

### *Feasts/Memorials*

#### May

Tuesday 18 - St John I, Pope & Martyr  
Thursday 20 - St Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
Friday 21 - SS Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions,  
Martyrs  
Saturday 22 - St Rita of Cascia, Religious

#### **‘Samuel’ Afternoon of Prayer in Preparation for The Feast of Pentecost**

**Samuel** events are for young adults [18-30], open to listening to the Word of God speaking to their journey of faith and vocation. On Saturday next 22 May, from 12.30pm to 5.00pm there will be time for prayer and reflection in *preparation for the Feast of Pentecost* at the Convent of the Assumption, 20 Kensington Square, W8. For more information or to reserve a place contact [samuel.group@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:samuel.group@yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 07503 241127

#### ***Gathering for Young Married Couples***

Following the recent **Gathering for young Married Couples** held in the Priory, two further sessions have been set for the following dates: Wednesday 26 May and Wednesday 30 June at 7.30pm. All young married couples who come to our Church are warmly invited. Contact:

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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**  
**Carmelite Priory, 41 Kensington Church St., London W8 4BB**  
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## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

### **Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 16 May 2010 - Ascension of the Lord

## Visit of Pope Benedict

As you all know, Pope Benedict will be visiting England and Scotland from 16-19 September 2010. When Pope John Paul II visited this country in 1982, his visit was a “Pastoral Visit” – its purpose was to confirm and encourage the Catholic faithful in their faith and Christian living.

This visit by Pope Benedict is very different. He has been invited by Her Majesty, the Queen, and the British government. It is the first State Visit by a Pope to this country and he will be here as an official guest of Her Majesty, the Queen. While the Vatican has declined most of the usual pomp and ceremony associated with a State Visit, it is nevertheless a State Visit with some Church events included. The main Church events will be three large gatherings in Scotland, Coventry and London. The largest of these will be the Mass of Beatification of Cardinal Newman on Sunday 19 September 2010.

It is estimated that approximately 400,000 people will be able to attend these events but details of ticket allocations, transport, security etc. have not yet been finalised.

The theme chosen for the spiritual message of the visit are the words of Cardinal Newman: *Cor ad Cor Loquitur* [*Heart speaks onto Heart*]. No doubt this will be an important theme in the public addresses of Pope Benedict.

Archbishop Vincent writes the following: “*He (Pope Benedict) comes to address our society at a time of some uncertainty and, we may expect, emerging austerity. He comes as an outstanding and sensitive messenger of the Gospel and of the richness of Catholic teaching. His delicate task is to find ways in which these messages may find a hearing in our society.*”

*Our task [as a Catholic community] is quite clear: We must support the Pope in every way we can. We must be with him, alongside him, demonstrating as far as we can the truth of his message to our society. I am sure he will show his appreciation for the wealth of our national and Christian traditions. He will encourage and invite all people to look for lasting values in our shared life. He will pray*

with us and lead us all in prayer that we may discover again the importance of silence, reflection and prayer in our lives.

*In the Beatification of Cardinal Newman he will hold before us an example of a generous, spiritual and outstanding Christian who made a famous journey of faith in a manner which reflects so clearly many of our sensitivities and concerns. All of this is no easy task. Our support is so important."*

At this time we are being invited to support the visit in two ways: **prayer** and **financial support**. As this is a State Visit, most of the cost is met by the Government. The Catholic Church, however, has to meet the costs of the Church events and this is currently estimated at approximately £7 million. Already over £3 million has been raised, and next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**, there will be a **special collection** in all the Churches of England, Wales and Scotland to help raise this money. *Please be as generous as you can.*

To keep up to date with the plans for the visit and to receive further background information, please visit the official website: [www.thepapalvisit.org.uk](http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk)

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

### ***Official Prayer for the Papal Visit to the UK***

God of truth and love, your Son Jesus Christ stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart.

As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.

We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries.

May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Church - pray for us.*

*St Andrew - pray for us.*

*St George - pray for us.*

*St David - pray for us.*

### ***The Acts of the Apostles***

The third of Fr Matt's series of four lectures on **The Acts of the Apostles** will take place this Tuesday 18 May from 7.00-8.00pm. All are invited.

### ***World Communications Day***

Today is **World Communications Day** - a day dedicated to prayer for the work of communications professionals across the world. The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales in promoting the gospel in the media. There will be a special collection after all Masses today for **Catholic Communications**.

### ***Communications Sunday Prayer***

*O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours and, as we confront the pain and promises of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. Amen*

### ***Children's Painting Exhibition***

*Children !* Today is hand-in day for your paintings. We are looking forward to displaying them in the Church Corridor on Sunday next, 23 May. We thank all who have handed in their work already and we invite all our parishioners to come inside on Sunday next and take a look at our display, and hopefully make a donation to the **Catholic Children's Society** which does such wonderful work with needy children in London.

### ***Notices***

- \* You are all invited downstairs to our *Parish Gathering* after the 10 o'clock Mass this morning, for tea/coffee and chat with your friends.
- \* Our next **Carmelite Holy Hour** with emphasis on *Prayer for the Gift of Vocations* will be on Monday 24 May from 6.30-7.30pm. All are invited.
- \* A special date for your diaries: Parish Picnic Sunday 20 June, in Kensington Gardens. More details later.

### ***Solemnities in May/June***

Today is the **Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord** and is the first of four important Solemnities celebrated on four consecutive Sundays:- Sunday next 23 May is *Pentecost Sunday*; Sunday 30 May, *The Most Holy Trinity*, and Sunday 6 June, *Corpus Christi, Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord*.