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Monday 27 - St Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Tuesday 28 - St Wenceslaus, Martyr/ SS Lawrence Ruiz & Companions,  
Wednesday 29 - SS Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels  
Thursday 30 - St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

Oct.

Friday 1 - St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Carmelite, Virgin &  
Doctor of the Church  
Saturday 2 - Holy Guardian Angels

***The British Association of Iconographers :***

***A Day with Guillem Ramos-Poquí***

On Saturday next 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. 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](mailto:info@bai.org.uk) - please pay by PayPal to this email, or by cheque to John Clawson, 9 Elston Hall, Newark, NG23 5NP.

***Mass for the Sick and Elderly***

Our next **Mass for the Sick and Elderly** will be on Saturday 16 October at 12.15pm. The Mass will include **the Sacrament of the Sick**.

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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**Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 26 September 2010 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

**“Dear Young Friends....” [Pope Benedict]**

We all have many thoughts, memories and perhaps questions and challenges after the Holy Father’s visit. He invited us to reflect on what it means to live deep, meaningful and fruitful Christian lives in our world of today. Pope Benedict is acutely aware that this challenge is felt most by our younger people. I would like to pick out two things from the messages he addressed specifically to young people:

*“I ask you to look into your hearts each day to find the source of all true love. Jesus is always there, quietly waiting for us to be still with him and to hear his voice. Deep within your heart he is calling you to spend time with him in prayer. But this kind of prayer, real prayer, requires discipline; it requires making time for moments of silence every day. Often it means waiting for the Lord to speak. Even amid the “busy-ness” and the stress of our daily lives, we need to make space for silence, because it is in silence that we find God, and in silence that we discover our true self. And in discovering our true self, we discover the particular vocation which God has given us for the building up of his Church and the redemption of our world”.*

*“Only Jesus knows what ‘definite service’ he has in mind for you. Be open to his voice resounding in the depths of your heart: even now his heart is speaking to your heart. Christ has need of families to remind the world of the dignity of human love and the beauty of family life. He needs men and women who devote their lives to the noble task of education, tending the young and forming them in the ways of the Gospel. He needs those who will consecrate their lives to the pursuit of perfect charity, following him is chastity, poverty and obedience, and serving him in the least of our brothers and sisters. He needs the powerful love of contemplative religious, who sustain the Church’s witness and activity through their constant prayer. And he needs priests, good and holy priests, men who are willing to lay down their lives for their sheep. Ask our Lord what he has in mind for you! Ask him for the generosity to say ‘yes’. Do not be afraid to give yourself totally to Jesus. He will give you the grace you need to fulfil your vocation”*

These are important and timely words and must not be left unheeded. There are many ways and opportunities for you to sustain and build up your faith. I would like to speak about three examples here at our Church:-

**Monday Group:** For many years now there is an open meeting of young adults every Monday evening for prayer, faith sharing, mutual support and formation in faith. Only God knows the number of people whose faith has been sustained and developed by this group and are now serving God and his people throughout the world. I invite all young people who come to our Church to come along whenever you can. [8.00-9.30pm each Monday, entrance from Pitt St.].

**Carmelite Youth Day:** We are now preparing for the sixth **Carmelite Youth Day**. Each year we take a Carmelite Saint as our inspiration. This year our faith and prayer will be nourished by the writing and example of **St John of the Cross**. These days are always joyful, stimulating and a profound experience for all who attend. So please come along on Saturday 23 October at 12.00 Noon till 5.00pm.

**Young Adult Retreats:** We have two retreats each year for young adults. The next one is 19-21 November, 2010, at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford. Even if you have never been on a retreat before, please consider this, it is an excellent opportunity to experience a little of the silence and prayer that Pope Benedict is speaking about. For further information about these and other young adult activities, please contact Gary Clarke: [garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk)

**Papal Visit:** My thanks to **Gerard, Riandra and Gerard's parents** for all the work they did to get approximately 250 pilgrims safely to Hyde Park for the Vigil.

My thanks to **Lantana and the group** who braved early morning cold and rain to represent us in Birmingham. Finally my thanks to all who helped in the preparation and during the visit.

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

#### **Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Papal Visit**

On Saturday 9 October 2010 at 10.30am, there will be a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Papal Visit at Westminster Cathedral. This Mass will coincide with the **first Feast Day of the newly-beatified Blessed John Henry Newman**. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside and preach. All are invited. Please see poster on Church notice-boards.

#### ***St Teresa of Avila***

**Friday 15 October is the Feast of St Teresa of Avila [1515-1582].** At 5.30pm on this day there will be a talk about her, held in this Church. That will be followed by Mass in her honour at 6.00pm, including some of her words in her own Castilian Spanish. She means a lot to us here in Kensington, both as a Doctor of the Church and as Foundress of the Discalced Carmelites, and her spirituality of friendship with Christ is important for our parish. Do come if you can !

#### ***Notices***

- \* We will have a **Holy Hour** in *Thanksgiving for the Holy Father's visit* tomorrow Monday 27 September, from 6.30-7.30pm. You are all invited.
- \* Our *Babies & Toddlers Group* recommences in the Priory on Friday next, 1 October. We welcome back all our regular children, and new children are also welcome. Contact: Fr Iain 07776-457392.
- \* 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. All young couples who come to our Church are invited. Contact: Fr Iain 07776-457392.
- \* We thank you for your contributions to the collection on *Home Mission Sunday* last week. The amount collected was **£640.07**.

#### **Pastoral Letter**

You will find in your Newsletter today a **Pastoral Letter** by Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, following Pope Benedict's visit to our country. In it he recalls the great joy the Papal Visit brought to us all, and you are asked to take it home with you and study it carefully.

#### ***Harvest Fast Day for CAFOD***

Friday next 1 October is **Harvest Fast Day**, and on Sunday next, 3 October, there will be a special collection after all Masses for your contributions to **CAFOD**, the Catholic Church's own overseas aid agency. Your kind generosity towards this very worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.