

## Feasts/Memorials

### January 2017

Monday 16 - Feria/Second Week of Year 1  
Tuesday 17 - St Anthony Abbot - Memorial  
Wednesday 18 – Feria  
Thursday 19 – Feria/St Wulstan, Bishop - Memorial  
Friday 20 – St Fabian, Pope & Martyr - Memorial  
Saturday 21 – St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr - Memorial  
Sunday 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Wednesday 18 – 25 January

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** plus prayers and reflection for *Vocations to the Discalced Carmelites and to the congregations of Sisters represented at our Parish* - Fridays after the 6.00pm Mass until 7.30pm.

**The weekday Rosary** at 5.30pm, Monday-Friday in the Church

### Readers Required

We urgently need more Readers for all our Sunday and weekday Masses. If you would like to be considered for this very important ministry in the Mass, please contact Rita - 020-7727-6554 [rmcdonagh34@btinternet.com](mailto:rmcdonagh34@btinternet.com)

Weekday Masses: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm  
Saturday Masses: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm (*Vigil with Organ/Singer*)  
Sunday Masses: 8.30am, 10.00am (with Choir), 11.00am (*Latin Choir*)  
12.15pm, 6.00pm (*with Choir*)

Holy Day Masses 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm  
Bank Holiday Masses: 9.00am, 12.15pm (no 6.00pm Mass)

Weekday Confessions: 5.40-6.00pm – Monday-Friday

Saturday Confessions: 10.30-11.30am, 5.00-6.00pm

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You can keep up-to-date with our Choir via [www.carmelitechoir.com](http://www.carmelitechoir.com)

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## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Newsletter

15 January 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Towards Christian Unity.....

Times vary in their needs and possibilities. Among the Jewish people in the time of Jesus there was no movement for religious unity. The Jewish leaders at their best fought against the meshing together of religious ideas from different traditions that was a feature of the age. Mixing with Gentiles and accepting their social customs were rejected. Typical of his time, Jesus did not preach about the good to be found in other religious traditions; he recoiled from the request for help from the Syro-Phoenician woman; he did not enter the house of the Roman centurion.

While Jesus did not act sharply against the practices of his time in these matters, he acknowledged the personal worth and goodness of Gentiles. This tolerance was quite other than the connivance at foreign ways for the sake of gain or political advantage which was to be found among some contemporary Jews. The tolerance of Jesus is well illustrated in his attitude to the Samaritans, in the story of *the woman at the well* near Samaria, in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Today's Gospel too sees John the Baptist giving way to Jesus, acknowledging then, the truth wherever it may be found.

Tolerance, however, is not ecumenism - it is a state of mind which makes ecumenism possible. The religious mind, when insulated in its own rectitude, does not appreciate the need to do something where division exists. It is the 'other' who is wrong and who must make the first move, if not all the moves. It is the 'other' who must change. Conversion by the 'other' is the only possible solution to religious division. The 'other' must see the light.

Ecumenism is about the changes 'we' must make. It does not matter whether it is we or someone else who is wrong. We see clearly enough that there are faults on both sides. What matters is that we have been entrusted with responsibility for the development of the Kingdom of God and, by the express words of Jesus Christ, this Kingdom is to be characterised by oneness. If we are the agents of the Kingdom, then we work for unity, we make the moves, we do not wait for someone else to act. Peace only comes in human divisions from the humble acknowledgement of fault on both sides and mutual respect. In a more difficult age, Jesus has shown us that respect is not only possible but obligatory. We must pray that human wisdom, guided by the Holy Spirit, will enable the Churches to make progress on the road to unity.

(Adapted from an article by Maurice Fearon, O.P.)

### *Feast of Santo Niño*

The Carmelite Filipino Choir invites all to join and celebrate the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Feast of Santo Niño, Holy Infant Jesus of Prague** on Sunday 29 January, 2017, with Mass in our Church at **2.00pm**. Please bring your **Santo Niño** statue for the customary blessing. After Mass there will be a Reception in the Parish Centre, to which all are very welcome.

### **Westminster Year Book 2017**

The **Westminster Year Book 2017** – the official Directory of the Diocese of Westminster, is now available from our Repository and Reception Desk. This Year Book contains listings of all parishes and schools in the Diocese, plus the Liturgical Calendar for the year, and much more. It is an invaluable reference book and a must for every Catholic household. Price £4.50 standard, and £5 ring-bound.

### *Annual Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes*

The Annual Mass in **Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes** will take place at Westminster Cathedral on **Wednesday 11 February at 2pm**. All are welcome.

### **Present Refugee Crisis**

Caritas Westminster, in partnership with Capital Mass, are holding two events relating to the **Refugee Crisis**, as follows:

**Refugees: Next Steps:** On Wednesday 1 February from 7-9pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN, there will be a chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria.

**After the Jungle, where next?** On Wednesday 8 February from 7-9pm, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, Commercial St., London E1 6LY, hear from Br Johannes Maertens about what's now happening in Calais, and see two films made by refugees living in the camp.

Please RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on Eventbrite.

### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for The Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral**

Once again, Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be celebrating the **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3.00pm at Westminster Cathedral**, for couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2017, and who would like to be included in the Mass. Admission is by the Cardinal's personal invitation only, and couples are asked to provide the following details and submit them to their **Parish Priest** without delay:

Husband and wife's names, Wedding Date, Full Postal Address and e-mail (or telephone number, if no e-mail). Parish Priest will send all details to : Office of Marriage & Family Life, Vaughan House, Westminster, in time for mailing of invitations go directly to couples.

### **Vocations Evening at Servite Church, Fulham Road for the Deanery of Kensington & Chelsea**

Do you think you might be hearing the call of God?

The Vocations Promotion Team of our Diocese are keen to talk with you and tell you more. Why not join them at Our Lady of Dolours Church (Servites) in Fulham Road, on Saturday 28 January at 6.30pm. **Canon Stuart Wilson** will be preaching and there will be an opportunity to hear from one or two Seminarians about how God called them. After Mass there will be an opportunity to chat with each other. It would be great to see as many as possible there. If you want to know more, please have a chat with your Parish Priest or call 07515-065696 – [vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk) Please pick up an information sheet from the back of the Church, giving further details on this event.

### **Mount Carmel – A Review of the Spiritual Life**

The January– March issue of **Mount Carmel – a Review of the Spiritual Life**, is now available from our Repository at the back of the Church, and also at Reception. As always, it contains a wealth of interesting features by well known Carmelite contributors. An excellent read at £3.00.

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This morning after the 10 o'clock Mass we shall have the monthly coffee morning downstairs in the 10 o'clock Choir Rehearsal Room. All are welcome.