

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22 January 2012 – Third Sunday of the Year

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of accompaniment to bring a person discerning God's call into communion with the body of Christ – the Church. What she believes and teaches about God, Jesus and kingdom are explored in ways that trigger thought. Food to help understand the movement of God's spirit within a person, and strengthen faith in this mystery revealed within the life of the Church.

Within our parish we have six people walking this path at present. Recently the mystery 'always ancient, always new' – Jesus as 'true God and true man' was pondered. Essentially, because this would have been in the mind of most people, as Christmas, Epiphany, as well as Baptism, were feasts liturgically celebrated.

Wrestling with this fundamental truth, encouraged all to reflect on the sacramental implications. Suppose Jesus was only man and not at the same time the son of God? Would that have any relevance? We wrestled between it being unimportant to it being essential; from Jesus manifesting a moral code as another type of good person, to Him being unable to save us if he were not God! Such is the need to constantly ponder Jesus' life, death and resurrection to avoid many a thought that does not present Jesus as 'God in a human way' and 'man in a Godly way' as a famous theologian coined!

With Lent around the corner, we too could ponder a little. Would the sacraments as actions of Christ lose their importance to us if Jesus were not God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity? If John of the Cross is correct in stating that '*One thought alone of man is worth more than the entire world....*' then why not make it dwell on this mystery a while!

<u>January 2012</u>		<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Tuesday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
Wednesday	25	Conversion of St Paul, Apostle - Feast
Thursday	26	SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Friday	27	St Henry de Osso y Cervello, Priest, Carmelite/ St Angela Merici, Virgin
Saturday	28	St Thomas Aquinas, Bishop & Doctor

Readers Required

We need more readers for our **Weekday Masses**, particularly Tuesdays at 12.15pm. If you would like to be considered for this very important ministry in the Mass, please contact Rita on 020-7727-6554, or leave your details at Reception and we will get back to you.

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The Crib: Your kind contributions to the Crib this year will be donated to the **Catholic Children's Society**.

Weekday Masses: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Saturday Masses: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm (*Vigil for Sunday*)
Sunday Masses: 8.30am, 10.00am (*with Choir*) 11.00am ***Latin Choir***
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
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 6.30-7.30pm – for Vocations
to the Priesthood and Religious Profession.

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Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18-25 January

To mark the occasion of **The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Kensington Council of Churches have arranged for a **Unity Service** for churches of all denominations to take place at the **Kensington United Reformed Church**, Allen Street, W8 6BL, on Wednesday next 25 January, at 7.15pm. All are warmly invited to this special annual event. (Turn left at Waterstones Bookshop for Allen St).

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Bible Studies

The Bible is Not Just any Story – It is Your Story - Discover How to Read it.

Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in *A Quick Journey Through The Bible*. In this study you will discover the "big picture" of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible. Join us and learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass Readings come alive like never before.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible study will be offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock, Kensington, hopefully during Lent. To learn more, call 020-7937-9866, leaving your contact details with the Receptionist.

All are invited to our **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Profession* on Friday next 27 January from 6.30-7.30pm.

Feast of Santo Niño (Divine Infant of Prague)

The Carmelite Filipino Choir invites you all to attend their annual Celebration of **The Feast of Santo Niño** in this Church on Sunday next 29 January. It will commence with Mass at 2.00pm, followed by a Reception in the Parish Centre.

Women Discerning a Call to Religious Life

"Come and See" - a chance for women (aged 20-40) to learn more about consecrated life and to meet a variety of religious and others who are discerning this vocation, on Saturday 4 February, from 10.00am-5.00pm at our Carmelite Priory. There will also be time set aside for prayer, with **Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. If anyone is interested in attending, and to register, please contact **Fr Richard Nesbitt** at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

Young Adults Monday Group

Our *Young Adults Monday Group* will meet in the Parish Centre at 7.30 for 8.00pm, tomorrow, Monday 23 January for **"An Evening with Mary"** – *Marian devotion, including the Rosary*. All young adults who come to our Church are very welcome to join them. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street.

Mothers & Babies Group

Mothers and Babies Group will have their weekly session in the Priory tomorrow Monday from 10.30am-12.30pm. New children very welcome. Please ring the front doorbell by crucifix. Any queries, please contact Helena at: carmelitesbabygroup@gmail.com