

Feasts/Memorials

June

Monday	7	- Blessed Anne of St Bartholomew, Virgin, Carmelite
Wednesday	9	- St Columba, Abbot/ St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor
Friday	11	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity
Saturday	12	- Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Children's Art Exhibition

The very imaginative paintings our children have done in an effort to raise funds for the **Catholic Children's Society** are now displayed in the Church Corridor, along Reception. You are all invited to come inside after Mass and take a look, and hopefully make a donation to the CCS, which does such wonderful work with needy children in London. (Fr Iain)

Readers Required

We need more readers for our Sunday Masses, particularly the 8.30am. Also certain 12.15 weekday Masses. If you would like to be considered for this very important ministry in the Mass, please contact Rita on 020-7727-6554, or leave your details at Reception and we will get back to you.

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 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

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 6 June 2010 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body
& Blood of the Lord

Corpus Christi

I write this having just returned from a meeting of approximately 150 priests of Westminster Diocese. On an occasion like this a cursory look around gives one a sense of the great variety of men God has called to the priesthood - age, background, nationalities, personalities etc. However, my thoughts quickly turned to what is not obvious or visible but also more important.

This was a gathering of men called by God to a very specific way of life and mission in the Church, men who have responded with generosity and self-giving to this call. None of us can ever see into that secret place where another person speaks with and responds to God, that place which is most personal, intimate and real. That is the dimension of another person that no other human being can ever reach. In each person that intimate dialogue with God is a mystery to the person themselves but it is also the most real dimension of a person's existence.

A person only decides to become a priest [or follow any other vocation path] when something deep inside speaks truths that cannot be ignored any longer, a voice that speaks with a power stronger than reason, prudence, self-interest, ambition or personal desires.

God knows us in ways that we do not even know ourselves. Therefore we can never know people in the ways that God knows them. Yet we all have a need to be known. That is a question I reflected upon in quieter moments during that day with the priests - *who really knows these men?* Each is an individual, unique person with his own story to live and to tell.

Looking around a little further one begins to think of the contribution of these men to the Church, society, the world etc. Where does one start: hours of prayer, number of Masses celebrated, sermons preached, sacraments celebrated, people seen individually etc., an enormous amount of time, attention, energy and wisdom given to the spiritual lives of so many people.

While we cannot calculate the amount of time, attention, wisdom, energy and generosity given to the spiritual dimension of human life, these few thoughts about the Priesthood are an indication of how much importance is given to it. It is the spiritual dimension of our existence that gives us our

true identity, depth and vision. Without the spiritual, human life would be bland, empty and meaningless. For us Christians the Eucharist is at the heart of our spiritual lives and it is our greatest source of nourishment, strength and life.

Today we celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. Let this be a moment of reflection, prayer and nourishment for all of us. In the Eucharist, God comes to us, we see Him, we hold Him in our hands, we eat Him, He enters the depth of our beings, He becomes one with us in every possible way.

Friday next, 11 June, is the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This year it marks the closing of the **Year for Priests**. I am sure you all remember the **Forty Hours** we had in our Church in April. Similar events have happened in many Churches throughout the diocese during the year. The **Year for Priests** will conclude with **Forty Hours Adoration** at **Westminster Cathedral**.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

**Quarant'Ore - Forty Hours Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 9 – Friday 11 June at Westminster Cathedral**

Quarant'Ore will begin with Solemn Mass of Exposition at 5.30pm on Wednesday 9 June and end with **Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart** on Friday 11 June at 5.30pm, celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. The Cathedral will remain open throughout this time for prayer and adoration, and all are invited. Please see full details on our Church notice-boards.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, Prayer for Priests

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

Children's First Holy Communion

On Sunday next, 13 June at the 10 o'clock Mass, **31** young children from this Parish will receive **First Holy Communion**. Their names are:-

Aitor	Cathelyn	Ines	Lucas	Rochelle
Alessandra	Charlene	Isabella M	Mark	Sibylle
Alexandre	Cibelle	Isabella R	Mercedes	Sofia
Anabelle	Giorgio	Junmarc	Natalie	Sophia
Anne Margarette	Griffin	Lara	Olive	Stella
Anouk	Harriet	Lea	Olumese	Timothy
				Wilhelmine

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.

Parish Picnic

You are all invited to join us for our **Parish Picnic** on **Sunday 20 June**. We will meet at **1 o'clock** at the Entrance Gate to Kensington Gardens, located near the security barriers by Kensington Palace on the private road which leads to High St. Kensington. If you can, please bring something to share, then we can all enjoy some nice food and have a fun afternoon.

Young Adults in the West Retreat Day

Bishop Alan Hopes will lead a Retreat Day for Young Adults at **St Jude's Shrine, Faversham** on Saturday 24 July from 9.00am – 6.00pm. Cost: £15, includes coach travel (bring your own lunch). All young adults (17-35 years) are welcome. For more information re booking etc. contact Dave Burke on 020-7798-9357 or email: davidburke@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

The Carmelites first came here in 1862, therefore **2012** will be the **150th Anniversary of this Church**. We will have many events to celebrate this but to begin our year of celebration and thanksgiving we are organising a **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome**. The dates are 2-8 October, 2011. More details will be available very soon.

Sunday Readings

Starting on Sunday next 13 June, the Readings at Mass will return to the Ordinary Sundays of the Year, beginning with the **Eleventh Sunday, Year C, Part II**, in the Parish Mass Books. Will Readers please note.