

October

Tuesday 12 - St Wilfrid, Bishop
Wednesday 13 - St Edward the Confessor - Solemnity
Thursday 14 - St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
Friday 15 - St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor - Feast
Saturday 16 - St Hedwig, Religious/
St Margaret Mary Alacoque,

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.

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 10 October 2010 - 28th Sunday of the Year

He Thanked Jesus

“Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they?” Ten people are cured of the very painful, debilitating and much feared disease of leprosy. Only one returns to give thanks and praise to God. Before we jump in and start condemning the nine, perhaps we need to look more closely at the lesson being illustrated by this story.

These ten people have every reason to be grateful to Jesus for healing them. Yet only one is able to, or is willing to see the need to return and give thanks to Jesus. Why is this? That is the question the story leaves unanswered but invites us to search for the answer. That “something” that keeps the nine away is to be found deep within each one of us; it is the main stumbling block in our relationships with each other and in our relationship with God. These ten people represent us all. Everything we have, are, achieve, know etc. is a gift of God. Most of us, almost all the time are among the nine. The one who gives thanks is the rare exception – someone who can see what God has done for him and is moved to give thanks and praise to God because of this.

This lesson is confirmed in the Church's choice of first reading to accompany this Gospel. The Syrian Naaman, has gone down in Biblical history, not because he is miraculously healed, but because of his determination to give thanks and praise to God. He is held up as an example to an ungrateful Israel to whom God has given far more but they cannot see this.

It is one of the great mysteries of our relationship with God and one of the great obstacles to growth in our lives of prayer – we cannot recognise, or we refuse to recognise, that we are in debt to God, he has given us everything.

Both our first reading and our Gospel today illustrate to us the close relationship between thanksgiving and prayer, praise and worship. Those who recognise their need to thank God become people of prayer and faith. All worship is thanksgiving and the fruit of gratitude.

The word **“Eucharist”** means thanksgiving – just imagine how rich, meaningful, joyful and profound our celebrations of the Eucharist would be if we had the spirit and wisdom of that healed leper who returned to Jesus.

Carmelite Youth Day – Saturday 23 October

Our sixth **Carmelite Youth Day** is growing closer. 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 - the day will end with prayers at 5.00pm. The full programme will be announced in next week's Newsletter.

Young Adults of the West

“Heart to Heart” - Blessed John Henry Newman

Following the wonderfully uplifting Visit of Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Alan Hopes invites all young Catholics in the western area of our Diocese to meet each other again and to join him on Sunday next 17 October 6.00pm at **St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Fulham**. This will provide an opportunity for faith sharing and will help to build up the ever increasing young adult network in this part of the Diocese. The theme for the evening is **‘Heart to Heart’** which draws upon the Gospel of the Day (Luke 18: 1-8) as well as the inspiration of the Papal visit and the Parish of St Thomas' connection with Blessed John Henry Newman.

A Talk by Jack Valero at Westminster Cathedral Hall

The Young Friends of Westminster Cathedral are hosting a Talk at Westminster Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 28 October** at 7.30pm. which will be given by **Jack Valero**, entitled **Ambassadors for Christ**. Jack Valero is a **Director of Opus Dei** in the UK and Co-ordinator of *Catholic Voices* – a bureau of speakers able to articulate with conviction the Church's position on major contentious issues in the media. All our young parishioners are warmly invited to this event. Free entry (but donations welcome). Refreshments will follow the talk. Doors open at 7.00pm. Contact: Geraldine Kay: 07903-644935 or gmkay@yahoo.co.uk

November Dead List

The month of November is very near, when a Mass will be said every day during the month for your departed relatives and friends. Names and donations will be accepted at our Reception Desk as usual. Special forms and envelopes will be available at the back of the Church next week-end.

Feast of St Teresa of Avila

Friday next 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 a Celebratory 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 !

Gathering for Young Married Couples ‘Building on the Sacrament of Marriage’

We will have a gathering for Young Married Couples – entitled **‘Building on the Sacrament of Marriage’** in the Priory from 7.30pm-9.00sh on Tuesday next 12 October. This gathering is a time when young married 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 married couples who come to our Church are invited. Contact: Fr Iain 07776-457392.

Notices

- * Our *Mothers and Babies Group* meets in the Priory on Fridays from 2.00-3.30pm. We welcome all our regular children, and new children are also welcome. Contact: Fr Iain 07776-457392.
- * We will have our *Parish Gathering* after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday next 17 October, when all are invited downstairs for tea/coffee and friendly chat.
- * Our next *Parish Advisory Group* Meeting will take place on Sunday 7 November at 7.00pm in the Priory. If anyone has any items they would like raised at this meeting, kindly hand them in at Reception for the attention of Fr Matt.
- * We thank you for your generous contributions to the collection for **CAFOD** on Sunday last. The amount collected was **£1,233.45**.

Mass for the Sick and Elderly

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

All are very welcome to this Mass.