



Even Moses and Elijah are inferior to Jesus, and their lives and teaching can only be properly understood with the light and wisdom that comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus. Moses and Elijah listened to the voice of God and acted upon it. All Christians, all disciples of Jesus, are successors of Moses and Elijah. The voice we hear is the voice of Jesus, a voice that speaks most clearly and most profoundly from the Cross and in the Resurrection. When we contemplate Jesus on the Cross and profess our faith in the Resurrection, we need to hear the words of God the Father: *“This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to Him”*.

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

### **Lent in the Carmelite Church**

#### **1. Opportunities for Prayer**

**Monday – Thursday:** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
6.30-7.30pm (after the 6.00pm Mass).

**Fridays:** *Stations of the Cross* 6.30pm (after the 6.00pm Mass)

#### **2. Conferences**

Three conferences by Fr Matt, *Looking at the Scriptures* and how they help us grow in faith on 10, 17 & 22 March. The third and final session will take place this **Tuesday 22 March** 7.30-8.30pm. All are invited.

#### **3. There will be two conferences inspired by the teaching of **St John of the Cross** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, led by Fr Matt, on:**

**Thursday 14 April** 7.30-8.30pm

**Tuesday 19 April** 7.30-8.30pm

**“Faithful Pilgrim” Lent Group:** Fridays mornings 9.15-9.45 at the Priory. All are invited. Enquiries, Fr Iain

### ***Lenten Fast Day for CAFOD***

Friday last, 18 March, was **Lenten Fast Day for CAFOD**, and today Sunday there will be a collection after all Masses when your fast day offerings for CAFOD will be taken up. Your kind generosity towards this very worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.

### **Lenten Alms**

This year the two charities Archbishop Vincent has chosen to benefit from the **Lenten Alms** collected in the parishes are (1) **The St John Southworth Fund**, which has been set up to support the work of parishes, organisations or individuals across a range of issues, and (2) **Friends of the Holy Land**, of which Archbishop Vincent is a Patron, together with Archbishop Patrick Kelly. The objectives are to raise awareness of the difficulties that the Christian Community in the Holy Land is experiencing. Throughout Lent there will be an Alms Box at the back of our Church for your donations towards these charities.

### ***Young Adults Monday Group***

Our **Young Adults Monday Group** will meet tomorrow Monday 21 March at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, when they continue with the Diocese of Westminster’s ‘**Faithful Pilgrim**’ programme. All young adults who come to our Church are very welcome to join them.

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In preparation for Easter, Fr Matt will lead our Monday Group on a **Retreat** from Friday 1 April – Sunday 3 April at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford. For more information and to book a place, contact Gary Clarke [garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk)

### ***Parish Notices***

- \* **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 will have our *Parish Gathering* after the 10.00am Mass this morning, when you are all invited downstairs for tea/coffee and to socialise with your friends.
- \* **Gift Aid Boxes:** Will those Parishioners who give donations to the Church by weekly **Gift Aid** kindly collect their boxes of envelopes for the new financial year from our Reception Desk as soon as possible. please.
- \* Our *Parish Advisory Group* Meeting will take place this (Sunday) evening, 20 March at 7.00pm.

**Reminder:** British Summer time begins next week-end 27 March. So please remember to **put your clocks forward by one hour** on Saturday night 26<sup>th</sup> March !