

Feasts/Memorials

October

Monday	19	St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Friday	23	St John of Capestrano, Priest
Saturday	24	St Anthony Claret, Bishop

Year for Priests

Prayer of St Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus,

I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptised me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 6.30-8.00pm

Our Parish Newsletter on the Web: 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 12 Noon-3pm
Saturday Confessions: 10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

18 October 2009 – 29th Sunday of the Year

Thérèse: Patroness of the Missions

Today is **World Mission Sunday** and it is a good opportunity to reflect on **St Thérèse's Visit** here last weekend. Thérèse is Patroness of the Missions and in some little way we experienced why she is such an appropriate choice for this role. We saw a little glimpse of the hunger for truth, for prayer, for the Gospel, for the spiritual life, that is deep within every human being. We saw also the conviction that Thérèse in some way discovered and holds the answer to the deepest hunger of humanity.

Thérèse writes: "*Oh! In spite of my littleness, I would like to shed light on souls like the Prophets, the Doctors. I have the vocation to be an Apostle. I would like to travel across the world, preach Your name, and plant Your glorious Cross on the soil of unbelievers. But, my Beloved, a single mission wouldn't be enough for me. I would at the same time like to preach the Gospel in the five parts of the world and as far as the remotest islands. I would like to be a missionary, not only for a few years, but I would like to have been one since the creation of the world and be one until the end of the ages*".

Thérèse is not just expressing her own convictions and desires but she is expressing the power of the Gospel and the vocation of the Church. The Gospel is so powerful that when a human being really grasps it, that person must spread the word. A person who has entered deeply into the mystery of the Gospel is compelled by an irresistible desire to share their Christian convictions. For Thérèse it was impossible to be Christian and not be missionary. Thérèse's missionary journey was not to the ends of the earth, not even to the next village, but rather to the remotest regions of the human heart. That is the most difficult mission of all; to allow the Love of Jesus to penetrate our deepest selves, to transform us from within and to root out every desire, attitude, conviction or attachment that is contrary to the values and ideals of the Gospel. Whenever a person has the courage and generosity to do this, then the whole world comes seeking what that person has – that is what we saw last Sunday. Thérèse can bring the Gospel to the world because she has allowed the Gospel into her inner world.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Thank You

It is impossible to even begin to thank all who need thanking for last weekend – on the occasion of the **Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse**. It was a joint effort by all who come to this Church. So many people have spoken about the welcome, kindness and generosity they received when they came into this Church. What was most impressive was the prayerfulness of the occasion. Even in the small hours of the morning there was a large number praying silently in the Church. Let me just say how proud I am of everyone who comes here and of your generosity, self-giving, deep faith and openness. We pray that you will all be truly blessed by the occasion.

We now need to think about how we can follow up on this and build for the future. Ideas and suggestions are very welcome. *Fr Matt*

Film on the Life of St Thérèse of Lisieux

At our 'Open Day' on Sunday 27 September, the film on the **Life of St Thérèse** proved extremely popular, so much so that there have been many requests for a repeat showing. We are pleased to advise that for those who wish to see it again and also for those who missed it, we will have a screening on **Sunday next 25 October at 3.30pm**. It's 45 minutes in length and will be shown downstairs in the Parish Centre. All are invited. (Enquiries through Rita on 020-7727-6554).

Thanksgiving for the Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse

On Monday 26 October from 6.45-7.45pm there will be an hour's Prayer and Adoration *in thanksgiving for the visit of the Relics of St Thérèse*. All are invited.

Collections

We thank you for your contributions to the Harvest Fast Day Collection for **CAFOD** on Sunday 4 October. The amount collected was **£1,151.10**.

Also, the Collection taken up during the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 11th and at the 8.00am Mass on Monday 12th October, given to CAFOD for the victims of the **Typhoon in the Philippines**, amounted to **£4,558.21**. With special thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Children's 'All Saints' Party

There will be a Children's '**All Saints**' Party here in the Priory on Sunday 15 November from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. *Children!* we would like you to come dressed as your favourite saint - all ages are welcome. For assistance or for ideas on saints and get-up, please contact Fr Iain: ianmatthew@yahoo.com

November Dead List

A Mass will be said every day during the month of November for your departed relatives and friends. Names and donations accepted at Reception Desk. Special forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Young Adults Monday Group

Our Monday Group will meet in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm tomorrow evening when they will continue with the autumn programme of Meditations and Group Reflections, following the booklet '**Your Kingdom Come**'. All young people (18-35) who come to our Church are warmly invited to join them. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street.

Notices

- * We will have our monthly **Parish Gathering** after the 10 o'clock Mass this morning. You are all invited downstairs for tea/coffee and some socialising.
- * Due to half term break there will be no *Babies and Toddlers Playgroup* for the next two weeks. It will recommence on Friday 6 November.
- * Our *Parish Advisory Group* meeting will take place on Sunday 8 November at 7.00pm. If you have any items you would like raised at this meeting, please hand them in at Reception, attention Fr Prior.

World Mission Sunday

There will be a special collection after all Masses today for the **APF (Overseas Missions)**. By supporting World Mission Sunday you will help people all over the world to receive and share the gift of life and faith.

Reminder: Summer time ends next week-end. So please remember to put your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night 24 October !