SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **27th September 2026**

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Sunday Mass Times: Sat Vigil 6.00 p.m., Sun. 8.30 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Weekday Mass Times (including Bank Holidays): 8.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Livestream *(All Masses)*: www.carmelitechurch.org & YouTube: "Kensington Carmelite Church"
Confessions: Sat: 11.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. & 5.00 - 5.50 p.m. Mon - Fri: 5.40 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Priests in the Parish: Fr Matt Blake OCD, Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr John Williamson OCD
Fr Jerome Ituah OCD, Fr Joseph Odiahi OCD,
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REFLECTION

We have all heard the famous words of St. Cardinal John Henry Newman: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." These words fit well with Jesus' words to the chief priests in today's Gospel: "And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him".

Change can be one of the most difficult things human life demands of us: particularly when it means changing our viewpoints or attitudes. We never want to admit we were wrong!!! Perhaps these other two saying of Cardinal Newman may also help us here: "Growth is the only evidence of life" and "Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning". For Newman those who are alive, those who live well, have the capacity to change and in fact have changed often. To change requires courage, humility, and wisdom.

NOTICES

Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

Thursday October 1 st is the feast of St. Therese. Masses will be at the usual times: 8.00am, 12.15 and 6.00pm. All masses will include the Blessing of Roses. The 6.00pm mass will be the Solemn Mass, and it will be followed by refreshments in the refectory. A special thanks to those who prepare the food for us.

Cafod

Friday October 2nd is Cafod Harvest Fast Day. Sunday October 4th there will be a special collection for Cafod. Thank you for your generosity. For further information on the work of Cafod and how your money is used see:
Cafod.org.uk

Faith Formation Programmes

This time of year, we invite people to register for our various programmes

First Holy Communion: children who aged seven or over

Confirmation: young people aged thirteen or over

RCIA: Adults who wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Adults belonging to other faith communities who wish to be received into Catholic Church. Also, adult Catholics who have been away from Church participation for a long time and wish to partake in a programme of return.

A special thanks to those who give their time and talents to lead and facilitate these programmes. We also invite anyone who feels the call of God to help with these programmes and help pass on the gift of faith to others.

Application forms for First Communion and Confirmation can be found at the back of the Church

For further information please email: **enquiries@carmelitechurch.org**

Carmelite Encounter — Parish Youth Ministry

Prayer as Friendship (October, Week 1)

Having spent September on how to order our lives, *Living Flame* (Carmelite Youth Group) now turns to what that order is regarding prayer.

October is given to St Teresa of Ávila, the sixteenth-century Spanish nun who described prayer simply as friendship with God.

Fr Jerome Ituah begins the month with the story of the woman at the well (John 4:1–42).

Formative Evening on *Magnifica Humanitas*

In response to Pope Leo's recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, Fr Richard and Fr Mount are hosting a formative evening at **Holy Trinity, Brook Green**, **London, W6 7BL** in the **Parish Centre**. **Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm.**

All parishioners are warmly invited to come, listen, and take part in the discussion. Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who may be interested.

Adoremus 2026 Vigil

Led by Westminster & Southwark Archdiocesan Youth Ministries

A special **Adoremus Vigil** will take place **on Friday 9 October, 7-9pm**, at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 39 Dockhead, London SE1 2BS. Organised by Westminster and Southwark Youth Ministries with CYMFed, the vigil will be a time for young adults to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will give a keynote reflection; Bishop Gerard Bradley will be present to give a spiritual reflection with worship music led by *One Hope Project*.

On Saturday 10 October, join overnight **Adoration at Westminster Cathedral from 8pm**. The Holy Hours at 8pm, 9pm and 10pm will include reflections on Eucharistic saints, prayer led by youth ministry teams and music from *One Hope Project*. Teenagers and Confirmation groups are especially welcome. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm before the Holy Hours. These gatherings mark Adoremus 2026, the National Eucharistic Congress.

Monthly Faith & Justice Programme for Young Adults (18–25)

The Columbans, together with the FCJ Centre for Spirituality and EcoJustice, have launched a new six-month **Faith and Justice Programme** for young adults aged 18–25. Designed to run alongside work or study, it offers formation, community, and practical engagement with issues of justice rooted in Christian faith.

Support is available to help with participation, including assistance with travel.

Registration for this year's cohort is now open. Parishioners are invited to share this opportunity with young adults who may be interested in deepening their faith through a commitment to justice.

Registration is via the online form provided in the promotional materials.

You may make your offering or donation by scanning this QR Code with your mobile phone
Thank you and God bless!

Collections Last Sunday

Offering	£1,404.84
Gift Aid Envelopes	£133

Thank you for your generosity

Fr Matt Blake, OCD