

April

Monday 19 - St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr
Wednesday 21 - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor
Friday 23 - St George, Martyr, Patron of England

Bookkeeper Required

Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, is seeking an experienced Bookkeeper to provide accounting and bookkeeping duties. Hours: 10 hours per week, preferably 2 mornings. Salary: £10 per hour. Closing date: 7 May 2010. Interview date: w/c 10 May 2010. For a full job description and application pack, visit website www.rcdow.org.uk/jobs or apply in writing to juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk

Gathering for Young Married Couples

We will have a *Gathering for Young Married Couples* on Tuesday 27 April at 7.30pm. The gathering is a time when couples come to the Carmelite Priory and enjoy friendly conversation over a glass of wine and cheese. We follow this with some input relevant to marriage or being parents (usually from a DVD), and discussion. All young married couples who come to our Church are warmly invited. Contact: Fr Iain 07776-457392 iainmatthew@yahoo.com

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 Days: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Bank Holidays: 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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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18 April 2010 - Third Sunday of Easter

40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration

From this Sunday evening to Tuesday midday we welcome many people to this Church for the **40 Hours Adoration**. It is a great privilege for us to host this event and we hope and pray it will be a rich spiritual experience for all who partake.

This practice of spending 40 hours at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament has its origins in the Middle Ages. Its original purpose was to pray for reparation for sins, for protection from danger and for peace. The number 40 was chosen principally because that was considered the number of hours Jesus spent in the tomb between his death and resurrection. This devotion then is very much linked with Holy Week and particularly with the silence of Holy Saturday. However, the number 40 has many other biblical significances. For example, the people of Israel spent 40 years in the desert, Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days before he began his public ministry and there are 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension. This devotion is associated with all these events and a vivid reminder of their spiritual significance. This is a time for us to reflect on the journey God is leading us on in our lives, it is a time of intense prayer and spiritual growth and is a time for us to renew and deepen our faith in the resurrection.

We are told in the Catechism that the "Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life.... In the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself". All Christian life has its origin in the Eucharist and is sustained by the Eucharist. We cannot be fully Christian without the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the high point of our relationship with God, we are never closer to Him than we are through the Eucharist.

The mystery of the Eucharist is so great, it is beyond all human understanding or explanation. Faced with the enormity of this mystery, we are naturally drawn to silence and contemplation. These days and nights are a privileged time for this. They are a time to sit with Jesus who died and rose for us, who is always with us and who gave us his body and blood to sustain us on our journeys through life in this world.

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“For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father; so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate, they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever”. [John 6:56-58]

Practical arrangements for the 40 Hours

- * There will be continuous **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from after the 6.00pm Mass this Sunday evening to just before the 12.15 Mass on Tuesday 20th April.
- * The 6.00pm Mass this Sunday evening is a special Opening Mass for the **40 Hours**.
- * The 12.15 Mass on Tuesday is a special Closing Mass.
- * Our other weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual.
- * You are welcome to come any time, day or night, during this time.
- * During some of the night time hours, the Church doors will be closed for security reasons. There will be a notice on the door telling you what to do to enter.
- * We will be welcoming parishioners from the other parishes of Kensington and Chelsea and other people from around the Diocese.
- * Most of the time will be silent prayer but occasionally various groups will lead some prayers and reflections.

Special reminder: We will have our **Carmelite Saints Holy Hour** tomorrow, Monday from 6.40-7.40pm, during the 40 Hours, and not on Monday 26 April as earlier announced.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday next 25 April is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the Education of Priests. 50% of the money collected goes to the Archdiocese of Westminster and 50% to the Carmelite Order. Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated.

- * We will have our **Parish Gathering** after the 10.00am Mass this morning. Please join your friends downstairs in the Parish Centre for tea/coffee and friendly chat.

Meeting on Child Abuse in the Church

On behalf of Franca, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, and myself, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Tuesday meeting to discuss **Child Abuse in the Church**. It was great to see so many people present. A special thanks to all who asked questions and shared their views and experiences. We will host a similar meeting on **Thursday 6 May at 7.30pm**. This is for those who were unable to attend last Tuesday's meeting. Those who did attend are, of course, very welcome to attend again, especially those whose questions we did not have time to deal with.

I remind you again of the **Special Mass for Victims of Abuse** on Thursday 29 April at 7.30pm. I hope as many people as possible will be able to come to this Mass.

Fr Matt

RCIA Open Session, Sunday 25 April

Following our Easter Vigil when six adults received the Sacraments, having been prepared through the **RCIA** programme, you are all invited to an open meeting on Sunday next 25 April from 7.00-8.00pm (in the Refectory). This will be an opportunity to learn more about RCIA and get to know the new members of our Church and to share a little of their experience.

The Acts of the Apostles

Fr Matt will give a series of four lectures on *St Luke's Second Volume* known as **The Acts of the Apostles**, beginning on Tuesday 4 May and continuing on Tuesday 11th, 18th and 25th May, from 7.00-8.00pm. You are all invited.

♪♪ Polish Motet by Henryk Gorecki ♪♪

In memory of the 96 Polish victims of the air disaster in Russia last weekend, our Choir, led by Bruce Ogston, will be performing a Polish Motet written by **Henryk Gorecki** (born in 1933) at our 11 o'clock Mass this morning. This Motet was first performed in 1987 by the Choir of the Warsaw Academy at High Mass held by Pope John Paul II, to whom Gorecki dedicated the motet for the Pope's third pilgrimage to his homeland.

Funeral

On Wednesday next 21 April the 12.15 Mass will a Funeral Mass for **Susan Kavanagh RIP**.