

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10 June 2012 – Corpus Christi – Most Holy Body
and Blood of the Lord

First Holy Communion

Today our parish celebrates. Our young people receive Christ for the very first time in the Eucharist. This will be celebrated over the next two weeks. It is a joyful moment and central to the life of any Catholic community that we fittingly celebrate this moment in their lives and try our best to make them remember this in the years ahead.

The Church marks this sacramental moment to help us keep in mind it is the **“Eucharist that makes the Church”** – that gives us our identity as a follower of Christ. As a Christian we grasp how the Eucharist is the continual “source and summit” of our Christian faith. That, even though Christ can be experienced in life in differing ways, this moment marks the “Ordinary way” we can experience Christ as his follower, disciple - how Christ enters our life in such a simple yet profound way. Today will be a sign reminiscent of our own First Holy Communion. As adults we wonder rightly will our children continue to live out its significance and importance in the life that lies ahead of them. We worry because we have encountered in our families people who stop making the link between Jesus and Church life.

That’s why it is important to remember that today also marks the moment the **“Church makes the Eucharist”**. As a community of faith it is our responsibility to help the young people to “remember” in the biblical sense of this word. Meaning, as a community called to reflect Eucharistic life by being a true “sign of unity” a “bond of love” children will understand God is alive and active. God is real. By strengthening this image of God through showing them our way of prayer, our way as a Christian community responding to the call of Christ **“Do this in remembrance of me”**. All the preparations gone into today will not have been in vain. Who knows perhaps this generation of children will be different too in sustaining the understanding that a Eucharistic life is inseparable from a Church life as they continue to “.... *be what they receive*”, to paraphrase St Augustine.

June

Feasts/Memorials

Monday	11	St Barnabas, Apostle
Wednesday	13	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor
Friday	15	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Solemnity
Saturday	16	Immaculate Heart of Mary

St Thérèse of Lisieux, Prayer for Priests

O Jesus,

I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptised me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. 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 (some 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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In a special way I would like to thank the Catechists who have journeyed with the children throughout. Their generosity and kindness express Church making the Eucharist. I know there is always room for others who may wish to be involved with this form of Church too. In the baptismal celebration of your child I often reflect on the prayer reminding us that parents are the first teachers of children in the ways of faith. It would lend so much to the process of preparing your child by strengthening the link between home and the Church if parents would commit to this coming year of preparation.

On behalf of the Carmelite Community I would like to extend our prayers and best wishes to all the families united today in celebration. May it be a turning point not only in the lives of your children but one that will spiritually strengthen your own faith, hope and love. *Enjoy the celebrations !*
(Fr Prior)

Confirmation

On Saturday 23 June at 3.00pm, in our Church, a group of young people from our parish and other parishes in the Deanery will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. We ask you please to keep all of them in your prayers on this very important occasion in their lives.

Ordination of Br Alex Ezechukwu

On Saturday 30 June, at the 12.15 Mass, **Br Alex Ezechukwu will be ordained a Carmelite priest here at Kensington**. You are all invited to the Ordination. *Please keep Br Alex in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the priestly ministry.*

Sunday Readings

Starting on Sunday next 17 June, the Readings at Mass will return to the Ordinary Sundays of the Year, beginning with the **Eleventh Sunday, Year B, Volume 2**, in the Parish Mass Books. Will Readers please note.

‘Story of a Soul’ - St Thérèse of Lisieux

On Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 June at 8.00pm, at St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Soho Square, London W1, there will be a play by Michel Pascal, based on the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux, with Eva Hernandez playing the lead. All are invited, no entrance fee but donations welcome. Nearest tube station: Tottenham Court Road. See poster on our Church notice-boards.
Contact: storyofasoul_london@hotmail.co.uk

Vocations Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual Vocations Pilgrimage to Walsingham for men and women takes place on Saturday next 16 June, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a day of prayer, procession and adoration for men and women of all ages to join together in prayer before Our Lady of Walsingham in the intention of an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. For further details and to book a place on the coach (cost £10), contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 020-7349-5624.

‘Mount Carmel’ – A Review of the Spiritual Life

The April-June issue of ‘**Mount Carmel – A Review of the Spiritual Life**’, is now available from our Repository at the back of the Church. This edition is devoted specifically to **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**, and contains in-depth articles by some well-known writers. It is an excellent read and highly recommended. Price £2.50.

Phyllis Bowman RIP – National Memorial Service

The many friends of the late Phyllis Bowman DSG may like to know that on Tuesday 3 July at 5.30pm, the Most Rev Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Cathedral for the repose of Phyllis’ soul and give thanks to God for her remarkable contribution to the *Pro-Life Cause* and much more. All are most welcome.