

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24 June 2012 – Nativity of St John the Baptist

### June

### Feasts/Memorials

Wednesday 27 St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr - Solemnity  
Thursday 28 St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr  
Friday 29 St SS Peter & Paul, Apostles – Solemnity  
Saturday 30 Protomartyrs of the Holy Roman Church/  
Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### ***Our Repository***

Please note our Repository at the back of the Church is now fully operational again and has large stocks of rosaries, statues, crucifixes etc. and many more items suitable for gifts for your family and friends – all available at very competitive prices.

### **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](http://www.youth2000.org) or call the National Office: 020-8675-2743.

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 <b><i>Young Adults Choir</i></b>
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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## *Sacramental Moments*

Over the past two weeks, as a Parish Community, we have been privileged to celebrate the **First Holy Communion** of your children. They were truly wonderful celebrations and we continue to pray that it will be an experience lasting a lifetime for them all.

This week-end also witnesses 80 young people celebrating their **Confirmation** with Bishop Alan Hopes. With their reception of the holy oil of chrism, they are being equipped with the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. Unknown to them at the moment, these young people will be gifted with everything they need including the ability to listen and act upon God's call in their lives. Pray that the Spirit of Christ will increase as they continue to journey with our believing community identifying God's will in their young lives.

I am sure you will all be delighted to learn that not only are we celebrating these sacraments of initiation but also a sacrament of Vocation. **Br Alex Ezechukwu**, who is spending the next week with us, will be celebrating his **Ordination**. With his guests arriving, our community life is taking on an international feel. On **Saturday next 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12 Noon**, Br. Alex, currently studying in Rome – biblical studies – will be ordained a **Disalced Carmelite Priest by Bishop Philip Boyce OCD**. It is a unique moment for us as Carmelites to witness another young man step forward and make such a commitment. For those among us worried about the future, Br. Alex provides us with a little kick and is a sign that there are young men "out there" willing to join and live our life. Br. Alex is a reminder of the fruit of prayer. His enthusiasm, obvious love for what he does, and youthfulness, will bring new life to the Order. We invite you to join him in this special moment.

**Sacramental moments** are the ordinary times we encounter and experience the living nature of God's love for us. May our children continue to be open to the guidance of the Spirit of Christ and become a living sign of God's presence by the way they live. May **Br. Alex** grow into his vocation as priest and truly pastor those whom he will minister to in the time allotted to him. I would like to welcome his family among us and say thank you for helping Alex towards this profound moment in his life. May the Lord bring about many blessings to all of us through his ministry.

(Fr Prior)

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### **Living Faith 2012**

**A Conference on Catholic Faith** will take place at Heythrop College, Kensington Square, W8 5HN, from Friday 14 to Monday 1 September '12. Open to all, *Living Faith* 2012 promises to be a stimulating and exciting long week-end for everyone interested in growing in a knowledge and love of our Catholic faith. For full details visit [www.livingtheology.org.uk](http://www.livingtheology.org.uk) or: [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) **A Year of Faith**, beginning in October 2012, has recently been proclaimed by Pope Benedict.

### **Phyllis Bowman RIP – National Memorial Service**

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 the soul of Phyllis Bowman DSG, who died recently, and give thanks to God for her remarkable contribution to the *Pro-Life Cause* and much more. All are most welcome.

### **Independence Day Party**

The "Friends of Westminster Cathedral" are holding an ***Independence Day Party*** on Wednesday 4 July from 6.30-8.30pm in the Courtyard at Clergy House, Westminster (weather permitting). There will be a glass of bubbly with eats and some delightful singing to enjoy. Tickets £10 available from the Friends' Office, 42 Francis Street, London SW1. Tel: 020-7798-9059. [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk)

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- \* We will have our *Coffee Morning* after the 10 o'clock Mass this morning – postponed from Sunday last on account of the Children's First Holy Communion.

### **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](mailto:info@paxtravel.co.uk) See also poster on our Church notice-boards.

### ***The "Westminster Record"***

Please note the July edition of the "**Westminster Record**" is now available from the back of the Church. This monthly publication, distributed by Westminster Cathedral to every parish in the Diocese, covers a wide range of Catholic features, lectures, regular news on Vocations etc. This month's issue has an in-depth article on **The Carmelite Charism** by our *Carmelite Sisters at Ware*. (see back page). Edited by Bishop John Arnold with contributions from several reliable sources, it is an excellent newspaper and highly recommended - *at 20p, it is incredible value for money!*

### **'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. As always, a superb read. Price £2.50.

### **Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul**

Friday next 29 June is the **Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul** – and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in our Church will be as follows: Vigil Mass on Thursday 28 June at 6.00pm, and on Friday: 8.00am, 12.15 and 6.00pm. **Friday abstinence** is not adhered to on the Feast.

### ***Peter's Pence Collection***

There will be the customary **Peter's Pence** Collection after all Masses on Sunday next 1 July for the special charities of our Holy Father the Pope.