

November:

Monday	15 -	Commemoration of all the Dead of the Carmelite Order
Tuesday	16 -	St Edmund, Bishop
Wednesday	17 -	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious/ St Hilda, Abbess
Thursday	18 -	Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul
Friday	19 -	St Raphael Kalinowski, Priest, Carmelite

**Parish Pilgrimage to Rome**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**2012** will be the **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this Church** – the Carmelites first came here in 1862. To begin our year of celebration and thanksgiving we are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome from **2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**.

This Pilgrimage will be led by **Fr Matt Blake** and the cost is **£769**, with £28.50 extra per person for Insurance (if required). Also single room supplement is £96 per person for the 6 nights (limited availability). The Itinerary and Booking Form with full details of how to book will be available from the back of the Church after all Masses on Sunday next 21 November. Copy of Itinerary also on Church Notice-boards.

**Young Adults Retreat**

There will be a **Retreat** for Young Adults (18-35) at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford, from Friday 19 – Sunday 21 November. Theme: *Poetry and teaching of St John of the Cross* - led by Fr Matt. For enquiries, contact: [garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garylclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk)

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 on Wednesdays from 6.30-8.00pm**  
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# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday 14 November 2010 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

### Remembrance Sunday

We welcome you all to our Mass today, **Remembrance Sunday**, as we remember and pray for those who gave their lives in two world wars and in other conflicts of our time. The 11.00am Mass will be a **Requiem Mass** especially for them. We pray also for the families who have been bereaved and we pray for peace.

Going around London [or indeed any other capital city] one is struck by the number of monuments to heroes of warfare. It is difficult to know where to start when we begin to reflect on the influence war has had on who we are and how we live: national identities, language, economic situation, traditions, customs, culture, religious identity etc. – all of these and so much more have been influenced, shaped and defined by the results of battles and wars throughout human history.

Sometimes it can be disturbing or embarrassing to think about the enormous part wars play in the scriptures and in the history of the Church. We thank and praise God for Israel's victories in many of the scriptural prayers and psalms [we rarely reflect on the words we are saying or their original context or meaning!]. Many of the Church's finest buildings or works of art are the result of victories in battle and warfare. Most of us who have grown up Christian or Catholic have done so because of the outcomes of various wars of the past. In the view of many historians, if there was a different outcome to the Battle of Lepanto [1571], most of us reading this newsletter would have grown up Muslim.

Throughout history, warfare has been the greatest stimulus to the development of human ingenuity, culture, traditions, legal systems, political systems, education, science etc. We would have remained very "primitive" and un-developed if we had not started fighting with each other.

However, we are all too aware of the tragic side of warfare – the loss of human life [especially young lives], injuries, grief, refugees, destruction of property and livelihoods etc. War comes with a huge price and our world is blighted by the tragedy, pain and divisions caused by so many wars. Warfare brings out the best and the worst in human beings. Why this is so is a mystery beyond anything our minds can fathom.

Warfare brings before our eyes the deepest complexities and paradoxes of human life, the beauty and tragedy of life, the creativity and destructiveness within us all, the love and hatred that equally drives us, the heroism we are capable of and the depravity we can sink into. War, more than anything else in human experience, teaches us who we are, confronts us with so many welcome and unwelcome truths and opens our eyes to our true potential and greatness.

Today is **Remembrance Sunday**, a day to remember and reflect upon so much. At the heart of today's celebrations is **Silence**. We remember, honour and pray for all the millions of people who have died in wars. We acknowledge the immense debt we owe to those who have gone before us. Today is also a stark reminder that there are still wars going on in so many parts of our world; some we know about, some others that never make the "news". Each war is a tragedy and there are so many of our brothers and sisters caught up in it and suffering enormous pain.

Finally today we stand in silence before the awesome responsibility we bear as people of 2010: for our world, for the generations that will come after us. Today's issues, tragedies, questions and conflicts can never be ignored, they are shaping who we are and how we live and are creating the legacy we will pass on.

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them".*

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

#### ***'Right to Life' Day of Fasting and Prayer***

There will be a **Day of Fasting and Prayer in Atonement for the Passing of the Abortion Act**, in our Church on Friday next 19 November from 10.00am - 6.00pm. The day will begin with Opening Prayers and meditation on *the sanctity of human life*, followed by the Rosary at 10.30am, and full programme for the remainder of the day. There will be Mass at 12.15pm and 6.00pm. All are invited to take part in this special day of prayer.

**Sick & Retired Priests Fund:** We thank you for your contributions to the collection for the *Sick & Retired Priests' Fund* on Sunday last. The amount collected was **£1,943.54**.

#### **Clothes for the Homeless in Kensington**

**The Community of Sant' Egidio** is a movement of lay people and has more than 50,000 members in more than 70 countries throughout the world. This Community goes and visits the homeless in the area of High St. Kensington where they take shelter for the night once a week, in order to give the homeless something to eat and something warm to drink, together with blankets and other necessities. In this connection they are appealing for the following items of clothing: **Blankets, duvets and sleeping bags; coats and jumpers for men and women; shoes/boots for men.** These goods will be collected from our Church this evening between 5.00 and 6.00pm (before the 6.00pm Mass), and again on Sunday next 21 November at the same time. Thank you all.

Our *Winter Cinema for Children* kicks off today Sunday at 3.00pm with our new season of films, we will be showing '*Mary Poppins*'. All children who come to our Church are invited – no need to book, just come along, accompanied by an adult. Contact: [ludéfazio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ludéfazio@yahoo.co.uk)

#### ***Carols at Kensington High St Tube Station***

Our Sunday evening Choir and friends will be singing carols inside Kensington High St. Tube Station on **Saturday 27 November** from 2.00-5.00pm. Please come along and support them. Money raised will go to the *Catholic Children's Society*.

#### ***Carol Service in our Church***

Another date for your diaries: On **Sunday 12 December**, after the 6.00pm Mass, our Sunday evening Choir will perform an arrangement of your favourite carols with some special supporting accompaniments. This will be followed by refreshments. You are all invited.

#### ***Prisoners' Sunday***

Today is a Day of Prayer for **Prisoners and their Dependants**. We pray for the men, women and teenagers held in our prisons today. We pray also for prisoners' families, their mothers, fathers, children, wives and husbands, that they may be given the strength to deal with the stigma and pain of separation.

Sunday next 21 November, *Feast of Christ the King*, is **National Youth Day**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the Catholic Youth Service.