

September

Feasts/Memorials

Monday	12	Blessed Mary of Jesus, Virgin, Carmelite
Tuesday	13	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
Wednesday	14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Solemnity
Thursday	15	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday	16	SS Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Saturday	17	St Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem, Legislator of the Carmelite Order - Feast

Catechism/First Communion and Confirmation 2011/2012

Catechism, First Communion and Confirmation classes for the new year will shortly commence in our Church. If there are any parents who have not yet collected their application forms from the back of the Church, would you kindly do so without delay please.

Pre-Marriage Procedure

If there are any couples planning to get married within the next year, it is very important they come and see Fr Tony or Fr Iain without delay so that marriage preparation and all the paperwork can be completed well in advance.

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
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A View for the Pew

Chair of the Bishops Conference, Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis, Bishop Kieran Conry, has taken the initiative to build on the visit of the Reliquary of St Thérèse of Lisieux to England. His department decided to dedicate a week long “*Witness to Service*” under the inspiration of **St Thérèse**. On the poster at the back of the Church he states:

It is the task of every parish and baptised person to break open for others the meaning of Jesus’ story through witnessing to their faith through loving service... This initiative challenges us to take a fresh look at how we can show the face of God by the good works, small and large, that we do in daily life. I encourage you to take part in this “little” week of evangelistic service. (“Little Way Week” will run from 1-7 October).

So I could not help but tell a “wee” story about a childhood experience of Thérèse that perhaps helps us to capture the kind of spirit she possessed and the sort of inspiration she could encourage us with, as her little way with us.

Firstly a question: How many of you have accidentally ripped a piece of wallpaper in your home? How many of you have tried to fix it again, hide it in some way, so your parents wouldn’t find out? And how many of you allowed the blame to fall on your brother or sister? I am not just talking to the children either!! Hmmm. Quite a lot of you?

Well, the same sort of thing happened to a “wee” girl when she was about 5 years old. She noticed a tear on her bedroom wall. She then began to play with it and then accidentally ripped it from the wall. Instead of trying to hide this from her parents, she immediately ran to her mother. She told her mother and then waited for her punishment.

Imagine you did this to your mother. What do you think your mum would do? Well, this little girl’s mum did what most would say to a child so young – *just wait till your dad gets back!* Dad was out working – he made clocks. Hours went by, everything went back to normal. The matter was forgotten about by her mother and her sisters, but as soon as dad arrived through the door, this little girl ran to him and admitted her fault, and then awaited her punishment... what do you think dad did? He did not punish her honesty.

He looked at her and then picked her up and gave her a big hug for being honest and not trying to hide things so that other people might get the blame. And guess what, kids? - she's now a saint! And guess what else - and this is for all you mums and dads - her mum and dad are beatified ... *Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin.*

Just think, children, if you keep being honest like this little girl, you could be a saint. And mum and dad, if you could react like this to your children's honesty - you too could become a saint! Anybody want to know the girl's name? **Thérèse**, or **Teresa** for those who do not speak French! And being a saint means she is your friend like all the saints. Ask her today to help you with something - she will and quite quickly too. Perhaps the challenge for the "**Little Way Week**" is to be honest and acknowledge it when we see it; this could be St Thérèse's way of helping us "*Witness through Service*" in a world of dishonest decisions that corrupt and bring more pain and suffering to others than the fullness of life Christ showed is possible in ever so simple ways.

Fr Anthony Parsons OCD, Prior

**"THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY FAULT,
THROUGH MY MOST GREIVIOUS FAULT"**

This change in the "**I confess**" directly translates the Latin. Many people who knew the Latin Mass will often say "*mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa*" when they take responsibility for a mistake. Whenever we repeat something, we clearly emphasise what we are saying. There is a classical tradition too of repeating things three times as a poetic form. You find this in the '*Lord Have Mercy*', and the '*Lamb of God*'. You will notice it too in other prayers like the *Gloria* where one thought is expressed in three or more different but similar ways. We will never have enough words to describe who God is or how we relate to his love and mercy

Today, Sunday, is **Racial Justice Day**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the *Catholic Association for Racial Justice*.

Young Adults Monday Group

All young adults are warmly invited to join the Monday Group (faith support group) for its weekly meeting at 7.30 for 8.00pm tomorrow Monday 12 September, in the Parish Centre (entrance via Pitt St.). The theme will be "*Preparing for Carmelite Youth Day* (CYD). (The 7th Annual Carmelite Youth Day will take place here in our Carmelite Church on Saturday 15 October, Feast of St Teresa of Avila - more details will follow soon).

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Social Evening on Sunday 18 September

All young adults who come to this church are very welcome to come along to a special **Social Evening in the Parish Centre** on **Sunday next 18 September at 7.00pm**, immediately after the 6.00pm Mass. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young people, share some food and drink, and learn about exciting ways to get involved in parish life. You can also discover more about the Monday Group and next month's Carmelite Youth Day.

Friday Abstinence

Just to remind us all !! The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the practice of abstinence from meat on Fridays will be introduced as the common act of *Friday Penance* from 16 September this year. If you do not eat meat, some other food should be sacrificed on Fridays. This small act of penance serves to join us all together in remembering Christ's suffering, and in joining in solidarity with those who lack the food they would like. However small this effort may be, the bishops see a real value in having an act of penance which the whole Catholic community does together on the same day.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This year's **RCIA** programme will run in the Priory from October 2011 until Easter 2012 (exact starting date to be confirmed shortly). For information, email Fr Tony Parsons at anthonylparsons@aol.com

* All are invited to our **Holy Hour** with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for *Vocations to the Religious Profession* from 6.30-7.30pm on Friday next 16 September.