

## Feasts/Memorials

### May

Monday 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### June

Tuesday 1 - St Justin, Martyr

Wednesday 2 - St Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Thursday 3 - SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

Saturday 5 - St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

### Year for Priests: June 2009 – June 2010

Friday 11 June, **Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, will bring to a close our **Year for Priests**. Please continue to pray for our Priests and to thank God for them.

#### *A Prayer for Our Priests*

*Heavenly Father,*

Grant that our Priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

*Mary, Mother of the Church, look tenderly upon your sons, our Priests.*

*Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us all.*

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 30 May 2010 - The Most Holy Trinity

### Three Persons – Yet One Lord, One God

*“We joyfully proclaim our faith in the mystery of your Godhead. You have revealed your glory as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit; three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory”.*

These words of the Preface of today's Mass are a powerful reminder that our first duty is to give honour, glory and praise to God – the worship of God comes before everything else in our lives. God reveals Himself to us as a mystery beyond all knowing or understanding. God invites us into the mystery of who He is and gives us the means to relate with Him. To celebrate the **Trinity** we need the humility to accept that we know God on his terms, not ours. God is not a human discovery, still less a human invention. We know God because God has freely chosen to allow us to know Him and has given us the means to relate with Him. The only right human reaction to this fact is to worship God, to give him honour, glory and praise. God's choice to allow us to know Him and to relate with Him reveals to us who we really are. Nothing says more about our identity and our dignity than this does. We are creatures made by God but have been given, by his free choice, the capacity to enter into a relationship of love and understanding with Him. This is what our first reading from the *Book of Proverbs* is trying to express; the Wisdom of God is speaking, a wisdom that has been there from the beginning and is now present with people: *“When he assigned the sea its boundaries, when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men”*

God is constantly present with us, in our world, in our lives and in all the gifts of beauty and wisdom given to us as children of God. If God's decision to reveal Himself to us as Trinity changes completely how we see God and how we understand ourselves, then it also changes how we see the world around us and how we relate with each other. God lives with us and within us and he relates with the world through us. We tend to live our lives either oblivious to or ignoring this truth. St John of the Cross describes the implications of being awakened to this truth: *“Here lies the*

remarkable delight of this awakening: the soul knows creatures through God and not God through creatures. This amounts to knowing the effects through their cause and not the cause through its effects". In other words we see the world, creation, other people, the issues and concerns of life etc. as God sees them and not through limited human vision. Our attitudes, concerns, dreams, desires, hopes and decisions are the fruit of God's wisdom and not influenced or controlled by human ignorance or human arrogance.

When we are awakened to the truth of the **Trinity** and its implications, we are moved to give God honour, worship, thanks and praise.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Amen.*

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

### ***Collection in aid of the Papal Visit, 16-19 September 2010***

My thanks to all who contributed to the collection on Sunday last for the **Papal Visit in September**. The total collected came to **£1,600.24**. Thank you for your generosity. For further information and to keep up to date with the plans for the visit, please see [www.thepapalvisit.org.uk](http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk)

### ***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 will be available very soon.

### ***Spirit in the City Festival***

**Catholic Faith Celebration in the heart of London** from Thursday next 3 June - Saturday 5 June, with Masses and Ceremonies taking place in four West End Churches: Warwick Street Church; Soho Square; Notre Dame de France and Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane. The Festival will end on Saturday 5 June at Leicester Square with live music and street programme plus Workshops, Prayer and Reconciliation Tents. For full details of all these events, visit [www.spiritinthecity.org](http://www.spiritinthecity.org) (see also our notice-board)

Tomorrow Monday 31 May is a Bank Holiday. Masses will be at 9.00am and 12.15pm. The Church will close at 1.00pm.

### ***Children's First Holy Communion***

On Sunday 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.

### ***Children's Art Exhibition***

Grateful thanks to the children from our Parish for the very imaginative paintings they've done in an effort to raise funds for the **Catholic Children's Society**. These are now proudly displayed in the Church Corridor along Reception, and our parishioners are 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)

### ***Talk by Fr Kevin Culligan OCD***

On Wednesday next, 2 June, Fr Kevin Culligan OCD will give a talk at Westminster Cathedral Hall on '**St John of the Cross and the Search for Silence**'. Talk from 7.00-9.00pm – tickets available at the door. All welcome.

### ***Notices***

- \* On Saturday next 5 June, after the 6.00pm Mass, we will have the *Brown Scapular Devotions to Our Lady of Mount Carmel*. You are all invited to stay on for the Rosary and special prayers.
- \* Please hold Sunday 20 June in your diaries for our **Parish Picnic**, details of which will be announced very shortly.

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

Today is the *Feast of the Most Holy Trinity*, and Sunday next 6 June is *Corpus Christi, Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord*, the last of the four Solemnities celebrated on consecutive Sundays during May/June.