

Feasts/Memorials

Monday	19	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
Tuesday	20	SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday	21	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Feast
Friday	23	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)
Saturday	24	Our Lady of Walsingham

Friday Abstinence from 16 September 2011

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the practice of abstinence from meat on Fridays be introduced as the common act of **Friday Penance** from Friday 16 September 2011 (i.e. Friday last). If you do not eat meat, some other food should be sacrificed on Fridays. This small act of penance serves to join us all together in remembering Christ's suffering, and in joining in solidarity with those who lack the food they would like. However small this effort may be, the bishops see a real value in having an act of penance which the whole Catholic community does together on the same day.

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.

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: Fridays 6.30.7.30pm – for Vocations
 to the Priesthood and Religious Profession.

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18 September 2011 – 25th Sunday of the Year

A View for the Jew

Many people sense that being Carmelite means somehow being caught up with a life of prayer – and they would be correct. But what does this freely-chosen lifestyle consist of? Essentially, as a community, we gather each day to recite and sing what is called the **Prayer of the Church**. Two primary hours that are celebrated are in the morning and in the evening. This consists of a simple structure: we gather in our private Hermann Cohen chapel each morning and evening, to praise and petition God. We listen to God’s word proclaimed, and steep this word in silent recollection to move our hearts.

The praise is in the form of recitation of psalms and canticles from sacred scripture. The petitionary form is similar to the *Prayers of the Faithful* you often hear at Mass. So we listen to a reading from God's word and we reflect on that reading in silent reverence. Is that all we do? Not all, but I thought I'd introduce you to the simplicity of some part of our way of praying. Our togetherness in prayer encompasses the mind of the Church through this simple regular practice of the Prayer of the Church. Some of you may even remember Evensong, or Vespers as it is commonly called today. We still celebrate these prayerful moments as part of our commitment to a life of prayer for the Church, and for you as perhaps busy schedules form habits difficult to make space and time to be present to God. We are called to hallow these hours for the Church, for the Order, for everyone, if only to symbolise the rising and dying of Christ – rise to good news to encourage the letting go of what disrupts this in our journey. Simply put, we let God's word disturb our comfort zones. By our fidelity to these hours that can become dry and difficult for all kinds of reasons, we stammer, struggle and strain to ponder God's word – “ever ancient, ever new” to grow in friendship with God and others.

Fr Anthony Parsons OCD, Prior

New Liturgy - The Creed – “I believe”

The first words of **the Creed** are one of several changes to that text. When the Creed was proclaimed by the bishops at the Council of Nicea (325 AD) they used the first person, **I**. We have been used to saying “*We believe*” and it is true that we do share the same faith we proclaim. Yet we cannot speak for another person in exactly the same way as I speak for myself. I have to proclaim my personal faith and take responsibility for how I live it, not anyone else. You will notice other changes too in the Creed, all trying to come closer to the original text.

‘Little Way Week’ – Witness Through Service

As announced in our earlier Newsletters, the week of **1-7 October** has been declared “**Little Way Week**”, inspired by the spiritual teaching of **St Thérèse of Lisieux**, and aims to encourage everyone to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ through seven days of service, called “*Witness Through Service*”. Details of events in our Church during this period will be announced in next week’s Newsletter.

‘A Thérèse Day’ at the Carmelite Church Kensington

“**Thérèse, A Saint for our Times**” - All are invited to ‘**A Thérèse Day**’ on Saturday 8 October 2011 here in our Church, with various speakers, including a Talk by: Fr Iain Matthew, OCD, with the participation of: **Monsignor Keith Barltrop**, St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, and **Fr Patrick Lemoine**, Composer of Songs on Thérèse, Notre Dame de Vie, Lisieux. Further details and times of the day’s events will appear in next week’s Newsletter. Contact: Michele Matthews: email michelematthews@hotmail.fr or monivarenne@yahoo.fr

Vocations Weekend with the Religious of the Assumption

For women aged 18-38 there will be a **Vocations Weekend** from Saturday 15 October [10.30am] to Sunday 16 October [2.00pm] at the **Convent of the Assumption**, 20 Kensington Square, London W8. For more information, contact: assumptionsisters@gmail.com or: 0750 3241 127. See also poster on our Church notice-board.

Sunday Evening’s Social Gathering – 18 September

At **7.00pm this (Sunday) evening** (immediately after the 6.00 o’clock Mass) all young adults are invited to a special **Social Evening in the Parish Centre**. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young people, share some food and drink, and learn about exciting ways to get involved in parish life. You can also discover more about the Monday Group and next month’s *Carmelite Youth Day* which will take place on Saturday 15 October, Feast of St Teresa of Avila.

Young Adults Monday Group

Tomorrow, at 7.30 for 8.00pm, our Monday Group (young adults faith support group) will begin a three-part series “*The Kingdom of God*”, as it reflects on Jesus’ teachings through parables. During this first session the group will listen to and discuss the “*Parable of the Two Sons*” (next Sunday’s Gospel reading). All young adults are very welcome to come along and join them in the Parish Centre (entrance via Pitt Street).

Mothers/Babies & Toddlers Playgroup

Our **Playgroup** for children up to 3 years of age will start tomorrow Monday 19 September from 10.30-11.30 am. Please note the new time. This week’s session will take place in the Priory. (Please ring doorbell by Crucifix). We welcome back our regular children, and new children very welcome also. For details contact Deirdra on 07946-544398, email: deirdracottrill@hotmail.co.uk or Angie: angie.birch@hotmail.co.uk

A Special Invitation to our Adult & Senior Parishioners

A date for your Diaries: On Saturday 22 October all Adult & Senior Parishioners are invited to our **12.15 Mass** which will be followed by **tea and cakes in the Refectory**. As in the past, some very willing and helpful students from the LSE will be on hand to chat and entertain you. Do please come along. *Fr Iain*

Notices

- * All are invited to our **Holy Hour** with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for *Vocations to the Religious Profession* from 6.30-7.30pm on Friday next 23 September.