Feasts/Memorials

February 2018
Monday 12 - Feria
Tuesday 13 - Feria
Wednesday 14 - Ash Wednesday – Day of Fast & Abstinence
Thursday 15 - Lent Feria
Friday 16 - Lent Feria
Saturday 17 - Lent Feria/Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Sunday 18 - First Sunday of Lent

Priests in the Parish:
Fr Christopher Clarke ODC (Prior)
Fr John Williamson ODC (Parish Priest)
Fr John McGowan ODC
Fr Paul Vincent ODC
Fr TijO Xavier ODC

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Concert in aid of The Passage at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster SW1
On Friday 1st March there will be a St David’s day Concert in aid of “The Passage” (towards ending Homelessness), with cast consisting of The London Welsh Male Voice Choir, with guest soloists Rebecca Evans, Soprano, and Gary Griffiths, baritone. Musical Director, Edward Rhys Harry. Tickets £20 (pre and post-concert: £25, available from: passage-stdavidsday-concert.evenbrite.co.uk or Tel: 020-7592-1856.

Masses & Religious Events:
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
Simon Lloyd, Organist & Director of Music, Carmelite Priory, Kensington.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Carmelite Priory, 41 Kensington Church St., W8 4BB
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 February 2018

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew:

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12). These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid the great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False Prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume. They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerised by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are suffocating in the heart of the Gos

false prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, “who is a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44) has always presented evil in disguise. Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the disguise such false prophets can assume. They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerised by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are suffocating in the heart of the Gospel and truly for our benefit (to be continued).

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We pray for the Dead
We pray for those who died recently: Michael Mascarhenas, Bill Foley, Anthony Lau, Kevin Walsh and Michael Proudfoot.
And those whose Anniversaries occur: Maria Luisa Venero.
  May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace.

Westminster Year Book 2018
Please note the Westminster Year Book 2018 is now available from our Repository at the back of the Church. This is an invaluable publication containing Liturgical Calendar, details of all Catholic Churches, schools etc. in the Diocese - an essential item for every Catholic household. Price £5 ring-bound.

Collection taken up on Sunday last 4 February 2018
  Plate: £1,804
  Standing Orders: £428
  Envelopes: £223
  We appreciate your generosity and are grateful for your support.

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
21st – 27th July 2018
The 2018 Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – under the Leadership of Cardinal Vincent Nichols (conducted by Tangney Tours) will take place from 21st-27th July 2018. For full details and to obtain travel brochure etc., please contact Tangney Tours, telephone 0044(0)1732 886666.

Cardinal’s Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at:
Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19 May 2018 at 3pm.
Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, will be inviting to the above Mass of Thanksgiving all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating such a Wedding Anniversary, and wish to be included, please give the parish clergy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kensington, the following details as soon as possible:
  Husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail (or telephone number, if no e-mail).
These details will be forwarded to the appropriate Department at Westminster Cathedral by our Carmelite Community. Thank you.

Season of Lent
Wednesday next, 14 February, is Ash Wednesday a day of Fast and Abstinence. Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm (with Choir). Ashes will be distributed at all of these Masses. During the Season of Lent there will be: Stations of the Cross each Friday at 11.45am, prior to the 12.15pm Mass.

Friday 23 February is Family Fast Day for Lent, and on Sunday 25 February your offerings towards CAFOD will be taken up at all Masses.

Lenten Prayer Gathering
‘Lectio Divinia’: Calling all 20-35 year olds: During Lent, from 11.00am–12.30pm on Saturdays we shall have a Bible-Sharing Group, entitled ‘Lectio Divina’ led by Fr John McGowan ODC, and held in our Parish Centre. Lower Ground. For further information, feel free to call Fr John on 07598-913986 – he will be very pleased to explain.

Invitation to Prayer Service of the Sant’Egidio
The Community of Sant’Egidio invite all to join them in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of their Foundation. There will be a thanksgiving prayer service led by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia in our Church at 8.00pm on Tuesday next, 13th February, to which all are welcome.