

Feasts/Memorials

February

Monday	14	SS Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe
Thursday	17	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday	19	Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Year of Service at SPEC

SPEC is part of the Diocese of Westminster's Agency for Evangelisation and provides a ministry to children and young people through residential and Day Retreat Programmes for parishes and schools. We are looking for committed young Catholics, aged 18-25 who are enthusiastic about working with children and young people, to join our Resident Volunteer Team for 2011-2012. Our website has an informative section on volunteering – go to www.spec.org.uk/volunteer to find out more about our community, our mission, life as a volunteer and how to apply. Alternatively call 01727-829223 to speak to Jon Rogers, SPEC Director.

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. He will be very pleased 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 on Wednesdays 6.30-8.00pm

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13 February 2011 - 6th Sunday of the Year

The Mass

You may be aware that this autumn throughout the English speaking world we will begin using a new translation of the Mass. The official text of the Mass throughout the western Catholic Church is in Latin and then translated into the various other languages. The translation we currently use was done in the early 1970s and is now being replaced. However, the Church is very keen to ensure that this is not just a change in words but an opportunity for all of us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of this great gift that Jesus Christ gave to us and has been faithfully handed down to us by earlier generations.

Each month for the next five months we will be given a reflection page to help us reflect on one particular aspect of the Mass. This month we are asked to reflect on the Opening Rites of the Mass. The main elements are:

Gathering: We come together as a community from a vast variety of personal and family situations, employment, schools, colleges, social and cultural lives, life experience etc. We bring our gifts, our joys, our problems, our worries, our dreams and our relationships. We make the journey to Church filled with faith and hope, we pray and reflect silently and we open our hearts to what God will give us in this Eucharist. At some of our Masses all this is brought together and expressed in an opening hymn.

Penitential Rite: We always come before God as sinners. The Eucharist is the sacrament of forgiveness. We truthfully review the past week, we sincerely ask pardon for our sins and we pray that our hearts may be transformed by God's mercy.

Gloria: This song of praise, worship and thanksgiving begins with the words the Angels sang as they announced the good news of the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. The words of the *GLORIA* are a powerful reminder to us of where we are, in whose presence we are in and of the attitude that should now be in our minds and hearts.

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Collect (opening prayer): The priest now gathers together the prayers of the whole community with the words: *Let us pray*. After a period of silence, this prayer expresses the main theme of our celebration, usually by recalling one of the great deeds of God or one of his promises. For example, today's "*Collect*" recalls the promise of God *to remain forever with those who do what is right and just*.

This is then followed by a prayer of petition. Today's is a short but very profound one: *help us to live in your presence*. Prayerful reading and reflection on the "*Collect*" is a very enriching way to prepare for our Sunday Mass.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Vocations week-end

with the Religious of the Assumption

On the week-end of 4th-6th March there will be a **Vocations Week-end** at the Convent of the Assumption, 20 Kensington Square, London W8, for Women aged 18-35 who are open to considering whether they may be called to Religious Life. For more information contact: assumptionsisters@gmail.com or Telephone: 07503-241127.

Mass for the Sick and Elderly at Westminster Cathedral

There will be **Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes** on Saturday next 19 February at Westminster Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. **The Sacrament of the Sick** will be administered at this Mass. All are welcome.

NHS Catholic Healthcare Workers: After the Mass for the Sick at Westminster Cathedral, there will be a meeting of all *Catholic Healthcare Staff* in the Cathedral Hall.

'Mount Carmel' – A Review of the Spiritual Life

The Spring 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.

*** Exposition and Benediction Holy Hour** each Friday, 6.30-7.30pm.
Prayer for *Vocations to Religious Life*.

Young Adults in the West, with Bishop Alan Hopes
Sunday 6 March, Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, W6

On Sunday 6 March all young adults (aged 17-35) are invited to join Bishop Alan Hopes for an evening at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green. The evening will begin with Mass at 6.00pm, followed by a time for food, discussion, faith sharing and socialising. The theme of the evening will be "*Solid as a Rock*", which draws upon the Gospel of the Day [Matthew 7:21-27]. For more information, contact David Burke, Director of Youth Ministry, on 020-7798-9357. email: davidburke@rcdow.org.uk

Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Married couples in the Diocese of Westminster who will be celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ Wedding Anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2011, will be invited by Archbishop Vincent Nichols to a **Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony** at Westminster Cathedral. This will take place on **Saturday 11 June 2011 at 3.00pm**. If you qualify, please don't delay in submitting all details to me, Fr Matt, at the Carmelite Priory. You will need to provide: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, telephone number and email if you have one.
(Fr Matt)

Young Adults Monday Group

Our **Young Adults Monday Group** will meet tomorrow Monday 14 February at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Parish Centre for their weekly meeting. The theme this week will be "**Love your Enemies**", and they will reflect on and discuss next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew's 5:38-48). All young adults (18-30) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them.

Parish Notices

- * We will have our *Parish Gathering* on Sunday next 20 February after the 10.00am Mass, when you are all invited downstairs for tea/coffee and to socialise with your friends.

Sunday next 20 February is **Education Sunday**. There will be a Special Collection after all Masses for the *Catholic Education Service*.