

### Feasts/Memorials

#### June

Monday	21 - St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Tuesday	22 - SS John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs
Wednesday	23 - St Etheldreda, Virgin
Thursday	24 - Nativity of St John the Baptist - Solemnity

### Brightlights Festival 2010

**Brightlights** is the annual festival for young adults in the Catholic Diocese of Westminster, bringing together hundreds of people, aged 16-30, for top quality music, inspirational speakers, practical workshops and opportunities for prayer and liturgy. The Festival will take place from 16-19 July at SPEC, All Saints Pastoral Centre, Shenley Lane, London Colney. For more information, email: [info@brightlights.org.uk](mailto:info@brightlights.org.uk) or call 01727-829209.

### Gathering for Young Married Couples

We will have another of our **Gatherings for Young Married Couples** on Wednesday 30 June at 7.30pm in the Priory. 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](mailto: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 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 20 June 2010 - Twelfth Sunday of the Year

### “From Paul, to the Churches of Galatia”

This is the second of four Sundays when we have extracts from *Paul's Letter to the Galatians* as our second Reading. Some people consider this to be the most difficult of Paul's letters; some parts are certainly heavy reading and contain complex arguments from scripture that we may find perplexing.

Galatia, an area of Asia Minor, was made a Roman Province in 25BC, by Augustus. The northern part of this territory was inhabited by the ancient Galatian tribe, traditionally believed to be related to the Celts or Gauls. The Southern part which was added later was of more mixed race, and had a substantial Jewish population. Paul tells us that he is writing to the “Churches of Galatia” but it is not clear which part of Galatia he means, most likely it is the Churches of northern Galatia which are primarily Gentile in origin. Paul tells his readers that he is writing this letter because “*certain troublemakers among you want to change the Good News of Christ*”. We don't know who these people are but they are teaching that Paul is not an authentic Apostle because he did not know Jesus personally and so did not get his authority from Jesus. They accuse him of neglecting the Law of Moses and of using the Gospel as a way of watering down the demands of the Law.

Paul is very angry when he writes this letter. He writes a very strong defence of himself and the Gospel he has preached: “*Let me warn you that if anyone preaches a version of the Good News different from the one we have already preached to you, whether it be ourselves or an angel from heaven, he is to be condemned*”. We must be grateful to “*these troublemakers*” because as a result we have a letter that tells us so much about Paul; his personal story, his character and his understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In today's extract Paul is emphasising that it is only Jesus Christ that matters. Those who are baptised “*are all one in Jesus Christ*”. They are the true heirs of Abraham, it is faith in Jesus that makes one a true heir of Abraham and not the practice of the laws and rituals of Judaism.

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It is interesting [and challenging for us!] that Paul expects all Christians, both Jew and Gentile, to follow and understand complex and subtle arguments from scripture. By baptism we are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. This sets us free from sinfulness and from external customs and rituals that were given an over-emphasis by certain factions who were influencing the Churches of Galatia. Paul's argument is subtle and requires careful reading, he is not rejecting the scriptures or Judaism but only certain rituals and practices and an over-rigid interpretation of the law.

A true and authentic understanding and interpretation of the scriptures is necessary for us to come to know the depth and breadth of the message of Jesus Christ. Paul wants this for the Christians of Galatia and he expresses his wish with passion, force and deep love.

*Take some time to read this letter, you will find it a very worthwhile experience!*

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

#### ***Parish Pilgrimage to Rome***

The Carmelites first came here in 1862, therefore **2012** will be the **150<sup>th</sup> 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 re cost etc. will be available very soon.

#### ***Kensington Council of Churches***

The **AGM** of Kensington Council of Churches takes place on **Thursday next 24 June at 7.00pm** at **St Philip's Church**, Earls Court Road. Everyone welcome.

#### ***Young Adults Monday Group***

Our *Monday Group* will meet tomorrow Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All young people (18-30) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them. An opportunity to share the faith, participate in lively debates and pray together, plus some socialising. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street. For further details contact Gary Clarke, [garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garyclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk)

#### ***Mass for the Sick and Elderly***

Our next **Mass for the sick and elderly** will be on Saturday 3 July at 12.15pm. The **Anointing of the Sick** will be given during this Mass.

#### ***Parish Picnic***

You are all invited to our **Parish Picnic this afternoon**. Weather permitting, 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. **N.B:** If the weather is not good, we will gather in the **Priory** at **1 o'clock** and have an entertaining afternoon under cover !

#### ***First Holy Communion***

Congratulations to all our **31 children** who received **First Holy Communion** on Sunday last, and sincere thanks to their Catechists for their hard work in preparing them so well.

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Immediately after the 10 o'clock Mass this morning we will have a **Blessed Sacrament Procession**, especially for the *First Communion Children*, but you are all invited to join in.

#### ***Confirmation***

On Saturday 3 July eight young people from this Church will receive **The Sacrament of Confirmation** from Bishop Alan Hopes, at the 6.30pm Mass at Our Lady of Victories, High St., Kensington. Please pray for *Victoria, Philippe, Julia, Gabrielle, Rita, Mario, Glenn and Darwin* on this very important day in their lives.

#### ***Notices***

- \* Our next *Parish Gathering* will be on Sunday 27 June after the 10 o'clock Mass, when you are all invited downstairs for tea/coffee and friendly chat.
- \* We will have our *Parish Advisory Group* meeting on Sunday next 27 June at 7.00pm in the Priory. If you have any matters you would like raised, please hand them in at Reception, attention Fr Matt.

#### ***Peter's Pence Collection***

There will be the customary Collection for **Peter's Pence** after all Masses on Sunday next 27 June, for the special charities of our Holy Father, the Pope.

Today is **Fathers' Day**. We wish all fathers who come to our Church  
*A Very Happy Day.*