



Feasts/Memorials

February 2017

Monday 13 - Feria
Tuesday 14 - Sts CYRIL AND METHODIUS, Patrons of Europe -
Feast
Wednesday 15 - Feria.
Thursday 16 - Feria
Friday 17 – Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday 18 – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sunday 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Events

Fridays, after the 6.00pm Mass until 7.30pm: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*, plus prayers and reflection for *Vocations to the Discalced Carmelites and Congregations of Sisters represented in our Parish*.

Weekday Rosary at 5.20pm, Monday-Friday in the Church

Weekday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Saturday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm (<i>Vigil with Organ/Singer</i>)
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10.00am (with Choir), 11.00am (<i>Latin Choir</i>) 12.15pm, 6.00pm (<i>with Choir</i>)
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	
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Newsletter 12 February 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Understanding the Law of Love....

The Gospel for today gives us an insight to Jesus' approach to morality, not so much as a corrective but rather focusing on the values they inculcate. They peer through the legality to the underlying law of love. The first two readings also help to contextualise this. Underlying the primacy of conscience and the need for the wisdom of God's Spirit to perceive the love which is necessary for keeping the commandments. In the first 'correction' Jesus forbids here not merely the most extreme form of disregard of the value of another person, in killing him, but also lesser forms of injuring another. What unites the three faults is that in each case the humanity of another person and his feelings are trampled underfoot. The importance of forgiveness is shown by the fact that it in a way takes precedence even over strictly religious duties, and presumably the same degree of priority is to be awarded to the other two matters. So in this case the correction which Jesus makes is that one must respect not simply the legal right to live but also those things which enable someone to live a full life and one of self-respect.

The second correction is strictly on sexual purity, but the principle given is of far wider application, concerning purity of intention in general. A mere legalism which is content when one has not actually committed a crime is utterly insufficient. The violent preventative action of self-mutilation has never been understood literally by the Church – and is best understood as a parable to express vividly the disastrous effects of sin.

The third correction simply disallows an abuse which was tolerated by the law, that of remarriage after divorce. The exceptive clause has, of course, been a matter of much controversy, but the interpretation which is both philologically most acceptable, and the only one consonant with the practice of the Catholic Church, is that the word translated here - 'fornication' - in fact means 'a marriage prohibited by Jewish laws'. The only divorce permitted is one where there is no real marriage, and the correction becomes – as in its original context – a reaffirmation of the sanctity and closeness of the marriage bond, as pronounced in Genesis '*the two shall become one flesh*', that is one thinking, planning, loving entity.

The fourth correction has not been taken by the Catholic Church literally as a prohibition of oaths. It seeks rather to teach that oaths should not be necessary at all. If there is in general an atmosphere of trust and truth-telling, the reinforcement provided by oaths is not needed. In short, what Jesus teaches by his corrections of the Law is merely a matter of honouring to the full the human values which we find it so difficult to honour.

(Adapted from an article by Henry Wansbrough, OSB)

An Evening Retreat with the Young – Saturday 11 March

Male and Female, He Created Them (Gen.1:27): God has made each one specially and uniquely, either as male or female, for a particular purpose in the general plan of God. **An Evening Retreat with the Young on *Theology of the Body***, accepting and appreciating who God has created in our fast changing society. This will take place here in our Carmelite Priory **at 4pm on Saturday 11 March** - Register at the Priory Reception, or: e-mail: retreats.carmelitepriory@gmail.com Tel: 020-7937-9866

Lenten Course - Prayer: *Finding Intimacy with God*

Fr Luke-Dominic, OCD, invites all to a six-week course on deepening your prayer relationship with God, based on the traditional ***Lectio Divina method of praying the Scriptures***, on **Wednesdays in Lent** beginning on 1 March. in the Carmelite Priory, from 6.30-8.00pm. Cost: £25 (inclusive of study pack with daily reflections to deepen your prayer life. Registration necessary. RSVP 020-7937-9866 retreats.carmelitepriory@gmail.com

RCIA PROGRAMME (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our Carmelite Parish is organising an **RCIA Programme** for admitting adults into the Catholic Church. If you were baptised in another Church and wish to become a Catholic, or you have not been baptised at all and want to become a Catholic, you are very welcome to register and join this course. You will find an appropriate form at the back of the Church which you are required to complete and hand in to the Reception Desk without delay. This programme commences on Tuesday 21 February at 6.30pm in the Priory. Tel: 020-7937-9866.

Racial Justice Day

Today Sunday 12 February is **Racial Justice Day**. There will be Special Collection after all Masses in support of Racial Justice. Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated.

“The Westminster Record” February 2017 Edition

Please note the February issue of “The Westminster Record” is now available from the back of the Church. As usual, it contains a wealth of useful Diocesan information and a delightful read. Please pick up a copy as you leave the Church after Mass.

***Thanksgiving for the ‘Holy Year of Mercy,
at St Patrick’s, Soho Square***

The last of six talks organised by St Patrick’s Church, 21 Soho Square London W1, in thanksgiving for the Holy Year and also to mark the proposed Stained Glass Windows for the Church. Dr Gabriele Finaldi, who is a Director of the National Gallery, will give this talk on “**The Crucifixion, Icon of Love and Mercy**” on Monday 6 March 2017 at 7pm. All are most welcome.

**Visit of the Fatima National Pilgrim Virgin Statue,
and the Relics of Blessed Jacinta & Francisco**

On the Centenary of the **Apparition at Fatima, 1917**, the statue and relics will be coming to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 18 February, with Mass and prayers from 2pm, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 4-12 September 2017

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, ‘*Following in the Footsteps of Jesus*’, led by Fr Samuel Homiah, is being organised by All Saints Travel, contact organiser: Mrs Mozzi, Tel: 020-8472-0843, mobile: 07859-027301. See full details on our Church notice-board.

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 at: rmcdonagh34@btinternet.com
Tel: 020-7727-6554.

Children Readers – post-First Communion age children required for Reading at our 10 o’clock Sunday Mass. Will interested parents please contact Rita as above.

Children’s First Holy Communion/Confirmation

First Holy Communion: On Sunday 7 and 14 May, a group of 44 children from this Parish will receive First Holy Communion in our Church at the **10am Mass**. You are all welcome to both Masses.

Confirmation: On Saturday 10 June a group of young people from this Parish will be confirmed at Our Lady of Victories High St., Kensington. We ask you please to remember all these young people and their families and catechists in your prayers.