Feasts/Memorials

January 2017

Monday 30 - Feria

Tuesday 31 - St John Bosco, Priest - Memorial

<u>February</u>

Wednesday 01 – Feria/St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland Thursday 02 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Feast Friday 03 – Sts Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Bishops

Saturday 04 – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Sunday 05 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Events

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

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

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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The Presentation of Our Lord

On Thursday next week, 2^{nd} February, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple** - the feast is a celebration of meeting. The occasion of fulfilling the Mosaic Law on the fortieth day after birth becomes the time of meeting, not only for Simeon and Anna but for all God's people, with the promised Saviour.

Jesus, as the High Priest of the new covenant, enters the temple of sacrifice for the first time. His once-for-all sacrifice will be more availing than all the sacrifices offered in that holy place. His meeting with the Temple is in the weak condition of a baby. But, as the Second Reading of that day points out, it is in that weak condition of our humanity that he becomes the compassionate high priest for us.

The meeting of Christ with his people of the covenant in their temple is a moment of judgement. He would stand there in time and call them to a new way of life, and many would close their ears.

The meeting with Simeon is a moment of joy for the old man who, through much prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit in him, was able to recognise Jesus. He understands then, in a moment of prophecy, the shame and the glory of the Cross.

The meeting of Anna with her Saviour opens her to praise of God and the need to tell the Good News to all she meets. For his mother Mary, it is a meeting with a great truth in her story, that she also is to share in Christ's Cross. Through her sufferings, she will come to great spiritual understanding.

We meet the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. In gathered community, in his word, and under the signs of bread and wine, we have a meeting that cannot leave us unchanged. We meet our compassionate High Priest who knows our weaknesses and calls us to repentance. Through our spirit of prayer and attentive listening, we come to see and understand the plans God has for us. We learn to accept the sorrows and the joys of life. And we are inspired to go forth to love and serve the Lord, preaching the message of Christ to all we meet.

 $(Article\ written\ by\ Maurice\ Fearon,\ O.P.)$

Feast of Santo Niño

The Carmelite Filipino Choir invites all to join and celebrate the 21st Annual Feast of Santo Niño, Holy Infant Jesus of Prague in our Church today Sunday, with Mass at 2.00pm. After Mass there will be a Reception in the Parish Centre, to which all are very 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 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 <u>caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk</u> 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 3rd June at 3.00pm at Westminster Cathedral**, for couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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 <u>Parish</u> **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**nd **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 <u>Saturday 10 June</u> 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

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 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.