

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13 November 2011 – 33rd Sunday of the Year

<u>November</u>		<i>Feasts/Memorials</i>
Monday	14	All Saints of the Carmelite Order - Feast
Tuesday	15	All Souls of the Carmelite Order - Commemoration
Wednesday	16	St Edmund, Bishop
Thursday	17	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious/ St Hilda, Abbess / St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
Friday	18	Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul
Saturday	19	Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Samuel

Wondering what God is calling you to do with your life? “*Speak Lord, your servant is listening*” (1 Samuel 3:10). Groups for young, single adults [20-30s] open to listening to the Word of God and putting it into action in their lives.

- * Commit to attending 8 monthly meetings.
- * Beginning Advent 2011 in several London locations.
- * **Open Afternoon:** November 20th

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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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Remembrance Sunday

Our 11.00am Mass today, **Remembrance Sunday**, will be a Requiem Mass for all those who gave their lives in two world wars and in other conflicts of our time. We pray also for the families who have been bereaved and we pray for peace.

Today we are a Church at prayer. We approach God aware that prayer will continue to involve us with the companionship and friendship of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Communion with each other and with God is probably the deepest gift Christians can share, yet we still feel the deep loss involved with the impact of death. The disillusionment, disappointment and despair that comes along and knocks, is evidently present in the lives of the Disciples of Christ in the Gospel. Confronted as we are with the tragic loss of life to two World Wars, we pray families may be spared such sacrifice as they still fear it could be their turn to experience feelings of separation as they too see their loved ones depart to foreign countries to protect and sustain our freedom and peace. Nevertheless, we stand in trust and believe that true communion articulates a conviction about friendship – it does not unravel with death!

Perhaps etched in your memories are echoes of loved ones still speaking from the other side of life. It is as a community of faith we register these memories that remain our prompt not to forget to pray for them. As our liturgy confesses, the bonds of friendship do not unravel with death. Let this be our consolation today as we pray together and express our condolences to the families throughout the nation suffering their loss as we mark **Remembrance Sunday** in our liturgy this day. Let our faith point us towards “guarding our hearts and thoughts” from being buried in pain, grief, loneliness and despair. “Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in Christ” - the mark of a person of faith..... They have gone to God. *May they Rest in Peace.* Amen

Mass for our Departed Relatives and Friends

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.

Taize Reflects

.....By forming communities where men and women from every background live together as brothers and sisters, the disciples of Christ offer a concrete alternative to a world forgetful of its origin and its goal.

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Musicians interested in forming a **Taize group**, please contact Fr Tony for further details: anthonylparsons@aol.com

Young Adults Monday Group

Our Monday Group will meet at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Parish Centre tomorrow Monday evening. This week they will concentrate on Week 5 of the Diocese of Westminster's Faith Sharing booklet '**A Foretaste of Heaven**' - *What should I be 'doing' at Mass?* – Reflecting on our full, conscious and active participation at Mass. This is open to all young adults who come to our Church.

George Frederick Handel's Messiah

The Choir of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School and the Belgravia Chamber Orchestra will perform **Handel's Messiah** at St James's, Spanish Place, on Tuesday 6 December at 7.30pm. Tickets at £20, £16, £12 available from Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Tel: 020-7603-8478. email: hansellt@cvms.co.uk.

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 18 November.

New Parish Mass Books

On Sunday 27 November, **First Sunday of Advent, Year B**, we shall begin using our New Parish Mass Books containing the **Revised Liturgy**. They will be available from the back of the Church on Saturday evening 26 November for use at the Vigil Mass and thereafter.

Mass and Reception for our Adult & Senior Parishioners

We shall have a social event for our **Adult and Senior Parishioners** on **Saturday 26 November**. We will start with **12.15 Mass** and then follow with a **Reception** where our LSE students will be on hand to help out and to meet and entertain you all. It will be a nice opportunity to enjoy a little pre-Christmas time with your friends. Please spread the word. *Fr Iain*

Concert in Aid of Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On Friday 25 November, there will be a special concert at Our Lady of Victories to raise funds for the Westminster Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, starting at 7.30pm. There will be music by Haydn, including Symphony No 30 'Alleluia' and more. The concert will end with a Champagne Reception. For tickets ring Zoe Decouto on: 020-7931-6006.

- * **Monthly Coffee Morning:** On Sunday next 20 November, we will have our monthly coffee morning in the Parish Centre after the 10 o'clock Mass, when you are invited to socialise with your friends.
- * Please note our Repository at the back of the Church has now got large stocks of religious Christmas cards, plus rosaries, statues and many other items suitable for gifts for your friends and family for Christmas. Please feel free to take a look round after Mass.

Sunday next 20 November is **National Youth Day**. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the Catholic Youth Service.