

<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>		
Monday	26	St Philip Neri, Priest
Tuesday	27	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Friday	30	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity
Saturday	31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Spirit in the City Festival

You are warmly invited to come and celebrate Spirit in the City Festival from Thursday 5 June-Saturday 7 June in Central London. Thursday programme with Adoration at St Patrick's Soho – 3.00pm talk by Fr Jerome Bertram (Oxford Oratory); 7.00pm Marian Procession from St Patrick's to Warwick St Parish and Evening Celebration there, with catechesis from John Vaughan-Neil. Friday: 'Sanctuary in Corpus Christi' Maiden Lane from 1.00pm, talk by Fr William Pearsall SJ 3.00pm. Eucharistic Procession 7.00pm from there to the French Church, followed by reconciliation service and night vigil.

Saturday 7 June: Faith Festival in Leicester Square with live music, bands, prayer tent, workshops. For further details see flyers or visit website:

www.spiritinthecity.org Tel: 020-7025-1596.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 6.30-8.00pm.

Our Parish Newsletter on the Web: www.carmelitechurch.org

Weekday Masses:	8am, 12.15pm, 6pm
Saturday Masses:	8am, 12.15pm, 6pm (<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>)
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10am, 11am <i>Sung/Latin</i>
	12.15pm, 6pm <i>Young Adults Choir</i>
Holy Days:	8am, 12.15pm, 6pm
Bank Holidays:	9am, 12.15pm (no 6pm Mass)
Weekday Confessions:	5.30-5.50pm (Priest on duty except between 12 Noon-3pm)

Saturday Confessions: 10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

25 May 2008 – Corpus Christi, Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord

Confirmation

We extend a warm welcome to **Bishop George Stack** who is with us this Saturday evening to confirm nine young people from this parish. We ask you to pray for *Blanca, Constance, Elvira, Giulia, India, Maria, Matt, Teddy and Vittoria*, and we offer our sincere thanks to their catechists, *Alison and Zdenka and Fr Iain*.

The Bread of Life

At every Mass the Priest says the following prayer when the bread is offered: *Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.*

This is the mystery of the Eucharist. Wheat, grown in the earth, made into bread by human beings, becomes the bread or food or sustenance of life itself. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: "*I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world*".

This bread we hold in our hands, place on our tongues and swallow like all other food. This bread nourishes us both physically and spiritually, it is food for this world and for eternal life. We cannot live without food and here we have the food that enables us to live forever. Furthermore, this same bread is the body of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself is our food, we are nourished by Him, He feeds us with Himself. What Jesus does for us in the Eucharist He does both physically and spiritually. He gave his body to us on the cross, he asked us at the last supper to take, eat, drink of the bread and wine which is His body and blood.

Jesus is not just present in our world spiritually, He is also, and very importantly, present physically. We can touch, hold and eat Him, we can pray before Him present in the tabernacle of our Churches and we can pray and meditate on His presence deep within us which is nourished by frequently receiving Him in the Eucharist.

St John begins his Gospel by telling us that all life has come through Jesus and Jesus is the life of the world. That life now becomes flesh and makes His home among us. That is what we celebrate today: God who has made

His home with us, God lives with us and by living with us and in us, he enables us to live fully and forever. There are only two things for us to do when faced with such a profound mystery: **Receive** and **Give Thanks**. Jesus is giving us Himself, let us be open to receiving all He is saying, giving and doing. All the Eucharistic Prayers remind us that Jesus gave thanks at the last supper. When we are present at this, the greatest of all meals, let us open our hearts and minds in thanks and praise. *The day before He suffered He took bread in his sacred hands and looking up to heaven, to you, his almighty Father, He gave you thanks and praise.* (Eucharistic Prayer No. 1)

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

***St Patrick's, Soho Corpus Christi
International Mass & Procession***

At St Patrick's Church Soho the 6pm Mass this evening, **Feast of Corpus Christi**, will be an International Mass at which the Brazilian, Spanish, Chinese and English communities will all participate. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a procession of the Church with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Soho to St Giles. All are welcome.

♪ A Musical Event in our Church on Sunday 8 June ♪

A date for your Diaries! On Sunday 8 June, at 7.00pm, (after the 6.00pm Mass) there will be a very special musical event in our Church, organised by Daniela and our 6pm Sunday Choir. We will have a group of professional musicians giving a performance of popular classical favourites, assisted by our own regular singers. You are all invited to what promises to be a very entertaining evening. There is no entrance fee but all donations will go to benefit **HIV & AIDS victims in Africa**. We do hope you will all make every effort to join us.

First Holy Communion

On Sunday 15 June at the 10 o'clock Mass, 20 young children from this Parish will receive First Holy Communion. We ask you please to remember them in your prayers and also their Catechists. You are all invited to be present at the Mass.

Sunday Readings

Starting from Sunday next 1 June, the Readings at Mass will return to the Ordinary Sundays of the Year, next Sunday being the **Ninth Sunday, Year A, Part II**. Will readers please note.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea

On Wednesday last 21 May, **Councillor Joanna Gardner** was elected and inaugurated **Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**. Joanna is a parishioner of our Carmelite parish and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her on behalf of you all. We assure her of our support, friendship and prayers as she takes up this very important office. In addition she has asked me to be her **chaplain** for the year, a role I very much look forward to.

Joanna has asked me, on her behalf, to invite you all to **Solemn Matins and Civic Service** at St Mary Abbots Church on Sunday 8 June at 11.15am, at which I have been asked to give the Sermon. *Fr Matt*

Carmelite Chapter

As most of you know, our 3-yearly Carmelite Chapter took place recently. We are pleased to tell you that there have been no changes at our Carmelite Church, Kensington. All our present Fathers remain and are looking forward to the future amongst you all as before. *Fr Matt*

Padre Pio, Celebrated at Westminster Cathedral

A trio of distinguished composers – James MacMillan, Rozanna Panufnik and Will Todd - have been commissioned by the Genesis Foundation to set music to **Padre Pio's 'Prayer after Communion'**. This will be premiered at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 3 June at 7.00pm by the Choir of The Sixteen, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission is free. For further information contact Simon Millward on 020-7629-3252.

Notices

- * Our Monday Group will not meet tomorrow evening. They will resume on Monday next 2 June at 7.30pm.
- * Due to half-term, our children's playgroup will not take place on Friday next, they will return on Friday 6 June at the usual time.
- * There will be **A Day with Mary** at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday next 31 May, starting at 10.00 am. All are welcome.

Tomorrow **Monday is a Bank Holiday**. Masses will be at 9.00am, and 12.15pm. The Church will close at 1.00pm.