

<u>March</u>	<u>Feasts/Memorials</u>
Monday	3 – Feria
Tuesday	4 - Feria/St Casimir
Wednesday	5 - Ash Wednesday – A day of Fast & Abstinence

Beyond the Digital Prison

The Office for Marriage & Family Life, Westminster Cathedral, wishes to draw attention to the following talk to be given at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN, on Tuesday 4 March at 7pm. “*Beyond the Digital Prison*”. The rising tide of Internet Pornography, ease of access and addiction to it, does it worry you? Jonathan Doyle outlines the science of psychology and offers hope for creating a counter-culture of life and love. Enquiries to: cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk or telephone: 020-7931-6064. Entrance fee £5. All welcome.

Today’s Throwaway Culture

On Tuesday 11 March at 6pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1, a **Pro-life talk** by Mgr Philip J Reilly, founder of Helpers of God’s Precious Infants. All welcome. £5 entrance fee. Enquiries: cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk

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

2 March 2014 – 8th Sunday of the Year

Ash Wednesday - *beginning our preparation for Easter*

The celebration of our Redemption – central to our faith – occurs in the Catholic Church over a period of three days called **The Triduum**. It is easy to mistake this grand celebration as three separate and distinct liturgies, but in fact they are three parts of the same liturgy, culminating in the *Resurrection of Jesus*. From the beginning of the **Mass of The Lord’s Supper** on **Thursday evening** to the conclusion of the **Easter Vigil**, the church’s liturgy overflows with signs and symbols intended to involve all our senses, thus drawing us into mysteries of the redemptive act of God through Jesus Christ.

What do we celebrate during the sacred Triduum? We celebrate the passage of Jesus Christ from death to life and the implications that has on us. In less than 35 years, the Son of God the Father took on our flesh by becoming one of us; he lived among us and revealed the love of the Father; he taught us how to love; he suffered and died; he conquered death itself by rising from the dead, and if that weren’t enough, he went back to the Father, sent the Spirit to guide us in this life, forgives our sins, and invites us to rise with him. Jesus the Christ changed the course of human life once and for all for those who believe and trust in him. The Resurrection of Christ forms the foundation of our faith and hope: “*If we have died with him, / we shall also live with him; If we persevere, / we shall also reign with him*”. (2 Tm.2:11-12).

Ash Wednesday begins our 40-day preparation known as **Lent**. It is a time for monitoring our hearts. We are to love God with all our heart and to allow the inner heart to prayerfully direct our ways. We are told that God searches and strengthens the heart and knows all its secrets. We are to commune with our hearts in the night with courage, steadfastness, vigilance and integrity.

When our hearts feel stricken, pierced, faint, dull and withered like grass, God asks us to treasure his word and to allow wisdom to come into our hearts. We are asked to not harden our hearts or to become proud with hearts of stone. God asks that our hearts be pure and wide open. God's heart goes out to us, and he asks us to love him with a whole heart. God will even give us a new heart when we need one, and says that out of a believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. Lent invites us to guard our hearts by attending to ways and means of nourishing and strengthening them in God's love. Is this not what **Ash Wednesday** wants to point out to as we prepare to give up things for this sacred period called **LENT**?

Fr Tony

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Wednesday next 5 March is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses, i.e. 8.00am, 12.15 and 6.00pm.

Lenten Events at the Carmelite Priory, Kensington

This is a mini Lenten Series to help us prepare for Easter 2014. Please come and join us in the Priory to the following sessions, **8pm-9pm, Mondays**:

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

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

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

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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:

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*

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

Charity Concert for Women Affected by Trafficking

There will be a Fund-raising event at St Mary Abbots Parish Church, Kensington High Street, arranged by Lucia Veintimilla and Friends, in aid of **Women Affected by Trafficking**, on Friday 4 April, starting at 7pm, Music by Schostakovich, Tchaikovsky and Ravel. Suggested donation £10. Your support of this very worthy cause will be greatly appreciated. For details contact: danielamirai@hotmail.com. See also poster on our Church notice-boards.

Vacancy for Headteacher

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Maida Vale, is an outstanding school, looking for a forward-thinking, highly motivated and enthusiastic headteacher who is able to show commitment to maintain and improve their high standards, and to work with the governing body to establish the vision and priorities for the next 5-10 years. Start: September 2014. Visits by interested applicants to the school on Monday 10 March are warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit, and discuss salary, please contact the school office on 020-7286-3518 or office@stjosephsschool.org.uk

Retrouvaille – A Programme for Troubled Marriages

The next Retrouvaille Programme will commence with a residential weekend from 28th-30th March. Retrouvaille - a French word meaning “*to find each other again, to find oneself again, to find one's way again*”. Full details can be found on www.retrouvaille.org.uk or by e-mailing: info@retrouvaille.org.uk Telephone: 07973-380443.