

<u>June</u>		<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Monday	16	St Richard of Chichester
Thursday	19	St Romuald, Abbot
Friday	20	St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain
Saturday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

*The Year of St Paul - June 2008-June 2009*

Over the course of the next year, **dedicated by Pope Benedict XVI to St Paul**, a number of events and programmes are being organised. Among the list of events for this month is: Saturday 28 June at 3.30pm, a Votive Mass at Westminster Cathedral organised by St Paul's Bookshop to open the **Pauline Year**. All are welcome. Other events will be published later.

### *Bible Studies at Nazareth House*

**Third series of talks on the Scriptures.** Beginning on Tuesday 1 July at 7.30pm at the Prayer Centre, Nazareth House, Fr Peter Burrows will give three talks on the Scripture: '*Suffering and Theodicy*' on 1 July; '*Love in the Bible*' on 8 July, and '*A Study of Ruth*' on 15 July. All are welcome – no previous study necessary. For further details contact Ausrā Karaliute at [ausrakaraliute@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ausrakaraliute@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020-7931-6078.

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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](http://www.carmelitechurch.org)**

Weekday Masses: 8am, 12.15pm, 6pm  
 Saturday Masses: 8am, 12.15pm, 6pm (*Vigil Mass for Sunday*)  
 Sunday Masses: 8.30am, 10am, 11am *Sung/Latin*  
 12.15pm, 6pm *Young Adults Choir*  
 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

Sunday 15 June 2008 – Eleventh Sunday of the Year

## *The Mission of Jesus*

Jesus calls disciples and educates them so that they may be ready to take over his mission when he is gone. That is what is happening in our Gospel today. Let us take note of three aspects of this mission:-

**Understanding:** When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus understood this crowd, their pain, problems, struggles and indeed every aspect of their lives. The people are open to listening to Jesus because they know they are listening to someone who understands them.

The Church's mission begins by listening to the needs of people and showing by words and actions that it understands.

**Prayer:** *Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to His harvest.*

The work of the Church is God's work, not its own work. There can be no mission without prayer. Whoever speaks in the name of Jesus must be in constant communication with the Father. The Church's first mission is to be a link between God and humanity [we see Moses playing this role in our first reading today]. The mission is always the fruits of the Church's prayer. Any work done that is not rooted in prayer is merely a human endeavour and not the work of God – in other words it is no longer His harvest.

**Activity:** *Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, and as you go, proclaim that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils.*

The disciples must go to where Jesus sends them and do what he says. We note he is only sending them to the people of Israel, the time has not yet come for them to go to the Samaritans and pagans – that will come later. The work must be done as God wants it to be done and in God's time.

In this Gospel the activities that the disciples are asked to do are the same activities as those of Jesus. The work began in the life of Jesus continues in the work of his disciples and the Church.

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

### **Day of Prayer for Priests**

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor has designated Wednesday next, 18 June, as a **special day of Prayer for Priests**. He recommends Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in each parish – we already have Exposition every Wednesday 6.30pm to 8.00pm. It is a good opportunity to pray for our priests. You may wish to use this prayer for priests:

*Almighty Father, grant to your servants the strength and generosity to live well the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within them the spirit of holiness. May bishops, priests and deacons be faithful to the ministry they have received from you, Lord God, and be to others a model of right conduct.*

*May they be faithful in working so that the words of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth and the family of nations, made one in Christ may become God's one holy people.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.*

Amen. (adapted from the rite of ordination)

### **Mass for People of Iraq**

Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, together with some other bishops, will celebrate a special Mass for the people of Iraq tomorrow Monday 16 June at 5.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome.

### **First Holy Communion Catechesis 2008-09**

Children aged seven years upwards are welcome to our programme of preparation for **First Holy Communion**, beginning the new catechism year in September/October 2008. Registration forms are now available from the Reception desk. We will also have a programme of Early Catechism for younger children (i.e. 5/6 and 6/7 year olds) as well as Post-Communion Catechism classes. These classes will take place in the Priory on Sunday mornings after the 10 o'clock Mass.

Also young people aged 13 years and over who wish to be prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year should pick up an application form from the Reception Desk and complete and return it to Fr Iain.

**Readers' Meeting:** There will be a Readers' Meeting in the Priory on Sunday 20 July at 4.00pm, chaired by Fr Michael. It is hoped as many Readers as possible can come.

### **Concert in aid of 'DREAM' Project in Africa**

Last Sunday evening we had a very successful and enjoyable concert in aid of **victims of AIDS in Africa**. A very special thanks to Daniela and the Sunday evening Choir for organising the event and all the work they put into it. Thanks also to the guest musicians who joined them for the evening. The total raised so far is **£1,592.25** – any further donations are welcome and may be handed in within the next week. Thanks to all who came to the concert and to all who contributed so generously.

### **First Holy Communion**

Today 18 children from our parish will be receiving their **First Holy Communion**. We ask you please to remember in your prayers: *Antonio, Arelene, Benjie, Carolina, Cecilia, Daniel, Ebuade, Eléonore, Eugenia, Gaspard, Giulia, Ines, Jumarie, Lucas, Ludovica, Maximilian, Teresa and Thomas*, on this very special day in their lives. Congratulations to their Catechists: *Annegrid, Elizabetta, Oredola and Georgina*, who have prepared them so well.

### **Sponsored Walk**

On Saturday next 21 June, some young people, recently confirmed, from our parish, and others, will do a sponsored walk in aid of those suffering as a result of the **Earthquake in China**. The route: Priory to Tyburn, Tyburn to Tower of London, Tower back to Westminster Cathedral. (In the steps of the Martyrs). A form is available at Reception Desk for all who would like to sponsor our young people who are doing this walk with great enthusiasm – all currencies accepted. Proceeds will go to **Caritas Internationalis China Earthquake Response**.

### **Notices**

- \* You are all invited to our *Parish Gathering* on Sunday next 22 June after the 10 o'clock Mass. Please join us downstairs for tea and chat.
- \* Our next *Parish Advisory Group* meeting will take place on Sunday 29 June at 7pm in the Priory. Any suggestions or comments you wish to put forward for attention may be handed in at Reception.
- \* On Sunday 6 July we will have our **Parish Picnic in the Park**. Please put this date in your diary – more details will follow soon.