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| <u>October</u> | | <u>Feasts/Memorials</u> |
| Tuesday | 23 | St John of Capistrano, Priest |
| Wednesday | 24 | St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop |
| Friday | 26 | SS Chad & Cedd, Bishops |
| Saturday | 27 | Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

(Diocesan **Annual Mass Count No 3** takes place this week-end 21 October)

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Tyburn Fayre on Saturday 27 October - 10.30am-3.00pm

You are invited to come and support a fund-raising day at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, Nr Marble Arch, on Saturday 27 October. Crafts, fancy goods, home-made cakes etc. plus Grand Raffle. Admission 50p at the door. Gifts for the Fayre would be very welcome. Tel: 020-7723-7262

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About Talitha Kum

The International Network of Consecrated Life Against Trafficking in Persons is a network within UISG which originates from a project implemented in collaboration with IOM and funded by the US Government Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. General Aim of the Network: To share and maximise the resources that Religious Life has on behalf of prevention, protection and assistance, awareness-raising and denouncement of trafficking in persons of trafficking in persons. <http://www.talithakum.info/index.php?lang=1>

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| 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 (Sung Latin) 12.15pm, 6.00pm <i>Young Adults Choir</i> |

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| 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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Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kensington Parish Newsletter

21 October 2012 – 29th Sunday of the Year

“Christianity is not about ideas but about Deeds Inspired by Love” (Blessed Frederic Ozanam)

Post-Confirmation teenagers pose a difficulty for us priests and parents. Yes, really! What are we to do with you now that you have received the **Sacrament of Initiation** that has made you a full, active participant in the life of the Church? Put your hands up if you think you are now an active member of the Church. No? Well, to put you in the picture, parents and priests think we now have the responsibility to keep you active in the life of the Church community. Yes, really! We are thinking that you may now start to drift away from the Sacraments altogether! That the “world” may be attracting you away from your faith responsibilities! It is a real thought that looms behind every concerned parent and Parish Priest! There is also the flip side – we actually think your gift of faith is for the world. How do we help sustain the gift you received and not have us believe that confirmation is more a Sacrament of exit than one that has now empowered you to influence the life of the Church in the world?

Without a doubt the Church cannot compete with the clubs and events that the entertainment world offers. Many parishes have tried setting up writing clubs, chess clubs, book clubs, music clubs, football clubs and leagues! Inevitably it's all been tried and found wanting as it mostly appealed to a few teenagers among the many. It may be indicative that this is not what you want from your Church either!

So what are we to do? Give up? No way!! The mission of the parish is to create schools of prayer evidenced in a faith teaching us to be practical in our charity towards others. The Christian journey is calling us to Evangelise! In other words – share the way Jesus influences our lives for the better. Doing so helps form community – young and not so young together as followers of Christ. This includes drawing on the life energy from young people like yourselves into the pastoral activity of the Church. Evangelisation is certainly focused in turning ideas into deeds inspired by love! Deeds inspired by love is what is meant by being Pastoral.

This pastoral way informs the action of the Church so that others might experience in and through us the presence of Christ. It is your call as a confirmed Catholic to become pastoral in your actions.

So I would like to invite our **Post-Confirmation candidates – up to the age of 16 years** – to meet and hear about the young SVP. The quote above by Blessed Fredric Ozanam gives you a sense of the spirit of **YSVP**. It is a well-established group and you can check it out for yourselves <http://www.svp.org.uk/04members/youthsvp.htm>. It is a group that is practical in sharing the best of our faith with vulnerable people in need of your help.

I believe this will provide you with a spiritual foundation that helps you to practically apply your love for Christ in loving your neighbour. If you are interested in how we can set this up in the parish, then contact me at the following email address: anthonylparsons@aol.com for more details. Have a talk with your mum and dad too and ask their opinion on this.

God Bless you and I look forward to hearing from you. (Fr Prior)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a process begun by the Second Vatican Council. It is essentially for those people who are currently discerning their journey of faith by exploring whether God is indeed calling them to become united with the Catholic Church and her faith. So, if you are a Christian from another denomination or you are from another faith, this process of accompaniment seeks to introduce you to the life of faith found within the Roman Catholic tradition.

Along the journey, special moments of celebration mark the individual's discernment in a ritual manner to strengthen their insights and understanding of the Catholic faith. Please contact Fr Anthony at: anthonylparsons@aol.com if you wish to enrol for this process. He will then provide you with further information.

Sr Elizabeth Obbard in Conversation with Joanna Lumley

On Wednesday next 24 October at 7.00pm (after the 6pm Mass) Fr Prior will introduce and host: “*Sister Elizabeth Obbard of Aylesford Priory, in conversation with Joanna Lumley*” at our Carmelite Priory.

The Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School

On Thursday next 25 October at 7.00pm, there will be an Evening of **Music & Readings devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary**, here in our Church, by the Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Tickets £10 (concessions £5) from Cardinal Vaughan School, Tel: 020-7605-0046. All proceeds to be donated to **Aid to the Church in Need**, a Catholic charity providing vital help to Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need, to over 130 countries worldwide. Entrance tickets may also be obtained at the door on the night.

Vincentian Care Plus – Adult Home Care Service

Working in the Spirit of St Vincent de Paul

We are currently recruiting **Home Carers** to join our team. This rewarding and essential role involves supporting adults of all ages in their own homes with personal care, social support and assistance. Training and experience in home care desirable, good English is essential as well as a positive flexible approach to care. We are currently operating in the SW1W, NW1, NW8 and SW1W areas. Flexible working hours are available. Please email dom.care@vincentiancareplus.org or call 020-7730-3255 for more information.

Called to the Priesthood?

A Retreat for men aged 18+ who are discerning a possible calling to the priesthood, led by Mgr Mark O'Toole, Rector of Allen Hall Seminary: 10am – 5pm, Saturday 24 November at Allen Hall. For more information visit: www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations

Mass for our Departed Relatives and Friends

During the month of November a Mass will be said in our Church every day in memory of our **departed relatives and friends**. Names and donations will be accepted at Reception Desk. Special forms and envelopes will shortly be available at the back of the Church for you to complete.

Today Sunday 21 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.

Reminder: Summer time ends next week-end. So please remember to **put your clocks back** by one hour on Saturday night 27 October !!