



### **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 next 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.

### **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.

### **Pope Francis appoints Fr Gregory Homeming OCD as new Bishop of Lismore, Diocese of Sydney**

We have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of **Fr Gregory Homeming OCD** as Sixth Bishop of Lismore, Diocese of Sydney. Fr Gregory is well known to many of our parishioners due to his regular visits to us here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kensington, over the years. His Ordination will take place on **22<sup>nd</sup> February**. We ask you to please join us in prayers for Fr Gregory and congratulations, as he takes up this very important role as Bishop of Lismore. (*Fr Bob Davies, Prior*)

### **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.

### **Proclaim Westminster - Learning For Everyone**

*The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word:* A study evening for Parish Readers and anyone interested, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis St., SW1. Facilitator: Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP., on Thursday 2 February. Booking is required – suggested donation £4. For further information, visit: <http://rcdow.org.uk/events>, Tel: 020-7931-6078 (See poster on our Church notice-boards).

### **Mark's Gospel – A Basic Handbook for Discipleship with Fr John Hemer**

A basic bible study programme for everyone interested, from 7.00-8.00pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN, on Monday 20 February, Monday 20 March and Monday 15 May. Suggested donation £4 per session. For registration contact: [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) Tel: 020-7931-6078. (See poster on our Church notice-boards).

### **Proclaim Westminster – Exploring Prayer Course**

For small groups and Adult Faith Formation Leaders and all interested in learning more about prayer, with Sr Naomi Hamilton CJ, from 7.00-8.30pm Thursday 6, 13, 20 and 27 February, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1. e-mail: [livingfaith@rdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rdow.org.uk) or telephone: 020-7931-6078. Suggested donation £4 per session.

For further details on the above Westminster events, see posters on our Church notice-boards.

### **Annual Mass for the Sick**

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