

<u>October</u>		<u>Feasts/Memorials</u>
Monday	01	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (<i>St Thérèse of Lisieux</i>)
Tuesday	02	Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday	04	St Francis of Assisi
Saturday	06	St Bruno, Priest/ Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Called to a Deeper Discipleship?

A Retreat Day for men and women of all ages to prepare for the ‘*Year of Faith*’. Talks and discussion, silence and adoration, fabulous food and a “Faith Fair” – all to help you find your personal ‘key’ to entering through the door of faith for this **year of grace**. Venue: St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, from 10.00am – 4.00pm on Saturday next 6 October. For more information see: www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations or contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

Concert by the Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School

A very special date for your diaries: on Thursday 25 October at 7.00pm, there will be an Evening of **Music & Readings devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary**, here in our Church, by the Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Tickets £10 (concessions £5) from Cardinal Vaughan School, Tel: 020-7605-0046. All proceeds to be donated to **Aid to the Church in Need**, a Catholic charity providing vital help to Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need, to over 130 countries worldwide. See posters on our notice-boards.

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 Young Adults Choir
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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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kensington

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 30 September 2012 – 26th Sunday of the Year

Tomorrow October 1st, we celebrate the **Feast Day of St Thérèse**, commonly known as *The Little Flower*. She was a young woman in possession of a will of steel. Now a little thing we often miss out on when reading the life of saints is their ability to reflect on heaven. Often their thoughts stemmed from their image of God. Thérèse’s image was of the mercy God possesses. It inspired her in so many ways. God’s mercy held out the real meaning of love for her. So much did she connect with God’s merciful love that in life she expressed and worked out her desire to be love at the heart of the Church. In the moment of her death, her image of God allowed her to see life not drawing to an end but closing in on a new mission - a mission that in summary form captures the spirit of all saints. She said ***“I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!”***

When did you last dream, reflect even on heaven and the wonderful people there with the promise of a life filled with happiness and peace – forever? It may bring about new meaning in this life too to pause and ponder what heaven may be like.

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Latin 11am Mass

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Simon Lloyd** as our **Director of Music** at the **11 o’clock Sunday Mass**. Naturally, he has other commitments to fulfil which will delay things. In the meantime, present arrangements will remain in place. I expect that by November Simon will grace us with his talents and that you will truly support him as he looks to form anew our Liturgical musical tradition. Thank you for your prayers, patience and support throughout. (Fr Prior)

'The Psalms' at the Carmelite Church

'The Psalms' : Fr Tony will facilitate a 10-month course on this widely-read book of the Bible. Participants will gather once a month and study the Psalms. This is not for the faint-hearted – participants are expected to do their homework! Home preparation is part of the study. The Psalms are prayers and poetry, both of which require slow and careful reading. They are read by you on the tube, in the cafes, in the taxis and at home. You will get far more from this study, however, if you take your time and allow the course-work to sink in. Supported by the DVD presentations and handouts, the insights gained from this course will enable a person to get more from their regular reading of the Psalms.

**Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock, Kensington,
Wednesday evenings: 8.00-9.30pm**

Session 1 – 17 October: Getting the Big Picture
Session 2 - 7 November: Seeing and Hearing the Psalms
Session 3 - 5 December: Learning to Pray with the Psalms
Session 4 - 16 January: The Responsorial Psalms
Session 5 - 13 February: Royal and Messianic Psalms
Session 6 - 13 March: Thirsting for God
Session 7 - 10 April: Psalms of Pilgrimage and Ascents
Session 8 - 8 May: Psalms of Suffering and Lament
Session 9 - 5 June: Penitential Psalms
Session 10 - 3 July: Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving

There are limited places only, so Registration for the course is required.
The suggested offering for the course is £50 plus a £20 deposit for materials. The deposit secures a place. First come first served basis.
If interested, please provide your contact details at Reception.

Towards Leadership of a Catholic Primary or Secondary School, for Catholics in non-Catholic Schools

The above is a **day course** run by the Diocesan Education Service. If you are currently in a non-Catholic school and are looking to move into Catholic school leadership, this will be a significant opportunity to help you to meet the requirements of the role. Please contact josephinelewis@rcdow.org.uk

'Pictures of Faith'

Children in our parish, of all ages, are invited to prepare a painting for a **'Pictures of Faith'** Exhibition, to begin celebrating the **"Year of Faith"** announced by Pope Benedict. It could be lovely colours signifying the *Joy of Faith*, or something about *Our Lady*, the woman of faith; or about *Holy Communion*, the sacrament of faith. It could be about *your family*, which draws strength from faith; it could be about *Jesus*, the centre of our faith. Whatever you paint or colour, please bring it to the church as soon as you can (it could come to the Reception in the Priory), and we'll make a nice Exhibition. Thank you.
(Fr Iain) ianmatthew@yahoo.com

'Radiating Christ'

Fr Tony would like to form family cell groups for the launch of the **"Year of Faith"**. Utilising the booklet brought out by the Diocese called **"Radiating Christ"**, he is looking for families interested in hosting home groups. Who attend the groups is entirely left to the discernment of the hosting family. The Archbishop of Westminster is encouraging use of this booklet within the home – so a cell group may consist of only family members, or it could be a gathering of friends, or a mixture. This decision will be left to the hosting family. If interested in this, please contact Fr Tony at: anthonylparsons@aol.com or drop in your details at the reception desk.

Harvest Fast Day for CAFOD: Friday 5 October '12

It's shocking to think that nearly a billion people will go to bed hungry tonight. For the first few years of his life, 9-year old Gift from Zambia often had nothing to eat but pumpkin leaves, day after day. But then **CAFOD** gave Gift's family the tools, seeds and training they needed to set up a vegetable garden – and today they are flourishing. To help many more families like Gift's, please give what you can at the **Fast Day collection**. Envelopes are available in our Church this week and next. Thank you for your generosity.

Catechism and **First Communion** classes for the new year begin today after the 10 am Mass. **Confirmation** classes will start on Sunday 7 October.