

September

Feasts/Memorials

Thursday	8	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
Friday	9	St Peter Claver, Priest
Saturday	10	Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

Readers Required

We need some more **Readers** for our week-day and Sunday Masses. 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 contact details at Reception and we will get back to you.

Notices

- * There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from 6.30-7.30pm on Friday next 9 September for *Vocations to the Religious Profession*.
- * Sunday next 11 September is **Racial Justice Sunday**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the *Catholic Association for Racial Justice*.

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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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back! I hope you had a much deserved break and have felt the benefit in body and spirit. Personally, I think I need to go on another holiday after my little journey to Madrid with young people from my previous Parish !! Strangely enjoyable while being extremely exhausting! Both Fr Iain and I had the privilege of being with the estimated 1.5 million young people who had travelled from around the globe to meet the Pope.

It is often considered that there is no “real” *follow-up* in our parishes. Well, pass the word on, my community are willing to help make things happen here but we need young people to share their enthusiasm and energy by continuing to build on their faith experiences and fun encounters with like-minded young people. You have heard the call of the Pope to build yourselves up in Christ and become firmly rooted in the faith. We as a community are waiting for you and will try our best to accommodate your ideas and needs in this regard. Do feel confident in approaching any of us - we are more than happy to help.

At this time I would like to express my sincere thanks to the previous community, especially Fr(s) Matt Blake, Michael McGoldrick, Bob Davies, John McGowan, all of whom have since joined their new communities: Oxford, Dublin and Gerrards Cross respectively. I am sure they will continue to inspire and share the best of themselves for others as they did here. May God bless them in their new tasks and responsibilities ahead.

So who makes up the new community? Well, Fr Anthony Parsons and Fr John Hughes will be the new additions. Fr(s) Iain Matthew, Oliver McGettigan, Fabian McCormack and John Williamson remain the familiar faces. You can visit our website and see what we look like! www.carmelitechurch.org

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together, we hope to share the best of ourselves, and as a community we all look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the year ahead. We are living in exciting times in the English-speaking world. Watch out for catechesis around the new liturgy – we hope to develop something that will assist you in the inevitable challenges that lie ahead. This week at all our Masses we are launching into the deep and hopefully by the time Advent begins, each of us will have mastered the new language, which effectively is but another expression of the universality of the Church.

N.B. Starting this Sunday, at all Masses special new liturgy cards will be available for use during the Mass but not to be taken away.

On a personal note I look forward to working and serving the Parish and Community as best I can. Please, when you have a chance, remember me and my community in your prayers. We remember you in ours.

God bless.

Fr Anthony Parsons OCD, Prior

THE LORD BE WITH YOU – AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Our response will change when the priest or deacon greets us with “**The Lord be with you**”. Now we will say “**And with your spirit**”. It is a direct translation from the Latin and brings us in line with nearly all other languages directly translated from the Latin. That phrase is found in many passages from scripture, especially St Paul. We are praying that the presence of God that the priest or deacon offers us will truly be with him also, with his innermost spirit. It is also a very important phrase in the Liturgy for it occurs here, before the Gospel, before the Preface and before the Blessing.

The Monday Group

The *Monday Group* – our Young Adults faith support group – resumes its meeting tomorrow, Monday 5 September, after the summer break. The group will be reflecting on the summer and looking ahead to its busy and exciting autumn programme. All young adults (between the ages of 18 and 40) are very welcome to come along. Please bring a small souvenir of your summer. We will meet at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start in the Parish Centre - entrance in Pitt Street.

World Youth Day in Madrid, 16-21 August 2011

(Recollections by Fr Iain)

Young people in their hundreds of thousands responded to Pope Benedict's invitation to gather with him in Madrid for **World Youth Day**, 16-21 August. Among them were a number who come to this Church. Congratulations, and thank you, to them!

World Youth Days can be logistical nightmares, tending towards the rough-and-ready more than the luxurious. But Madrid did superbly well, and the Catholic Church in Spain was so welcoming. The highlight was the Vigil with Pope Benedict on Saturday: one and a half million young people were bonded together by a combination of scorching heat, storm clouds, gale force winds and rain; and the humble love of this elderly man who speaks as the successor of St Peter and the Vicar of Christ. Perhaps the most memorable part of the week was the *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Vigil* - all those people, completely silent, adoring Christ. Here are some words from Glenn (aged 19) who was sponsored to go to World Youth Day by the Parish:

“For the whole amazing experience that I have had in my entire life, this whole trip will never be forgotten. I just want to say a big, massive thank-you to my parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel... Thank you very, very much indeed.” (Glenn)

‘Little Way Week’ – Witness Through Service

One of the forthcoming initiatives being offered in support of the legacy of the Pope's visit is ‘**Little Way Week**’ which will run from 1-7 October. It is inspired by the spiritual teaching of *St Thérèse of Lisieux*, and aims to encourage everyone to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ through seven days of service. (See Poster on notice-boards).

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.