

Feasts/Memorials

July

Monday	5 - St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest
Tuesday	6 - St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
Friday	9 - SS Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Mount Carmel

Please note the July-September issue of **Mount Carmel – A Review of the Spiritual Life**, is now available from Reception. Price £2.50. As always, an excellent read with contributions by many well know writers – an ideal book to take on holiday.

Readers Required

We need more readers for our Sunday Masses, particularly the **8.30am**. Also certain 12.15 and 6.00pm 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 (*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 4 July 2010 - Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Think - Like a Christian

Our second reading today is the conclusion of *St Paul's Letter to the Galatians*. Paul did not write his letters himself, rather he dictated them to his assistants or secretaries. However, he usually concludes his letters with some words of greeting, and a summary of his principal message, in his own handwriting. The personal message at the end of this letter is his strongest and most passionate and we hear the essence of it at Mass today. Note how he begins the message: "*Take good note of what I am adding in my own handwriting and in large letters*". We can be in no doubt that he considers what he is saying today to be very important. This letter is written as a response to particular problems in the Church in Galatia – we do not know what these problems are. Does his response have relevance to us today and particularly what might it be saying to us about how to deal with our problems of crisis? I would like to pick out three ideas from Paul's response:

1. The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ: This is where every Christian goes in time of crisis, pain and confusion. The death of Jesus on the cross has changed everything – how we know God, how we see the world, how we view our pain and problems, how we relate with each other and how we view ourselves. Jesus died on the cross to save us and so every crisis and challenge must be viewed by the Christian from this perspective.

2. New Creature or New Creation: This is a favourite theme in a number of Paul's letters. It gives us an insight into how he understands Christianity and sees its importance. Through baptism the Christian becomes a "New Creature" and is living in this "New Creation".

3. Israel of God: This is a very interesting phrase. Belonging to God's chosen people is no longer about race, culture, religion, laws or traditions but about union with Jesus who died on the cross and the grace of baptism which makes us new creatures.

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These three ideas are all about change in outlook or thinking. They make the conflicts and worries of everyday life seem trivial and those who partake in them small-minded and self-centred. Paul is frustrated and angry that the new Christians of Galatia are still so far away from the thinking and outlook that should be expected of those reborn in Jesus Christ. Can the same criticism be made of us Christians of the 21st Century ???

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome
Sunday 2nd – Saturday 8th October 2011

2012 will be the **150th Anniversary of this Church** - the Carmelites first came here in 1862. 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** from **2nd – 8th October 2011**. This Pilgrimage will be led by Fr Matt Blake and the cost is **£769**, with £28.50 extra per person for Insurance. Also single room supplement is £96 per person for the 6 nights (limited availability). The Itinerary and Booking Form are now available from Reception. The Booking Form should be completed and returned to Pax Travel Ltd, 152-156 Kentish Town Road, London, NW1 9QB. A deposit of £120, plus the Insurance Premium, should be sent with your booking. These prices are guaranteed until 1st November 2010. Any bookings received after this date may be subject to a flight surcharge. Please **do not** return booking forms to the Carmelite Church.

Explore John Henry Newman's Mission

On Saturday next 10 July, from 10.00am – 5.00pm, in preparation for the **Pope's visit** and **Cardinal Newman's Beatification**, there will be a gathering here in our Church led by Monsignor Keith Barltrop, Parish Priest of St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, and Sr Mary Dechant, of the Spiritual Family, The Work, Littlemore. There will be talks, prayer, exchanges and The Eucharist. Please bring a packed lunch and confirm your place by contacting Monique Varenne monivarenne@yahoo.fr/07726-458632 or Michele Matthews: michelematthews1@hotmail.fr

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The **RCIA** programme will run in the Priory from October 2010 until Easter 2011. It is intended for:

- * Adults who wish to be baptised;
- * Adult Catholics who are baptised but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation;
- * Members of other Christian Churches who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Please pass on the word to anyone you know who may be interested.

For further information and to apply, please contact Fr Matt at: matthewblake@rcdow.org.uk

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**Enrolment for Catechism, First Communion
and Confirmation 2010/2011**

Enrolment forms for **Catechism**, children 4-6 years and 8-12 years; **First Communion** – children who will have reached their 7th birthday by 31 August 2010; and **Confirmation** – young people who will have reached their 13th birthday by 31 December 2010, are now available from the back of the Church and also our Reception Desk. Please collect and complete them without delay.

Peter's Pence Collection

Grateful thanks for your contributions towards the Peter's Pence Collection on Sunday last. The amount collected was **£589.44**.

Sea Sunday

Sunday next, 11 July, is Sea Sunday which serves as an annual appeal to support the vital ministry of the **Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)** in providing pastoral and practical help to seafarers visiting our shores. **AoS** is an independent charitable agency of the Catholic Church, wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work. It takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. There will be a special collection after all Masses on Sunday next - please give as generously as you can. *Thank you.*