

<u>June</u>		<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Monday	20	St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain
Tuesday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Wednesday	22	SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs, Solemnity
Thursday	23	St Etheldreda, Abbess
Friday	24	Nativity of St John the Baptist – Solemnity

- * We will have our monthly ***Parish Gathering*** on Sunday next 26 June, after the 10.00am Mass – when you are all invited downstairs to the Parish Centre for tea/coffee and to socialise with your friends.

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 arrange for one of the Fathers to pay a visit.

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

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 <i>Latin Choir</i> 12.15pm, 6.00pm <i>Young Adults Choir</i>
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

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19 June 2011 – The Most Holy Trinity

“Tongues of Fire” – Young Adults

Looking around our Church we see many people who are aged 20-40 – the majority are single – from every nation, walk of life and background. This is the time in life for taking responsibility, making life-long decisions and commitment. It is the time when habits and attitudes are formed or reformed, when lifestyles are experimented with and discerned, and it is frequently a time of rapid change, insecurity and doubt. These are people who live very full and busy lives, interact with many people, travel widely and hold positions of responsibility, power and influence in social, political, economic and educational settings.

We are fortunate and blessed to have so many of these people in our Church. Last week I began speaking about the **“Tongues of Fire”** [signs of the Holy Spirit] that we have in our Church and you are the people I wish to celebrate today. I was first appointed to Oxford in 1989, one of the first Retreats I was involved in was for a group of **young adults from this Church**. So there is a long history of welcome and spiritual support for this age group in our Church.

The **“Monday Group”** plays a particularly important role. It is not a prayer group or a study group [though it does both of these], it is a faith support group, with a strong emphasis on sharing and developing faith. Through weekly meetings and twice yearly Retreats, many young adults are supported in their faith and given the encouragement and formation to live their faith in a mature and deep way.

From the Monday Group has emerged our annual **Carmelite Youth Day**. This is an opportunity for the Monday Group to share its experience with many other young adults, some of whom come to this Church and many others from all over London and beyond. These days are opportunities to share the richness of the Carmelite tradition – each year we take a Carmelite saint as our inspiration and share some of his/her experience and teaching.

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While the post-university, early work, pre-marriage years are a time when some young adults drift away from their faith, they are also years when many rediscover the faith they received as children and grow into a more mature and deeper faith. Also quite a few discover faith for the first time in these early adult years [the vast majority of people in our **RCIA** are aged 20-40].

Your presence in Church is an inspiration and a witness to the power and value of Christian faith. Never underestimate the difference this makes to society. You are in a unique position to influence and challenge others; the world and Church of tomorrow is very much in your hands and needs your leadership and influence. This is a work of the Holy Spirit and you are the Spirit's "**Tongues of Fire**" reaching out to people in every facet of society.

Finally, while all the above is a work of the Holy Spirit, none of it would be possible without committed and wise leadership. The Carmelite Church's mission to young adults has been blessed over the years with a succession of very inspiring leaders. That is especially true today.

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Br. Alex Ezechukwu OCD will make his final profession here in our Church at the 12.15pm Mass on Saturday 2 July. You are all invited to this very special and joyful occasion, and I hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Spirit in the City

A Festival of Christian Faith in the Heart of London hosted by Catholic Churches in the West End, from Wednesday next 22 June – Saturday 25 June, with Masses and Ceremonies taking place in four West End Churches: Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick St; Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane; Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place; and St Patrick's Church, Soho Square. For full details of the events, visit: www.spiritinthecity.org (see also leaflet on our Church notice-board).

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You are particularly reminded of a special event on Friday 24th at 20.45 at Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, when Fr Iain Matthew of our Church will give a Talk entitled "**Living the Grace of the Present Moment**" (*How does the resurrection touch our lives?*). There will be small group discussion and Night Prayer. All are warmly invited.

Children's First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the group of children from this Parish who received **First Holy Communion** on Sunday last. And today, at our 10 o'clock Mass a further group will receive First Holy Communion. We ask you to please pray for these children on this special day in their lives, and to pray also for their families.

Our Catechists

On behalf of all the parish, we wish to thank those who have taught catechism to the children of the parish during this year. Their dedication, faith and care has been a tremendous source of blessing. We pray that they in turn will be deeply blessed. (Fr Iain)

Our Monday Group

Our *Young Adults Monday Group* will meet at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Parish Centre tomorrow Monday evening. They will be leading an evening of *Praise and Worship*. All young adults (18-30) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt St.

Notices

- * There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6.30-7.30pm this coming week (but not on Friday).

Solemnities: Sunday next 26 June, is the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi, Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord**. And on Wednesday 29 June we will celebrate the **Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul** - which will be a Holy Day of Obligation and also *a special day of Prayer for our Holy Father Pope Benedict*.

Peter's Pence Collection

There will be the customary **Peter's Pence** Collection after all Masses on Sunday next 26 June, for the special charities of our Holy Father the Pope.

Funeral Mass

On Tuesday next 21 June, the 12.15pm Mass will be a **Funeral Mass** for **Carol Howard RIP**

Today is **Fathers' Day**. We wish all fathers who come to our Church
A Very Happy Day