

<u>July</u>	<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Monday	13 - St Henry
Tuesday	14 - St Camillus of Lellis, Priest
Wednesday	15 - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
Thursday	16 - Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

Year for Priests

Prayer of St Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus,

I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptised me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

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Our Parish Newsletter on the Web: www.carmelitechurch.org

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 Sung , 11.00am Sung/Latin 12.15pm, 6.00pm Young Adults Choir
Holy Days:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Bank Holidays:	9am, 12.15pm (no 6.00pm Mass)
Weekday Confessions:	5.30-5.50pm (Priest on duty except between 12 Noon-3.00pm)
Saturday Confessions:	10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm
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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12 July 2009 – Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

The Mission of Jesus

Our Gospel today comes at a particularly difficult time for Jesus. We have just been told about his rejection by his own people and immediately after this extract we are told about the beheading of John the Baptist. Jesus is trying to get his mission off the ground and these are two major setbacks – rejection by the people he would naturally expect to be supportive and the terrible news that his cousin, who has been chosen to prepare the way for him, has been beheaded.

What does Jesus do? Rather than getting discouraged, Jesus decides to press ahead with his mission and move it forward to the next stage – the sending out of his disciples. The two important points being made about the mission of Jesus in this Gospel are:

1. In the face of opposition, setbacks and obstacles, the message must not be compromised, adapted or apologised for. The full message of the Gospel must be preached at all times and in all circumstances.

The Gospel is a powerful message and no human forces can get in its way. The mission of Jesus [and later of the Church] goes forward in all times and circumstances. How the Gospel is presented and lived will vary and adapt to circumstances but its essential message remains the same. The message that Jesus asks his disciples to preach is exactly the same as what he preaches himself and they are asked to do the same work as he does. The work the Church does today and its message is exactly the same, though times, circumstances and methods have changed.

2. The disciples of Jesus are sent to bring the Good News to others. They must do so without any self-interest or any hope of personal gain. A disciple is at the service of Jesus and is totally dependent on the Holy Spirit. Again this is true for the Church in all times and circumstances. The building up of the Kingdom of God and the spreading of the Good News is not a human enterprise. No human forces can stop it. Likewise no human ingenuity, power or initiative can alter it, speed it up or improve it. It is a work of God, and his disciples are at its service.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

'The Mystery of Faith' – Art Exhibition

For the past two thousand years the message of Jesus has been presented in many ways, one very important way is through art. For the next few months we are privileged to have in our Church an Exhibition of new or rarely seen religious paintings by **Elizabeth Wang**. For further information about Elizabeth's work, please see: www.radiantlight.org.uk So many people find Elizabeth's work a great inspiration to deepening their knowledge of the Gospel and as an aid to prayer. I look forward very much to having Elizabeth's work in our Church and I hope and pray it will be a source of grace and blessing for all who come here.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elizabeth and her family for their generosity in making this Exhibition available to us.

Fr Matt

Triduum in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday next 16 July is the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and in preparation for this we will have a Triduum in our Church as follows: tomorrow Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July after the 6.00pm Mass. This will include a short talk each evening on "*What Inspires me about Our Lady*" by Sr Cathy, Fr Sylvester and Fr Iain. You are all invited.

Relics of St Thérèse

The Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will be visiting our Church on **Sunday 11 October**, as part of their national visit to England and Wales. They will depart for Westminster Cathedral on Monday 12 October. You will find full details of the various venues involved in the visit if you go to our website: www.carmelitechurch.org Details of arrangements for the visit to our Church will be given nearer the time.

'Mount Carmel'

We would remind you that the latest edition of '*Mount Carmel*' is now available from Reception desk. This is a very special issue with emphasis on the life of **St Thérèse** and information on her relics etc. This is an excellent read designed to tie in with the arrival of the relics here in October. Highly recommended. Price £2.50.

Our next **Holy Hour** with emphasis on Prayer for the *Gift of Vocations to Religious Life* – guided by the *Message of St Thérèse* – will be on Monday 20 July from 6.30-7.30pm. All are most welcome.

First Holy Communion Catechesis 2009/2010

Children aged seven years upwards are welcome to our programme of preparation for **First Holy Communion**, beginning the new catechism year in September/October 2009. Registration forms are now available from the Reception desk. We will also have a programme of *Early Catechism* for younger children (i.e. 5/6 and 6/7 year olds) as well as *Post-Communion Catechism classes*. These classes will take place in the Priory on Sunday mornings after the 10 o'clock Mass.

Confirmation

Young people, 13 years and over, who wish to be prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year are invited to pick up an application form from the Reception Desk and complete and return it to Fr Iain.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The **RCIA** programme will run from October 2009 until Easter 2010 in the Priory. It is intended for: (i) Adults who wish to be baptised; (ii) Adult Catholics who are baptised but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation. (iii) Members of other Christian Churches who wish to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please pass on the word to anyone you know who may be interested. For further information and to apply, please contact Fr Matt matthewblake@rcdow.org.uk

Monday Group

Our **Young Adults Monday Group** will meet tomorrow evening at 7.30 for 8.00pm – on this occasion at a new venue - the **Adoratrices Convent**, 38 Kensington Square, just around the corner from High Street, Kensington. All young people (18-35) who come to our Church are very welcome.

Reminder re Babies and Toddlers Playgroup: This is now closed for the Summer break – returning on Friday 4 September, when new children will be welcome. Contact: Segolene 020-3062-2978

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday. There will be a special Collection after all Masses to support the **Apostleship of the Sea**. Seafarers bring us 95% of the goods we use every day, and several thousand merchant ships visit British ports each year. The Apostleship of the Sea welcomes seafarers to our shores and provides for their practical and pastoral needs. As a Catholic charity they rely solely on voluntary contributions to continue their mission.