

Feasts/Memorials

May

Wednesday	25	St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin – Carmelite/ St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor
Thursday	26	St Philip Neri, Priest
Friday	27	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Feast
Tuesday	31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

June

Wednesday	1	St Justin, Martyr
Thursday	2	SS Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
Friday	3	SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

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 and Carmelite Fathers – highly recommended. Price £2.50.

Readers Required

We need some more Readers for our 12.15pm and 6.00pm week-day Masses. If you would like to be considered for this very important ministry in the Mass, please contact Rita on 020-7727-6554.

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 (<i>Vigil for Sunday</i>)
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10.00am (<i>with Choir</i>) 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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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22 May 2011 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Mass

For us Catholics, the Mass is the centre of our Christian lives. Attending Mass on Sunday defines us as Catholics. Despite the fact that we attend Mass regularly, some of us all our lives, the Mass can sometimes [or frequently!] be uninspiring, not life-giving, boring, just a duty to be fulfilled etc.

There is a question in today’s Gospel that we could ask ourselves: **“Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?”** This is an astonishing question. Philip is one of Jesus’ twelve Apostles, one of the people closest to Jesus during his life and ministry; how could he possibly not know Jesus! Perhaps we could rephrase the question for ourselves:

Have I not been nourishing you with my word and my body and blood every time you come to the Eucharist and you still do not know me?

Have I given you my Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation and you still do not know me?

Have I not given you the gift of grace to live a Christian life and you still do not know me?

The response that Jesus gives to Philip can help us to make our Sunday Eucharist a richer and more life-giving experience. The response is an invitation to enter into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus and to partake in the work of Jesus in our world. A Sunday Eucharist is a gathering together of those who have a deep personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship that has been nourished with prayer, scripture reflection and Christian living throughout the week. The Sunday Eucharist is a celebration of the Christian lives that all those present have been living since the last gathering for the Eucharist.

Our participation in the Eucharist is not confined to the hour we spend in Church each Sunday. Jesus gave his disciples the Eucharist at the Last Supper but it is a celebration of his death and resurrection – his greatest work. In our Gospel today he tells us: **“I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works because I am going to the Father”**.

Lord. Following this we will have the *Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul* on Wednesday 29 June.

We cannot claim to do greater work than Jesus but Jesus, working through us as Church, continues his work of saving the world [*“When we eat this bread and drink this blood, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again”*]. Those who partake in the Eucharist carry on the work of Jesus in this world.

Jesus in his response to Philip, shows us that this is how God intended it to be: *“It is the Father living in me, who is doing this work”*. The Eucharist is not just an event that takes place every Sunday, it is a mystery that is lived out every day in the life of a Christian.

I invite you to take with you today a copy of a **Pastoral Letter** from the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales on the **New Translation of the Roman Missal**. It is intended for next Sunday 29th May but we know that many people are away next Sunday because of the Bank Holiday, so we give it to you today. [There will be no newsletter next Sunday].

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Children’s First Holy Communion

On Sunday 12 June and Sunday 19 June at the 10.00am Mass in our Church, a group of children from this Parish will receive **First Holy Communion**. You are all invited to be present at the Mass and we ask you please to pray for these children on this special day in their lives, and to pray also for their families and Catechists.

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 Iain or Fr Matt without delay so that marriage preparation and all the paperwork can be completed well in advance.

Solemnities in June

The following are Solemnities celebrated on four consecutive Sundays in June as follows:- Sunday 5 June, Ascension of the Lord; Sunday 12 June, Pentecost Sunday; Sunday 19 June, The Most Holy Trinity, and Sunday 26 June, Corpus Christi, Most Holy Body & Blood of the

Children’s Painting Exhibition in aid of The Catholic Children’s Society

Children! Only two more weeks to go to the closing date of Sunday 5 June for handing in your painting/drawings for our **Annual Children’s Painting Exhibition**. The suggested themes are: (1) *Jesus is risen !* (2) *Love and Peace*. (3) *Blessed Pope John Paul*. **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. Thanks to those who have already handed in their work. Fr Iain

Care of your Belongings in Church

Warning! Unfortunately from time to time there are thieves operating in this Church. So please take great care of your money and personal possessions and be particularly careful with handbags – do not leave them unattended whilst in Church. *Thank you.*

Notices

- * Our **Young Adults Monday Group** will meet tomorrow, Monday 23 May at 7.45pm sharp, in the Parish Centre. (Please note the earlier time, for this week only). All young adults (18-30) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt St.
- * **Parents/Babies & Toddlers Play Group** every Friday from 3.30-5.00pm. New children very welcome (no admission fee). Enquiries: Deirdre on: 07946-544398
- * We thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the *Education of Priests* on Sunday last, Vocations Sunday. The amount collected was **£1,020.72**.
- * Please note, on Monday 30 May, Bank Holiday, our Church will close at 1.00pm. Masses will be at: 9.00am and 12.15pm.
- * Your next Newsletter will be on Sunday 5 June, Ascension of the

Lord. It is also *World Communications Day*, and there will be a Special Collection after all Masses for *Catholic Communications*.