

Feasts/Memorials

May

Thursday 12 SS Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs/
St Pancras, Martyr
Friday 13 Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 14 St Matthias, Apostle

'With Hearts & Minds' - A Catechetical Session on the Mass
All Catechists and Readers: A date for your Diaries – Tuesday 17 May
from 7.00-9.00pm at our Carmelite Church, Kensington

A session offering catechists a time to engage with a systematic exploration of the teaching of the church, a time of prayer and space for reflection and discussion with other catechists. In this session, participants will come to a deeper understanding of the Mass, and how we *pray the Mass*. In view of the upcoming introduction of the new translation of the Missal later this year, all catechists, readers and others in the parish who are involved in liturgy are strongly advised to attend this meeting on 17 May. For enquiries: e-mail: Warren Brown: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call 020-7798-9150.

Visiting the Sick

If you know of any sick, elderly or housebound parishioner who would like a visit from a priest, please tell **Fr. Iain** at the Priory and he will be pleased to arrange for one of the Fathers to pay a visit.

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: Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8 May 2011 – Third Sunday of Easter

The Breaking of Bread

Our Gospel today concludes with the words: "*They recognised Him at the breaking of bread*". In the lexicon of the early Church the 'Breaking of Bread' was another name for the Eucharist or Mass.

We could perhaps ask ourselves the question: *Do I recognise Him when I come to Mass?* or: *What prevents me from recognising Him?*

Our story today can be helpful in confronting these questions. The story begins with two disciples who are feeling very down, rejected, hopes dashed and have taken the decision to walk away. Jesus is walking with them but they cannot recognise Him. Recognition does not come instantly, they must go on a journey. There are two parts or aspects to the journey.

Firstly, they must "*tell their story*". The first journey is back over their lives, exploring the causes and circumstances that led to their current situation. They must tell Jesus everything, allow him into every part of their history, reality and pain. This is a very difficult journey for all of us. There are places, circumstances and experiences we do not want to visit or even acknowledge. Yet if we fail to go there, our eyes remain shut to the presence of the healing and transforming of Jesus in our lives.

Secondly, they must be taught the scriptures. The journey through scripture will open their minds to receiving the wisdom and light of Jesus Christ. This is not just about knowledge of the word of God – it is about prayerfully listening to the word and letting the Word speak to us where we are now in our daily lives. We must listen to Jesus speaking to us as we journey through life and we must reflect on the events and circumstances of our lives in the light of the wisdom of scripture. If we fail to do this, there is a danger we are listening to the Jesus we invent in our heads and not to the real Jesus whom God reveals to us.

Another lesson this Gospel teaches us is that we cannot recognise the presence of Jesus in our lives without help. Help comes in various guises: Jesus Himself, the scriptures, other people, prayer, sacraments [especially the Eucharist]. If we go it alone like these two disciples, we will find ourselves going in the wrong direction. The correct direction is inward,

that is the direction this “stranger” guided the disciples during their conversation along the road – “*Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road*”. This “stranger” was taking them deep within themselves, helping them to discover the deeper truth of themselves and their reality and ultimately to discover the God who was within them and ever present in their lives.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Praying the Mass

Today we receive the **fourth** in our series of *Reflections on the Mass*. This one focuses on preparation for **Receiving Holy Communion**. You are advised to take it home with you and study it carefully.

Deanery of Kensington & Chelsea

The Forty Hours Devotion 2011

Praying for Evangelisation

Sunday 15th May from 6.30pm until Tuesday 17th May at 12 Noon

This year the **40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration** will take place at St Mary's Cadogan Street, London SW3. You will recall it was held in our Church last year. Several Churches in the Deanery are invited to be present for Adoration at specific times, and the date for parishioners from our **Carmelite Church is Sunday 15 May from 11pm-3am**. It is very important that we make every effort to comply with this request, and in this connection there is a list at the back of the Church for parishioners to pledge their name and time of attendance. People are also welcome to go along at any other time as well. Fr Matt

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday next 15 May is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the *Education of Priests*. 50% of the money collected goes to the Archdiocese of Westminster and 50% to the Carmelite Order. Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated.

'Mount Carmel' – A Review of the Spiritual Life

The latest issue of **'Mount Carmel' – A Review of the Spiritual Life** – is now available at Reception. As always, it is an excellent read with contributions by many well-known writers – highly recommended. Price £2.50.

Gathering for Young Married Couples

Our next **Gathering for Young Married Couples** will take place on Wednesday 18 May from 7.30-9.00pm. The gathering is a time when young couples come to the Carmelite Priory and enjoy friendly conversation over a glass of wine. We follow this with some input relevant to marriage or being parents, and general discussion. All young married couples who come to our Church are warmly invited. Fr Iain 07776-457392 iainmatthew@yahoo.com

Children's Painting Exhibition

in aid of The Catholic Children's Society

Children! Hope you are progressing with your painting/drawings for our **Annual Children's Painting Exhibition** in aid of *The Catholic Children's Society*, following any one of the following themes (1) *Jesus is risen !* (2) *Love and Peace*. (3) *Blessed Pope John Paul*. Your work can be handed in at any time c/o Fr Iain. Closing date: Ascension of the Lord, Sunday 5 June. Exhibition in the Priory: Pentecost Sunday 12 June, when Parishioners will have the opportunity to view your work and hopefully make a donation to the Catholic Children's Society.

Notices

- * Our **Young Adults Monday Group** will meet tomorrow, Monday 9 May at 7.30 for 8.00pm, in the Parish Centre. All young adults (18-30) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them for an evening of stimulating discussion on faith matters. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street.
- * *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*, Wednesday 11 May, 6.30-7.30pm.
- * **Mothers, Babies & Toddlers** Playgroup returns this Friday 13 May, from 3.30-5.00pm, following the Easter break. We welcome back our regular group, and new children very welcome also. Contact: Deirdre on 07946- 544398.
- * Our next *Parish Advisory Group Meeting* will be on Sunday 22 May at 7.00pm in the Priory. If anyone has any matters they would like raised at this meeting, kindly hand them in at Reception, attention Fr Matt.