

Feasts/Memorials

June

Tuesday	9	- St Columba, Abbot/ St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor
Thursday	11	- St Barnabas, Apostle
Saturday	13	- St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2009

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 25 July – 1 August. The cost is £690. Further details can be obtained from Fr Michael Dunne at Clergy House, Westminster Cathedral, on 020-7931-6041.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Canon Christopher Tuckwell from Westminster Cathedral will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 8-15 November 2009, cost £899. Booking forms are available from Clergy House Reception. Further details from Pax Travel on 020-7485-3003. e-mail: info@paxtravel.co.uk

Visiting the Sick

If you know of any sick, elderly or housebound parishioner who would like a visit from a priest, please tell **Fr. Iain** at the Priory. He will be very pleased to pay a visit.

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

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 7 June 2009 – The Most Holy Trinity

The Most Holy Trinity

In our Opening Prayer of our Mass today we pray: “*Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life*”.

These are very carefully chosen words which not only sum up the mystery we celebrate today but also express the mystery in terms of the relationships at the heart of the mystery. Today we celebrate God as He is, as he has chosen to be known by us and as he wants us to relate with Him. This can all sound very vague or even technical and indeed much of our writing or teaching on the Trinity is. We tend to speak about the Trinity as if it is some kind of scientific discovery or complex formula that needs to be mastered. That is not God’s intention, God wants us to know the mystery of his life and enter into a relationship with him. When we reflect upon the most important human relationships in our lives (husbands, wives, children, parents, close friends etc.), we see that each relationship is unique, complex, challenging and always changing and evolving. In truth we can never say we really know another person, there are always hidden depths, mysteries and surprises. If it is like this for the most important and significant human relationships in our lives, how much more so is it going to be for our relationship with God.

God wants us to know the mystery of his life – it is impossible for us human beings to fully know God but he wants us to know him as fully as is possible for us. As the prayer quoted above tells us, he sent us his Son to reveal the truth to us and he gives us his Spirit that we may change, grow and enter into relationship with him. We cannot celebrate the Trinity without also celebrating who we are. When we enter into a close relationship with another person we discover the truth about ourselves; this is even more true when we enter into a close relationship with God. This is a point made so well by St Paul in the extract from his Letter to the Romans that we have as our second reading today. This is a text I recommend you spend time reflecting upon and praying with; its richness takes time, attention and prayer in order to grasp its meaning.

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“Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’. The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory”.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Relics of St Thérèse

A date for your diaries: As announced in our Newsletter some time ago, the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will be visiting our Church on **Sunday 11 October** this year, 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 if you go to our website: www.carmelitechurch.org Details of arrangements for the visit to our Church will be given nearer the time.

Adoratrices, Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament and of Charity - 50th Anniversary (1959-2009)

On Saturday 20 June our 6.00pm Mass will be a **Thanksgiving Eucharist** celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Faustino Sainz Muñoz, to commemorate the Adoratrices 50th Anniversary of the Foundation in the UK. You are all invited to be present at this Mass.

Quarantore- 11-13 June at Westminster Cathedral

Forty Hours of continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Westminster Cathedral, beginning with Mass at 5.30pm on Thursday 11 June. The devotion will end with procession and deposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 13 June at 6.00pm. All are invited to join wherever possible during this period.

Sunday next, 14 June, is the *Feast of Corpus Christi, Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord*, and on Sunday 28 June we celebrate the *Feast of SS Peter & Paul*.

Children's First Holy Communion

On Sunday next, Feast of Corpus Christi, at the 10 o'clock Mass, 30 young children from this Parish will receive First Holy Communion. Their names are:-

Angela	Anna	Anton	Antonietta	Bijan	Cara
Cecilia	Dexter	Edoardo,	Edoardo	Elighene	Ella
Emma	Eugenia	Félicie	Frances	Gaia	Hadrien
Lucien	Maximilian	Miguel	Oliver	Saverio	Timothée
Tommy	Trinity	Trixcel	Victoire	Zara	Ben

You are all invited to be present at the Mass and to pray for these children on this special day in their lives, and also their Catechists.

Spirit in the City Festival

Catholic Faith Celebration in the Heart of London from Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 June, with Masses and Ceremonies taking place in four West End Churches. The Celebration will end on Saturday 13 June with a Festival of live music on stage, plus prayer and reconciliation tents etc. in Leicester Square from 11.30am-8.00pm. For details, call 020-7025-1596 or: www.spiritinthecity.org Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the Church.

Young Adults Monday Group

Our Monday Group will have their weekly meeting tomorrow evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. A member of the team who recently returned from a visit to Kenya has promised to share her experiences, when she and other volunteer nurses from England used their skills to assist doctors performing life-saving surgery around the clock on local people. It promises to be a stimulating discussion. All young adults who come to our Church are very welcome to join them. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street.

Monday Holy Hour

Tomorrow Monday 8 June from 6.30-7.30pm we will have our **Holy Hour** with emphasis on Prayer for the *Gift of Vocations to Religious Life*. The prayer will be guided by the *Message of St Thérèse* whose relics are coming to our Church in October. All are invited.