

<u>January</u>		<u>Feasts/Memorials</u>
Monday	21	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Tuesday	22	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Thursday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
Friday	25	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Saturday	26	Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Readers Required

We need more readers for our **Weekday** and **Sunday Masses**. If you would like to be considered for this very important ministry in the Mass, please contact Rita on 020-7727-6554, email: rmcdonagh34@btinternet.com

Prayer for the Year of Faith

11 October 2012 – 24 November 2013

Lord,

Let me see your face,

Know your heart and experience

your love in my life.

Strengthen in me the precious

Gift of faith.

I believe Lord;

Help my unbelief. Amen

Weekday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Saturday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm (<i>Vigil for Sunday</i>)
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10.00am (<i>with Choir</i>) 11.00am (Sung Latin) 12.15pm, 6.00pm <i>Young Adults 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

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Parish Newsletter

20th January 2013 – Second Sunday of the Year

Patience

Patience, one of the first fruits of the Holy Spirit, is listed in St Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:22-23. The catechism considers "**patience**" (along with the other eleven fruits) as a "**perfection**" the Spirit actually uses to shape our lives, mould us. Life in a very real sense would envision patience as playing an important role when courage is needed to remain steadfast in the face of difficult and trying moments; remain undefeated by hardship, as Thomas Aquinas would let us know.

In this time of uncertainty, family life faces into many an insecure moment. Uppermost are the financial pressures that negatively affect how couples relate to each other. The worry and concern about mortgage payments, education and future for children, have perhaps caused a mother or father to hold down two jobs. This has inevitably put a strain in the heart of their love.

The answer to these pressures is certainly not as easy as saying: '*Surely they should consider downsizing, cut the cloth to suit*'. Unfortunately, the work ethic of resting in order to work more continues to plague the family. The Christian ethic of seeing work as necessarily helping us to rest more and reflect on ultimate meaning in our lives, is being pushed aside. The cost of a consumerist society, perhaps? In the coming month maybe we can consider becoming a people at prayer for specific pressures in family living that we are aware of - that require the Spirit to imbue our families with "**patience**" if only to strengthen them with courage and remain undefeated in their love in spite of sacrifices having to be made.

Fr Prior

“Carmel: The Spirit of Prayer”

Starting on Saturday 9 February, from 10am to 12 Noon in our Priory, there will be a series of six Talks called **“Carmel : The Spirit of Prayer”** - based on the teachings of Fr Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus, OCD, and presented by Fr Anthony Parsons, Prior. For more information contact: Monique Varenne, Tel: 07726-458632 email: monivarenne@yahoo.fr or Michelle Matthews, 020-8587-6382. Please see poster on Church notice-board.

Art & Prayer

Self-Giving Love : Human and Divine

Reflections from **Theology of the Body** and **Carmelite writings**.

Response through creating expressive art in a prayerful and mutually supportive atmosphere.

Six Weekly Sessions in Lent 2013, on Thursdays from 7-9pm

From: 14 February – 21 March in the Parish Centre.

Basic painting/collage materials provided. Cost: £30.

Spaces limited – please book with Karolina Stolarska.

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Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday 9 February at 2.00pm at Westminster Cathedral, there will be a **Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes**, celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes - at which *The Sacrament of the of the Sick* will be administered. All are welcome.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2013

To celebrate the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, there will be an Evening Service of Prayer tomorrow Monday 21 January at St Stephens Church Gloucester Road, SW7. Refreshments at 7.00pm. All are invited to participate in this important event.

Feast of Sto Niño - Divine Infant of Prague

All are invited to a Concelebrated Mass in celebration of the **Feast of Sto. Niño** in our Church at 2.00pm on Sunday next 27 January. There will be a Reception in the Parish Centre after the Mass, to which all are welcome.

Notices

We will have our monthly **Coffee Morning** in the Parish Centre this morning after the 10 o'clock Mass, to which all are invited downstairs for tea/coffee and chat with your friends.

The next meeting of **‘The Psalms’** Group will take place on Wednesday 13 February at 8.00pm in the Refectory.

On Saturday next, 26 January, there will be **“A Day with Mary”** at Westminster Cathedral, starting at 9.45am with the Entrance Procession. All are welcome.

Next Sunday 27 January is **Education Day**. There will be a Special Collection after all Masses for the *Catholic Education Service*

Our Christmas Crib

Much appreciation for your contributions towards our Crib this Christmas. The amount collected has been donated to the **Catholic Children’s Society**, which does such excellent work with needy families.

Funeral Mass for Catherine Lynch RIP

On Friday next 25 January, at 1.15pm, there will be a Funeral Mass in this Church for **Catherine Lynch**, who died recently.