

Feasts/Memorials

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

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The **RCIA** programme will run in the Priory from October 2010 until Easter 2011. It is intended for: (a) Adults who wish to be baptised; (b) Adult Catholics who are baptised but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation; (c) Members of other Christian Churches who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. For information and to apply, please contact Fr Matt at: matthewblake@rcdow.org.uk

A Night at the Opera – in aid of The Passage

On Thursday 7 October at 7.30pm, at the Southbank Centre, Royal Festival Hall, there will be a concert in aid of **The Passage** (helping homeless people for 30 years). Griff Rhys Jones will host the evening of operatic hits, featuring Puccini's '*La Boheme*', Mozart's '*The Marriage of Figaro*' and Bizet's '*Carmen*', plus much more. Tickets from £10 - £49. Pre-concert Reception: £25. To purchase tickets, call The Passage on 020-7592-1856. email: tickets@passage.org.uk Please see poster on our Church notice-board.

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 **Sung**, 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 from 6.30-8.00pm
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Our Lady OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19 September 2010 - 25th Sunday of the Year

Blessed John Henry Newman

Today John Henry Newman is being **Beatified in Birmingham by Pope Benedict**. From an early age the thinking and theology of Pope Benedict have been deeply influenced by Cardinal Newman. Therefore this event has great personal significance for the Holy Father. This is the first time a Beatification has ever taken place on English soil and it is taking place in the city of Birmingham where Newman lived and ministered from 1848 until his death in 1890. For the Mass of Beatification they are using the same scripture readings as are used throughout the Church today. Therefore it is appropriate for us to listen to **Blessed John Henry Newman's** reflection on today's Gospel:

"Such will the holy truths of the Gospel ever appear to those who live to this world, whether they love its pleasures, its comforts, its prizes, or its struggles; their eyes are waxen gross, they cannot see Christ spiritually. When they see Him, there is no beauty in Him that they should desire Him. Thus they become unbelieving. In our Lord's words, '*No servant can serve two masters*: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and desire the other. *Ye cannot serve God and mammon*'. When he said this, the Pharisees *derided Him*. And he said unto them, 'Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God'. God grant that we may not be of those who 'justify themselves before men' and 'deride' those who preach the severe doctrine of the cross! God grant that, if we have misgivings about the corruptions and defects of the religion now so popular among us, we may have the grace forthwith to desire honestly to know God's will! God grant that we may not attempt to deceive our consciences, and to reconcile together, by some artifice or other, the service of this world and of God! God grant that we may not pervert and dilute his holy word, and put upon it the false interpretations of men, reason ourselves out of its strictness, and reduce religion to an ordinary common-place matter – instead of thinking it what it *is*, a mysterious and supernatural subject, as distinct from anything that lies on the surface of this world, as day is from night and heaven from earth!" This sermon was preached by Newman while he was Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, the University Church in Oxford.

His congregation, undergraduates and people of Oxford, were living in a world steeped in Christianity and Christian traditions and thinking. It was a world that would change drastically during Newman's lifetime and he would find himself having to face many new questions.

Many years later, as a Catholic Priest, he would reflect on these changes and the kind of world that was emerging and where he felt [or feared] it might lead to and how Christianity itself will be challenged. He summed it up like this: "*Christianity has never yet had experience of a world simply irreligious*". We could argue that we are now living in the kind of world Newman predicted [and feared!]. We live in a world where many people have no concept of religious belief, no idea of a God or what "revealed" religion might mean. Newman's life is a story of controversies and challenges, it is also a story of growing and deepening faith and a clear and profound articulation of that faith. His experience is a guide and encouragement to us, he does not give us all the answers but he gives us the courage and the direction to seek them. Newman was never afraid of new questions or painful decisions – for him this is where the cross was, it is in the midst of what is most painful that we are closest to our Saviour and to salvation.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Cardinal Newman's Prayer : *Radiating Christ*

Dear Jesus,

Help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Thy spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus!
Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as thou shinest, so to shine as to be a light to others; the light, O Jesus, will be all from Thee; none of it will be mine; it will be Thou shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise Thee in the way Thou dost love best by shining on those around me.
Let me preach Thee without preaching, not by words but by example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to Thee.

Amen

The British Association of Iconographers :

A Day with Guillem Ramos-Poquí

On Saturday 2 October, at the Carmelite Priory, Guillem Ramos-Poquí, Artist and Iconographer, will give a Presentation (organised by the British Association of Iconographers) on the process and techniques of Icon Painting from the beginning to its completion. The day will start at 10.30am, with a break for lunch at 12.30, and end at 3.30pm (with time for questions). Tickets cost £10 and are available from info@bai.org.uk - please pay by PayPal to this email, or by cheque to John Clawson, 9 Elston Hall, Newark, NG23 5NP. For those interested in art and painting, this promises to be a very worthwhile day. See poster on our Notice-boards.

Gathering for Young Married Couples

We will have a *Gathering for Young Married Couples* on Tuesday 12 October from 7.30pm-9.00sh. The gathering is a time when young couples come to the Carmelite Priory and enjoy friendly conversation over a glass of wine. We follow this with some input relevant to marriage or being parents, and general discussion. All young married couples who come to our Church are invited. Contact: Fr Iain 07776-457392 iainmatthew@yahoo.com

Catechism, First Communion and Confirmation 2010/2011

Enrolment forms are available from the back of the Church for 2010/2011 Catechism and Holy Communion classes – we would ask parents who have not already done so, to kindly complete and return their forms as soon as possible.

Notices

- * Our *Babies & Toddlers Group* recommences in the Priory on Friday 1 October. We welcome back all our regular children, and new children also welcome.
- * We thank you for your contributions to the collection on Sunday last for the *Catholic Association for Racial Justice*. The amount collected was **£614.71**.

Today is **Home Mission Sunday**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the *Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation* (CASE), whose role it is to assist the spread of the Gospel. Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated.