

<u>October</u>		<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Monday	24	St Anthony Claret, Bishop
Wednesday	26	SS Chad & Cedd, Bishops
Friday	28	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles - Feast
Saturday	29	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

‘Mount Carmel’ – A Review of the Spiritual Life

The Winter issue of ‘**Mount Carmel – A Review of the Spiritual Life**’, is now available from Reception. This edition entitled “*John & Teresa Issue*”, with in-depth articles on St John of the Cross, and Teresa of Avila, plus Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity, is an excellent read and highly recommended. Price £2.50.

Concert in Aid of Westminster Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On Friday 25 November, at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, there will be a special Concert in aid of the Westminster Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, starting at 7.30pm. Haydn Symphony No 30 ‘Alleluia’, plus Mass in Bb ‘Harmoniemesse’ performed by the UCLU Music Society, followed by a Champagne Reception at 9.00pm. For tickets, ring Zoe Decouto. Tel: 020-7931-6006.

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 (*with Choir*) 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: Fridays 6.30-7.30pm – for Vocations
 to the Priesthood and Religious Profession.

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23 October 2011 – 30th Sunday of the Year

A View for the Pew

“Behold the Lamb of God! Behold him who takes away the sins of the world! Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb!”

Those among us who are sensing the passing of time is becoming quicker will grasp something of the sense of what Albert Einstein once said: “*I never think of the future. It comes soon enough*”. I interpret this as there is no getting away from the future; it influences us so much that we do not have to think of it! However, as a liturgical people, there is no getting away from our ‘thinking’ about the future. As a liturgical people we are being prepared for it. From the moment we were baptised we were touched by a person whose life, death and resurrection holds out the promise of a special kind of future. As Christians, we call this intimate touch in our lives by the expression the “*paschal mystery*”.

The word “paschal” brings us into the sense of a unique journey; indicates that a transition has happened. Significantly it connects with that unique event in the lives of an enslaved Hebrew people. Paschal means to pass over. In the Hebrew testament it links us with the moment when the Spirit of God ‘passed over’ the homes of those who had signed the lintels of their doors with that of the blood of lambs and were saved. For the Christian testament, the Paschal event, God’s intimate touch, takes on new meaning with the blood of another lamb of God!

Taking part in the sacramental life of the Church brings us into this new lamb’s saving action. The transition/journey from sin and death towards life eternal has begun. As a liturgical people our sacramental living interprets that “In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity”. (Order of Christian Funerals, General Introduction 1).

Perhaps next time we hear the expression “paschal mystery” we will connect not with a Hebrew Testament event but with a person, Jesus, Son of God. His life and death is our reason to give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance with the saints in light and delivered us from the kingdom of darkness transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sin (St Paul’s letter to the Colossians 1:12-14). The lamb who is our sign of God’s love drawn close and expressing we are not alone in this journey – is the grace of every sacrament strengthening the gift of our future.

Taize Reflects

Word and silence are two realities which condition one another. When there are too many words, we withdraw in search of silence. But once we are in silence, we sense how daunting it can be. A child knows that, when no one is addressing it a single word, it is sometimes filled with panic, having the impression that it is no longer alive, is suffocating. “*It is the word that is the bread of silence*”, as Paul Hoppe (a Swiss writer who died in 2006) wrote. It is the word that allows one to persevere in silence. One word is enough to make silence bearable, and can at times fill it completely. Musicians interested in forming a **Taize group**, please contact Fr Tony for further details: anthonylparsons@aol.com

Carmelite Youth Day

Our **Carmelite Youth Day** on Saturday last was a huge success, and I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard in planning and organising the day. The enthusiasm and attention to detail put into the event was greatly appreciated. And most importantly, the large number of young people who attended was very gratifying. Well done everybody !

Fr Tony

Names for our Departed

During the month of November a Mass will be said in our Church every day in memory of our departed relatives and friends. Names and donations will be accepted at Reception Desk. Special forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for you to complete.

♪♪ Bicentenary of Franz Liszt ♪♪

1811-1886

To commemorate the **Bicentenary of Franz Liszt**, born in Hungary on 22 October 1811, and who was a close friend and music teacher of **Fr Hermann Cohen**, founder of our Carmelite Church, our 11 o’clock Mass today will be the **Missa Choralis, composed by Franz Liszt**, sung by our Latin Choir, conducted by Bruce Ogston.

Young Adults Monday Group

Our Monday Group will meet at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Parish Centre tomorrow Monday evening for their weekly meeting. This week they will concentrate on Week 2 of the Diocese of Westminster’s Faith Sharing booklet ‘**A Foretaste of Heaven**’, *Where do we go to find Jesus?*, reflecting on encountering Christ in the Eucharist. All young adults (18-35) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them.. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt St.

World Mission Sunday

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

Notices

- * For those of you following the Diocese of Westminster’s 6-Week Programme “**A Foretaste of Heaven**”, today begins Session 2 in the booklet. - there are still some copies available from the back of the Church - please take one as you leave after Mass.
- * All are invited to our **Holy Hour** with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Profession*, from 6.30-7.30pm on Friday next 28 October.

Reminder: Summer time ends next week-end. So please remember to **put your clocks back** by one hour on Saturday night 29 October !