

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17 June 2012 – Eleventh Sunday of the Year

The Eucharist

In Ireland the 54th **International Eucharistic Congress** draws to a close. As an international event, various speakers were invited from all walks of life to reflect on the theme: “The Eucharistic: Communion with Christ and with one another”. These talks can be accessed on the website: <http://www.iec2012.ie>

For me this international gathering seems to be focused on the hope that a particular Christian sense of lifestyle is borne from participation in the Eucharist. The assumption is that those who take part in the Eucharist will help inform themselves of choices they need to make. Not only this but will receive the help to carry change through when needed.

YouTubing the event, I could not help but think that, in this year celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the second Vatican Council, questions relating to the identity of what it means to be Church automatically arise when reflecting on the nature of Eucharist. The Congress is one more event that helps us see that the Church is not really Church if “she” is not celebrating the Eucharist. Paul, in his *Letter to the Corinthians*, used the theme of unity found in the gathering around the table of the Lord. In their midst the rich were ignoring the needs of the poor called to work later than they in the fields. They seem to have a meal laid on for all but did not wait for all to arrive. So when the poorer among them arrived, the food had been well dipped into!

Paul does not lose time in pointing out and questioning is what they celebrate the Lord’s supper? The Eucharist can change our lifestyle because it is Christ we receive who challenges how we can live differently and for the better. This Sunday we witness again children receiving their **First Holy Communion**. Perhaps this too will make us reflect on whether or not we do take part in the Eucharist, aware of the grace available that can help influence our lifestyles because Christ desires to be part of our lives.

(Fr Prior)

June

Feasts/Memorials

Tuesday	19	St Romuald, Abbot
Wednesday	20	St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain
Thursday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Friday	22	St John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs, Solemnity
Saturday	23	St Etheldreda (Audrey) Abbess/ Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekday Readers required

We need more readers for our **Weekday Masses**, particularly 12.15 and 6.00pm. If you would like to be considered for this very important ministry in the Mass, please contact Rita on 020-7727-6554, email: rmcdonagh34@btinternet.com

Phyllis Bowman RIP – National Memorial Service

The many friends of the late Phyllis Bowman DSG may like to know that on Tuesday 3 July at 5.30pm, the Most Rev Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Cathedral for the repose of Phyllis’ soul and give thanks to God for her remarkable contribution to the *Pro-Life Cause* and much more. All are most welcome.

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 (some Latin) 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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Confirmation

On Saturday next 23 June at 3.00pm, in our Church, a group of young people from our parish and other parishes in the Deanery will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** from **Bishop Alan Hopes**. We ask you please to keep all of these young people in your prayers on this very important occasion in their lives, also their families and sponsors.

(Fr Iain)

Ordination of Br Alex Ezechukwu

On Saturday 30 June, at the 12.15 Mass, **Br Alex Ezechukwu will be ordained a Carmelite priest here at Kensington**. You are all invited to the Ordination. *Please keep Br Alex in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the priestly ministry.*

Youth 2000 Summer Festival:

Searchlight@Walsingham 23-27 August 2012

If you're 16-35 and want a new and impacting experience of your faith at a 5-day event with hundreds of other young adults, then come to **'Searchlight@Walsingham2012'**. During this time you will meet new people, hear powerful speakers, attend prayer times with inspiring and uplifting worship music, be in God's presence through Adoration day or night. Have great fun and a life-changing experience!

Check it out on: www.youth2000.org or call the National Office: 020-8675-2743 for more information.

'Mount Carmel' – A Review of the Spiritual Life

The April-June issue of **'Mount Carmel – A Review of the Spiritual Life'**, is now available from our Repository. This edition is devoted specifically to *Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life*, and contains in-depth articles by some well-known writers. It is an excellent read and highly recommended. Price £2.50.

'Story of a Soul' - St Thérèse of Lisieux

Tomorrow Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 June at 8.00pm, at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho Square, London W1, there will be a play by Michel Pascal, based on the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux, with Eva Hernandez playing the lead. All are invited, no entrance fee but donations welcome. Nearest tube station: Tottenham Court Road. Contact: storyofasoul_london@hotmail.co.uk

A Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD, will lead a Pilgrimage to **Avila, Segovia and Toledo from 30 September – 7 October 2013**. For full details of prices, flights, etc., please contact Pax Travel Ltd at 152-156 Kentish Town Road, London NW1 9QB. Tel: 020-7485-3003. email: info@paxtravel.co.uk See also poster on our Church notice-boards.

Our Repository

We would remind you that our Repository at the back of the Church is now fully operational again and has large stocks of *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation Cards* available, at very competitive prices. Also rosaries, statues, crucifixes etc. and many more items suitable for gifts for your family and friends.

Notices

Monthly Coffee Morning: Due to a further group of children making their First Holy Communion at the 10 o'clock Mass this morning, it has been decided to defer the Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre to Sunday next 24 June, after the 10 o'clock Mass.

Nativity of St John the Baptist

Sunday next 24 June is the **Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist**. Readings at all Masses will be those of the Solemnity.