

<u>June</u>		<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Tuesday	16	- St Richard of Chichester, Bishop
Friday	19	- Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	20	- Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### *A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land*

Canon Christopher Tuckwell from Westminster Cathedral will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 8-15 November 2009, cost £899. Booking forms are available from Clergy House Reception. Further details from Pax Travel on 020-7485-3003. e-mail: [info@paxtravel.co.uk](mailto:info@paxtravel.co.uk)

### **Relics of St Thérèse**

The Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will be visiting our Church on **Sunday 11 October** this year, as part of their national visit to England and Wales. They will depart for Westminster Cathedral on Monday 12 October. You will find full details of the various venues involved in the visit if you go to our website: [www.carmelitechurch.org](http://www.carmelitechurch.org) Details of arrangements for the visit to our Church will be given nearer the time.

### *Visiting the Sick*

If you know of any sick, elderly or housebound parishioner who would like a visit from a priest, please tell **Fr. Iain** at the Priory. He will be very pleased to pay a visit.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 6.30-8.00pm.

Our Parish Newsletter on the Web: [www.carmelitechurch.org](http://www.carmelitechurch.org)

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 **Sung/Latin**  
 12.15pm, 6.00pm **Young Adults Choir**

Holy Days: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm  
 Bank Holidays: 9am, 12.15pm (no 6.00pm Mass)  
 Weekday Confessions: 5.30-5.50pm (Priest on duty except between 12 Noon-3.00pm)

Saturday Confessions: 10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm

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## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

### Parish Newsletter

Sunday 14 June 2009

### *Feast of Corpus Christi*

When we come into Church we genuflect, bow, make the sign of the Cross or some other form of reverence. We know we are in the presence of God; that presence is not just spiritual or symbolic, it is real and physical. That is what we celebrate today. We can be in the presence of, see, touch, eat and speak intimately with Jesus our God and Saviour present in the Eucharist.

The Church has always very strongly recommended that we spend time in quiet prayer and reflection before the presence of Jesus in Church. Spending time with him draws us closer to Him, strengthens us and inspires us to do his work. Our basic calling as Christians is to pray and come close to Jesus, and there is no better way than spending time in His presence.

We pray that the children who receive **First Holy Communion** in our Church today will grow more and more in their relationship with Jesus. We pray that the Eucharist will be their support throughout their lives and that their relationships with Jesus will inspire them to great works of love, charity and creativity in their future lives.

Today is a very appropriate day for us to pay tribute to the prayer, life and work of the **Adoratrices, Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament and of Charity**. As most of you know, the sisters have a community here in Kensington Square and are celebrating 50 years in London next Saturday 20 June. The title of their Congregation tells us of the essential elements of their lives – *prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and works of charity*. Their Foundress, **St Maria Micaela**, felt moved by the Holy Spirit to live a life of constant prayer before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament and to dedicate herself to the liberation of socially marginalised women, especially to the victims of prostitution. The sisters continue this work here in Kensington and other parts of London.

In response to urgent needs they encountered in their work here in London, the sisters have decided to set up a Charity to work with victims of prostitution and sex trafficking. The Project is known as the **RAHAB Project**. A lot of work has already gone into setting up this project and it will be officially launched on Saturday next and it is hoped to begin work in the autumn.

[The inspiration for the project is the Biblical woman **Rahab** whom we read about in the Book of Joshua. Rahab was a prostitute who showed great courage and faith by helping the people of Israel in their entry into the promised land. She is also mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel; therefore Jesus is a direct descendant of Rahab].

Please pray for the sisters and for the Rahab Project. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us at the 6.00pm Mass next Saturday 20 June. The Principal Celebrant will be the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Faustino Sainz Muñoz, and Bishop Alan Hopes will also be attending.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Adoratrice Sisters** for all the work they do for us as a parish. They make an enormous contribution to the life of this parish, and I wish to assure them of our support, prayers and very best wishes on this very important occasion.

*Fr Matt Blake, Prior*

#### ***In Christ we are One Body***

To celebrate the end of *The Year of St Paul*, there will be a Taizé-style candlelit vigil with Archbishop Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 27 June from 7.30-9.00pm. All are welcome.

#### ***Proposal to Advertise Abortion on Television***

The Advertising Standards Authority is consulting the public on whether to allow promoters of abortion to advertise on Television. Clearly this touches on the sanctity of human life. You may wish to contact the ASA at [enquiries@asa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@asa.org.uk) Tel: 020-7492-2222. This consultation closes on 19 June.

#### ***Afternoon with Assumption Family***

**Assumption Together** invites you to join the Assumption Family and friends for a Picnic afternoon together, looking at ... '*The Three Loves*' *Jesus...Mary... the Church*, on Saturday next 20 June from 12.30-5.00pm. There will be Vespers at 5.00pm, for those who wish to stay, at the Convent of the Assumption, 23 Kensington Square. For details contact Sister Cathy on 020-7361-4743. See poster on Church notice-board.

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

As our 30 young children go forward to receive their **First Holy Communion** this morning, we ask you please to pray for them that God will bless them on this most special day in their lives. We also pray for and congratulate their Catechists who have done a wonderful job in preparing them.

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

Our Monday Group will meet tomorrow evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The topic this week will be "*My Favourite Saint*", when members are invited to come along and share something about their favourite saint. It can be a well-known or a lesser-known saint whom they have researched. All young people (18-35) who come to our church are very welcome to join them. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street.

#### ***Catechism Parents and Children***

An invitation to all parents of our Catechism Children: Please join us on Sunday 28 June after the 10 o'clock Mass, when Fr Iain and the Catechists will get together with the children to present their Catechism Certificates for the completion of this Catechism Year. The Presentation will take place in the Refectory, and we look forward to seeing you all.

#### ***Notices***

- \* The Daughters of St Paul will present a talk on **St Paul** at Our Lady of Victories tomorrow Monday at 7.00pm. Title: '*Conformed to the Image of God's Son: The Heart of Paul's Spirituality*'. (Admission free). All are welcome.
- \* We will have our *Parish Gathering* after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday next 21 June. All are invited downstairs to the Parish Centre for tea/coffee and to socialise.
- \* The next **Holy Hour** with emphasis on Prayer for the *Gift of Vocations to Religious Life* (guided by the Message of St Thérèse) will be on Monday 22 June from 6.30-7.30pm.

#### ***Sunday Readings***

Starting from Sunday next 21 June, the Readings at Mass will return to the Ordinary Sundays of the Year, next Sunday being the **Twelfth Sunday, Year B, Part II**, in the Parish Mass Books. Will readers please note