the end of the first week finds our enthusiasm flagging and by the end of the second it is all becoming a bit of a bore. Once we have slipped up a few times we can no longer feel heroic and there is a strong temptation to give the whole thing up. As Thérèse said again, with her keen insight into human nature, "*We would like to suffer in the grand manner*". But her secret was that she never allowed herself to be discouraged by failure. She is not afraid to say of herself, "*I am a very insignificant person who can't offer to God anything but insignificant sacrifices. Sometimes I miss the chance of making them, sacrifices that give me such peace of soul; but I don't lose heart, I just resign myself to the loss of one peaceful hour, and try to be more on my guard another time*".

To humbly renew our efforts and keep going, when our Lenten performance is already looking a bit tattered, will lead us more deeply into the celebration of our Redemption than any success story would ever do.

A Carmelite Nun - Notting Hill Community

Lenten Events at the Carmelite Priory, Kensington
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Tomorrow, Monday 10 March, we begin this mini Lenten Series to help us prepare for Easter 2014.

Session 1: *Freeing the Heart - Filling the hearing, sight, touch and taste and every sense.*

Session 2: 24 March: *Attentiveness: Absorbed and Amazed*

Session 3: 7 April: **Teresa of Avila** – *Facing with Jesus Christ Our World of Need*

Please come and join us in the Priory from **8pm-9pm** on those evenings

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Carmelite School of Prayer - Lenten Retreat with Film:

Searching for Gospel Values and the Meaning of Life in Film.

Fr Robert Opala OCD will present a series of Films during the Lenten season as follows – all starting at **7.00pm on Thursdays** in the Refectory, starting this Thursday:

13 March: *The Mystery of Love and Conversion*

20 March: *Lent is upon us – Journeying from Religiosity to Relationship*

27 March: *The Cost of Discipleship*

3 April: *The Passion of Our Lord*

Wednesdays During Lent in our Church

Starting on Wednesday next 12 March, after the 6pm Mass, the Community of Sant'Egidio will offer prayers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday evening throughout Lent. It will be a time of prayer, listening and silence, open to everyone. We hope as many as possible can attend.

Lent Retreat Day at the

Religious of the Assumption, Kensington Square, W8

Saturday 29 March: – **Lent Retreat Day**, led by Fr Robin Gibbons - Gospel, Mission, World: Understanding Pope Francis' teaching in *Evangelii Gaudium*. From 10am-5pm (light lunch and refreshments included). Suggested donation £15 (waged) or £5 (unwaged). All welcome, but reservations essential as places are limited. Tel: 020-7361 4756 enquiries@assumptionreligious.org

Anointing of the Sick

A Date for your diaries: On **Saturday 26 April** the **Liturgy of the Anointing of the Sick** will take place in our Church, starting at 2pm – being the day before the Canonisation of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II, and Divine Mercy Sunday. More details to follow but in the meantime you are invited to consider whom you would like to bring along, who would benefit from this very special Service. Your kindness in spreading the word and giving any assistance you can to those who wish to attend would be appreciated. (Fr Tony)

Invitation to Four Lenten Talks by Jean Khoury

A Series of four Lenten Talks by Jean Khoury will take place at Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington High Street, starting this Wednesday 12 March, after the 7pm Mass. Future dates: 19 March, 26 March and 2 April. All are welcome.

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Cardinal Nichols will lead the 4th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 17-25 November this year. Price: £1495 per person, sharing. £275 single room supplement. For further details and booking form etc., contact Gerald Daly at the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office. Tel: 020-7798 9173 email: geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk. Also: Tangney Tours Tel: 01732 886666.

Flowers in the Church during Lent

A polite reminder: We thank those of you who kindly place flowers by the various Shrines in our Church throughout the year. However, during the Season of Lent, we would request that you please refrain from doing so.

Lent Fast Day for CAFOD

Friday next 14 March is *Lent Fast Day for CAFOD*, and on Sunday next 16 March your contributions for CAFOD will be taken up at all Masses. Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated.