

October

Monday 18 - St Luke, Evangelist, Feast
Tuesday 19 - SS John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues,
Priests & Companions, Martyrs;
St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Saturday 23 - St John of Capestrano, Priest

Marriage Course St Mary's, Cadogan St. SW3

A **Six-Session Marriage Preparation Course** will begin at St Mary's Rectory, Draycott Place, SW3, on Tuesday 12 October from 8.00-9.30pm and will continue on the following dates:-

Tuesday 26 October 8.00-9.30pm:
Tuesday 9 November 8.00-9.30pm:
Saturday 20 November 11.00am – 4.15pm
Tuesday 23 November 8.00-9.45pm
Tuesday 7 December 8.00-9.30pm

The cost of the Course is £60.00 per couple. To book a place and for all enquiries please contact: chelsea1@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 020-7589-5487 (from 9.30am-1.00pm only). Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's RC Church. Please see poster on 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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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17 October 2010 - 29th Sunday of the Year

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Twice each year we all partake in a programme of prayer and renewal organised by the Diocese. Each Spring and Autumn we receive a book designed to be used by groups or individuals to enrich our understanding and living of our Christian faith. Today you are invited to take a copy of this Autumn's book [there should be a copy for each individual or household].

The title of this programme is ***"Hail Mary, Full of Grace"***. Mary is the first person to hear the message of Christianity and the first person to have her whole life transformed by the Good News. Mary said *"Yes"* to God's call to her through the message of the Angel and she then committed her whole life to fulfilling that call. We are reminded of the words of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah: *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you came to birth I consecrated you"*. These words which are true of the prophet Jeremiah, and of everyone who is called by God, are even more true for Mary. The Church came to see and understand that Mary was specially prepared by God from the very beginning for this special mission.

We are told in the Gospel of St Luke that Mary *"treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart"*. Through loving attention to her Son, and through prayer and contemplation, Mary is drawn into a deeper understanding of Him and a fuller participation in his life and mission - an understanding and participation that no one else could ever rival. She has a unique knowledge of her Son. So to be close to her is to be close to her Son.

We are also told by St Luke that Jesus *"lived under their authority [Mary and Joseph's] and He increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men"*. Mary is the main person responsible for the human and spiritual formation of the young Jesus. This makes her also the ideal person to teach us.

[Session One of the 6-week Autumn Programme of Reflections - ***Hail Mary, Full of Grace***, begins today Sunday].

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Carmelite Youth Day – Saturday 23 October

When Pope Benedict recently addressed young people outside Westminster Cathedral he said: *“Every day we have to choose to love, and this requires help, the help that comes from Christ, from prayer and from the wisdom found in his word, and from the grace which he bestows on us in the sacraments of his Church”*.

I would like to invite all young people [age 18-40] to come to our annual **Carmelite Youth Day** this Saturday **23 October, 12.00 Noon – 5.00pm**.

It is an opportunity to respond positively to the Holy Father’s invitation. This is the age of decision-making, opportunities, responsibility and energy, it is also the time of questions, fears and conflict. This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer, celebration, reflection, a time to meet new people, get support and encouragement, and a time to hear more of the Church’s wisdom and teaching.

This year our figure of inspiration and wisdom is **St John of the Cross**.

The programme is as follows:

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| 12.15pm | Mass of St John of the Cross [everyone is welcome, please come along to support our young people through prayer and presence]. |
| 1.00-2.00 | Welcome, refreshments, sharing. |
| 2.00-4.00 | Learning more of the teaching of St John of the Cross and deepening our lives of prayer and faith - includes a Talk on St John of the Cross by Fr Iain Matthew , readings from St John’s writings and poetry, questions, discussion and prayer. |
| 4.00-5.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Closing Liturgy [again everyone invited]. |

“Mine are the heavens and mine the earth. Mine are the nations. The just are mine and mine the sinners. The angels are mine and the Mother of God and all things are mine. And God himself is mine and for me, because Christ is mine and wholly for me. So what more do you ask and seek, my soul? All this is yours and all is for you”.

[St John of the Cross].

World Mission Sunday

Sunday next, 24 October, is **World Mission Sunday**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the **APF** (Overseas Missions). By supporting World Mission Sunday you will help millions of people all over the world to receive and share the gift of life and faith.

Christmas Craft Project

The Carmelite Church is launching a **Christmas Craft Project**.

The aim is to make time and show our love for Jesus through this plan – which will create an image of Him – and to unite as many believers and non-believers as possible in this common purpose.

Our target is to make 800 symbols of Christmas to be distributed to the congregation at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 12 December, the Third Sunday of Advent. We want to involve as many children and families as possible. The idea is to pass them on to others who may have stopped going to Church or who may need a reminder of God’s presence and love.

Please come to our short demo at the *Parish Gathering* this morning (Sunday 17 October) downstairs after the 10 o’clock Mass where we will distribute materials.

(Candida and Carol)

Contact Candida or Carol at: makingjesus@gmail.com for more information.

A Date for your Diaries

All Saints Party on Saturday 6 November from 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Children of all ages are invited – please come dressed as your favourite Saint.
(Fr Iain)

Young Adults of the West

Bishop Alan Hopes invites all young Catholics (18-30) in the western area of our Diocese to join him this evening Sunday 17 October 6.00pm at **St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Fulham**. The theme for the evening is **‘Heart to Heart’** with the inspiration of the Papal visit and the Parish of St Thomas’ connection with Blessed John Henry Newman.

November Dead List

A Mass will be said every day during the month of November for your departed relatives and friends. Names and donations will be accepted at Reception Desk. Special forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Please note the **Solemnity of All Saints** will be celebrated on Sunday 31 October this year, and the **Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed** (All Souls Day) will be celebrated on Tuesday 2nd November.