

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Simon Stock

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Mass Times Sun: Vigil Sat 6.00 p.m. Sun 8.30 am 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m 12.15 & 6.00

Weekday Masses 8.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Confessions Sat 10.30 a.m-11.30 a.m & 5.00 p.m -5.55 Weekdays 5.30 p.m - 6.00

Priests in the Parish

Fr Christopher Clarke ODC (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr. Alexander Ezechukwu ODC

Fr John McGowan ODC, Fr Tijo Xavier ODC

Safeguarding Persons

Franca Bren & Teresa Lynch

Opening Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one god forever and ever. Amen

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

'Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my

persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 68

Response; In your great love answer me, O God.

It is for you I suffer taunts,

that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's son.

I burn for zeal for your house

and taunts against you fall on me. R/



This is my prayer for you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord answer, for your love is kind.
In your compassion, turn towards me R/

The poor when they see it will be glad
and Good-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. R/

Alleluia Alleluia

The Spirit of truth will be my witness;
and you too will be my witnesses.

Alleluia



Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.[a] And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 21st June 2020

Reflection

Many people today are indifferent to the gospel message. We recall the instruction Jesus gave his apostles as he prepared them for their mission of preaching. Opposition to the gospel is inevitable, so Jesus points out the danger to be faced. The gospel is a reminder that we cannot expect a secular, materialistic society to receive the teaching of Jesus Christ with open arms.

Jesus makes no secret of the fact that bearers of the word of God will suffer ridicule and rejection, and yet he urges us, indeed expects us, to bear witness to him openly, and to be fearless in making a stance for truth and justice, even if it does threaten our popularity. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

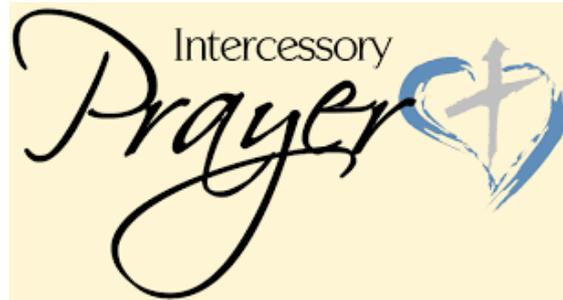
We are all familiar with the emotion fear. It can cripple lives. It can hinder people from realising their potential. There are situations in life when our loyalty and response to Christ is very weak and miserable. This can happen when we fear being laughed at, or being ridiculed, and so we fail to stand up for what we know in our hearts to be just and right.

Do some, people stay away from Church, take drink or drugs, because they are intimidated by their friends? Do we partake in idle, malicious gossip through envy or weakness? For evil to thrive all that is required is that good people remain silent.

The mission of Jesus was to proclaim his Father's love, and he never failed to carry out that task. Knowing this love, Jesus could say: Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of those who can hurt you materially, but cannot hurt your soul. Don't be afraid of proclaiming my message. Don't be afraid of the truth. The truth may hurt, but it will set you free.

The disciples had already heard Jesus speak of persecution and suffering. In the early Church an open (public) witnessing to Jesus, more often than not, meant persecution and death. Most of those close to Jesus would, like him, die for the truth of his word.

Jesus was asking for heroism: to be owned by all people. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven: but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven".



May the Lord increase our commitment to be faithful disciples as we bring our needs before him...

Rd.....We pray for the Church in every place: may we declare ourselves for Christy Rd...and bring his compassion to the world..... Lord in your mercy..

Rd.....We pray for those faithful disciples of Christ who face ridicule and even death threats because of their work for justice and peace....Lord in your mercy..

Rd.....We pray for ourselves . may the Lord strengthen us to do his will more faithfully in our work and actions. .. Lord in your mercy

Rd.....We pray for all who have gone before us in faith especially: Maire Louise Sharpin, William Verrall & John Bromley Tennant who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Oliver Gilbert, Fr's Ross Collins & Albert McKeogh may they reap the reward of their labours in God's eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy ..

Lord, you know our weakness and how we need your strengthening grace. Keep us always in your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Notices
Celebrating First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Unfortunately, because of the Lockdown we were unable to celebrate First Holy Communion & Confirmation. It now looks as if it will be early Autumn before we will have the opportunity to have these Sacraments celebrated. This is disappointing for our candidates, parents and families. We will inform you as soon as we have clearance to proceed with these celebrations. In the meantime we wish you a safe and pleasant summer break.

The Opening of the Churches for private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Saturday 8.00 a.m. - 11.45 p.m. & 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Sunday: 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon & 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Regulations that should be observed while in the Church

1. The Entrance to the Church will be through the door on the Notting Hill Gate side of the Church. The Exit will be through the door on Kensington High Street side
2. There will be a one way system in the Church. Access to the seats will be through the side aisles. To exit please use the main aisle.
3. Social Distancing must be observed at all times. (2meters)
4. Please sanitise your hands both on entering and leaving the Church. And after you light candles
5. You must only sit where the notice indicates. A household may sit together.
6. You must not touch statues
7. There will be no Holy Water for blessing oneself.
8. There will be no WC facilities available.
9. Its prohibited to bring your own candles for lighting in the Church
10. There will be a limited number of people allowed in the Church at anyone time

Times of Live Streaming of Mass

Monday - Saturday : 12.15 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Sunday- Vigil Sat 6 p.m.

Sunday: 12.15 & 6.00 p.m.

You can login in at www.carmelitechurch.org. or **You Tube Carmelites Kensington**

Support Your Parish

Dear Parishioners Friends,

As you will appreciate because of the Lockdown we have no regular income and we still have the bills to pay. We would appreciate your help in this regard.

We are grateful to those who since the lockdown have sent cheques, their weekly envelope and those who have used the standing order and bank transfer.

Some of you use the weekly envelopes which finished on the 1st April. The new boxes are available at reception for collection or we can post to you on request.

If you wish to use a bank transfer our bank details are:

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Thanking you and assuring you of a place in our Prayers and Masses

Grateful for your help.

Fr Christopher Clarke

Parish Priest

Praying through the Storm; The Experience of St. Teresa of Avila

by Fr Liam Finnerty odc

*“Lord to whom shall we go”
“You have the words of Eternal Life.”
(John 6:68)*

In the our helplessness , we ask the same question as did the disciples; to who shall we go? Who do we turn to? Where shall we find help in this day of trouble? Where shall we find rest for our wearied souls? In this presentation, Liam Finnerty, a Carmelite priest, will explore these questions, drawing insights from Carmelite spirituality especially the guidance of St. Teresa of Jesus.

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