

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock
Carmelite Church, 41 Kensington Church St., London W8 4BB

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

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

Confessions: Sat: 10.30 a.m. & 5.00 - 5.50 p.m. Weekdays: 5.30 p.m. - 5.50 p.m.

Priests in the Parish

Fr Christopher Clarke odc (Prior & parish priests) Fr Alexander Ezechukwu odc,

Fr John McGowan, Fr Tijo Xavier odc

Safeguarding Persons

Franca Bren & Teresas Lynch

16th Sunday of the Year- 19th July 2020

Much of our exasperation arises from people not meeting our expectations. And much of our bad humour and depression results from guilt and self-recrimination over our imperfections. We want perfection and we are constantly disappointed.

We would have much more peace of mind and we would make greater spiritual progress by becoming more patient, more tolerant. We must learn to accept more graciously imperfections in others and in ourselves. Surely there is a lesson in today's gospel - "Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until the harvest..."

None of us is perfect. We have our faults, and we don't seem to be able to live without making mistakes. Weeds will always grow with the wheat.

Are we, then, to tolerate evil? Should we not try to weed out imperfection? It would seem that Jesus advises us to be very careful not to damage the wheat in our efforts to tear out the weeds. Surgery may be a complete success, but the patient can die from the operation.

Rather than spending time and energy ripping out weeds, we should dedicate ourselves whole-heartedly to nourishing the wheat.

Evil fades in the presence of goodness. Lighting even a small candle can best eliminate darkness. If our efforts accentuate the positive, the negative will diminish on its own. When a lawn is healthy, the weeds have no place to grow.

We live in an imperfect world, and our frustrations generally stem from our unrealistic expectations. Absolute perfection is not part of the human condition. We are a sinful people and we should be conscious of our failings. And in spite of all our failings always remember God still loves us.

Jesus came among us to bring hope and love to our tortured world. People desperately need to believe in him, to accept him as their saviour. The Church is not an exclusive community of the virtuous. The Church is here because we are looking for salvation. People can change: conversion is always possible. God cares for everybody, but he especially cares for those whose lives are choked by sin. Weeds can never become wheat; but by the power and the grace of God sinners can become saints: and indeed they have!

Notices

Last Weeks Collections

Collection £1,637, Gift Aid Envelopes £615 , Standing Orders £582. We are gratefully to all for your generosity.

Supporting our Parish

We express our gratitude to all who supported the Parish financially during the Lockdown. These are difficult and uncertain times and we appreciate the sacrifices you have made. Those who may not have had the opportunity to contribute over the past months are encourage to contribute what they can.

You are encouraged to use the **Standing Order** method of payment as it avoids the handling of cash with its obvious dangers in these days of the Corona Virus. There is a form at the back of the Church which you are invited to complete and return to the Parish.

Those who have not collected their **Gift Aid Boxes** can do so from the back of the Church.

For those who may wish to make a **Bank Transfer**, the following are the details you require: Bank Address: RBS, 78 Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3HP
Account Name: The Community of the Order of Discalced Carmelite Priory Account
Bank Code 16 00 82
Account No: 11531232.

Welcoming Ministry:

In order to continue with the the present Mass schedule we depend on volunteers to oversee the implementation of the Guidelines regarding Public Worship. If you wish to join in this Ministry please leave your contact details with one of the volunteers as you leave the Church.

Track & Trace

If you have not filled in this form we encourage to do so. It means that you will receive a number that you can use rather than writing out your details each time you come for Public Worship. Those who have already filled in the form should check the notice board for their number. Please write clearly when filling out the form. Thanking you.

Dr Scott Hahn: The Word of God for a World in Pain

8th August (15:00 BST) Live Stream See Notice Board for details.

Praying for the Dead

We remember all who died over the past months and we pray especially for all who died recently: Fr Freddy Jackson, John Smith, Dolores Serra and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peggy O'Connor, Bill Charles, Jose Varela Torrado, Dr. Bogina Bovill, Adele Borlin & Marinano De Guzman may they know that peace Our Lord promised.