

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## Parish Newsletter

12 October 2008 – Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

### *Feasts/Memorials*

Monday	13	St Edward the Confessor - Feast
Tuesday	14	St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
Wednesday	15	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin of our Order and Doctor of the Church - Solemnity
Thursday	16	St Hedwig, Religious/ St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Friday	17	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Saturday	18	St Luke, Evangelist - Feast

### *An Invitation to join the Carmelite 10am Sunday Choir*

Our 10.00am Sunday Choir invites anyone with a talent or interest in music (singing or playing a musical instrument such as guitar or piano) to join them during the 10am Mass on Sundays, or for their practice session in the Basement, which runs from 11.15am to 12.30 every Sunday. For further details, please call: 07515-491407.

### *Beginning Experience*

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or bereavement. This will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2008, at Aylesford Priory, Kent. For details telephone Mary on 01296-487634.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 6.30-8.00pm.

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Weekday Masses:	8am, 12.15pm, 6pm
Saturday Masses:	8am, 12.15pm, 6pm ( <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i> )
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10am, 11am <i>Sung/Latin</i> 12.15pm, 6pm <i>Young Adults Choir</i>
Holy Days:	8am, 12.15pm, 6pm
Bank Holidays:	9am, 12.15pm (no 6pm Mass)
Weekday Confessions:	5.30-5.50pm (Priest on duty except between 12 Noon-3pm)
Saturday Confessions:	10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm
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### *Appointed by God*

This weekend you are invited to take with you a copy of the booklet “**Appointed by God**”. Those of us who have been living in London for a while are used to receiving a similar booklet every autumn and every Lent. These are twice yearly opportunities for us as individuals, groups, families, parishes and Diocese to learn more about our faith and to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ.

These daily and weekly reflections begin next Sunday, 19 October, and run until 29 November. This season the life and teaching of St Paul helps us to discover more deeply what it means to be a Christian and a member of the Church. A particular emphasis is put on our calling to share our faith with others.

Paul begins a number of his letters by telling his readers that he is “appointed by God”, e.g. “*From Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus ....*” [Letter to the Ephesians]. To claim to be appointed by God is a very daring claim for a human being to make and I guess we would be rather suspicious of anyone making that claim about himself or herself. For Paul this was perfectly normal, this is what he knew and had the courage to proclaim with great conviction – God had called him and appointed him. Paul would go much further than just making this claim for himself – for Paul, every baptised Christian has been appointed by God. That is the very nature of baptism and its purpose. In baptism a human being says “YES” to God’s call and is anointed with the priestly, prophetic and kingly power of Jesus Christ. A Christian then, like Paul, is appointed by God to live, witness to and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

These six weeks are an opportunity for us to listen to Paul, to his experience and to the message he so wants us to know. Paul is constantly exhorting his Christians to get to know Jesus better and to make him known to others.

The prophet Isaiah in our first reading today speaks of what God offers us, in these beautiful terms: *On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines*. Isaiah is looking forward to the coming Messiah and telling the people what it will be like. Paul, as a faithful Jew, knows that the Saviour has arrived, Jesus Christ.

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Paul's writings can well be described as "*a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines*".

Please take a copy of the booklet with you, and may these six weeks be a real tasting of the rich food of Christianity. Finally, let us pray that these six weeks may be life changing for us as individuals and as a Church:

*Heavenly Father,*

*Open our minds and hearts to the working of your Holy Spirit.*

*Enlightened by Truth and emboldened through Grace, may Faith overcome doubt, Love conquer hatred, Hope shine through suffering, and zeal mark our proclamation of the Good News that St Paul preached to the peoples of all nations. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen*

(Prayer from Week One)

\*As these booklets are already paid for by the parish, we distribute them free. Those who wish to contribute the £1.00 cost, may put it in the collection bag any Sunday.

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

### ***Bible Studies***

#### ***Celebrating Paul in the Pauline Year***

On Tuesday next 14 October, at The Prayer Centre, Nazareth House, Hammersmith Rd., W6, Fr Peter Edmonds SJ will give the second of three talks on **St Paul**. This week's talk is entitled 'A Letter for all': his earliest and best? *The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*. Everyone welcome. Time: 7.30-9.00pm. For further details contact Ausra Karaliute on 020-7931-6078.

### ***Mass Count***

Each year for four Sundays of October we are asked by the diocese to count those who are at Mass. Today is the second Sunday of counting, so if you see someone walking around the Church with a counter in his or her hand, do not worry, nothing suspicious is going on!

### **CAFOD Collection**

We thank you for your contributions to the collection for **CAFOD** last week-end. The amount collected was **£977.01**

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

On Saturday next 18 October we will have **Mass for the sick and elderly** at **12.15pm**. The **Sacrament of the Sick** will be given during this Mass. Please pass the word on to all who are ill or elderly. (During the Mass, Bruce, our Choir Master, will be treating us to some beautiful organ music).

### ***Young Adults in the West***

On Sunday 26 October at St Augustine's Church, Hammersmith, there will be a '**Young Adults in the West**' gathering. It will commence at 6.30pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes, followed by food, faith sharing and discussion etc. All young adults very welcome.

### ***The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill***

This Autumn will see the final stages of the *Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill* in Parliament and there is a real possibility the law will be changed to make access to abortion easier. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a document offering guidance on what you can do. These guidelines were distributed in all Churches throughout the country last week-end, and copies are still available at the back of the Church

### ***Notices***

- \* Our **Parish Advisory Group** meeting will take place this evening at 7.00pm in the Priory.
- \* On Sunday next 19 October, we shall have our monthly **Parish Gathering** after the 10 o'clock Mass, when you are all invited downstairs for tea and some socialising.
- \* Young people aged 13 years and over who wish to be prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year are asked to complete and return their application forms to Fr Iain without delay.

### ***World Mission Sunday***

Sunday next 19 October is **World Mission Sunday**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for Overseas Missions.

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

On Wednesday next 15 October we celebrate the **Solemnity of St Teresa of Avila**, Virgin of our Order and Doctor of the Church. Masses will be at the usual times, 8.00am, 12.15 and 6.00pm.