

*Together in Blackley*  
*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*  
*& St John Bosco*

Sunday 24th June 2012

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**LITURGY THIS WEEK**

Monday 25th		No Service in Church	
Tuesday 26th	9.15am	Weekday Mass	John Bosco
Wednesday 27th	10.00am	Requiem for Zigmunt Skorzewski Mount Carmel	
Thursday 28th	11.00am	Requiem For Desmond Gladman Mount Carmel	
	7.00pm	S.S PETER & PAUL	John Bosco
Friday 29th	9.30am	S.S PETER & PAUL	Mount Carmel
	11.00am	S.S PETER & PAUL	John Bosco School
Saturday 30th		No Confessions or Exposition this Evening	
	6.30pm	VIGIL MASS	Mount Carmel
Sunday 24th	9.30am	MASS	John Bosco
	11.30am	MASS	Mount Carmel
	1.00pm	Baptisms	

**S.S PETER & PAUL** Feast day on Friday 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Vigil Mass at St John Bosco at 7.00pm on Thursday, a 9.30am Mass in Mount Carmel with the school community and a Mass at 11.00am in St John Bosco's School. You are welcome to any of these celebrations.

**ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER FAIR** Sunday 8th July starting at 2.00pm. Our famous box is at the back of Church to receive anything you wish to donate to the Fair.

**MOUNT CARMEL SUMMER FAIR** will be on Sunday 15th July from 10am - 1.30pm. Donations of bottles & gifts for the Tombola; prizes for the raffle & sweets are much appreciated and can be left in basket at the back of church.

**LAMPS** At Mount Carmel this week both the Sanctuary Lamp and Our Lady's Lamp burn in memory of Elizabeth O'Hara. At St John Bosco both the Sanctuary Lamp and Our Lady's Lamp burn in memory of Michael Brady.

**MANCHESTER ITALIAN ASSOCIATION** Madonna Del Rosario Procession, Sunday 1st July 2012, 1.15pm, departing from St Michael's, George Leigh St, Ancoats.

**LOURDES** Fundraising Dinner St Herbert's Hall, Sat 30th June 7.00pm.. Five Course Meal. Tickets £22 (Formal Dress) Call 07724610983

**NATHAN HORNE** Will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 30th June at Oscott College and will preach at all Masses on the weekend of 7/8th July. Please keep Nathan in your prayers.

**A DAY RETREAT** has been arranged at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Kearsley, for Thursday 20th September. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen on 740 5788 for further details.

**A NOTE OF THANKS** to St John Bosco's Social Committee for the very generous £150 donation - from the Mount Carmel Restoration Committee.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the Children who made their First Holy Communion with us this weekend. We look forward to growing together in faith with them.

**U.C.M** The Diocesan day trip to Chatsworth is on Saturday 29th September or 6th October. The cost is £35 including Lunch. Deposit required is £15. Please phone Maureen on 740 5788 this week if interested.

**KENNEDY'S FUNERAL SERVICES** are offering their support to both our Summer fairs this year. At St John Bosco's Fair they are providing a Barbeque as well as raffle prizes for both Fairs including an M&S Food Hamper. They are also arranging a Country & western Evening on 18th August with Line dancing & Supper. Proceeds to be divided between both parishes.

**MOUNT CARMEL RENOVATUION COMMITTEE** are developing an Advertising Sheet to be included with the bulletin each week. If you would like to Advertise your business or services please contact Bernadette on 0161 740 3188

## **MASSES & PRAYERS RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

**LATELY DEAD** Joe Wightman, Desmond Gladman, Zigmunt Skorzewski, Mary Gillespie, Lilly Kerr, Denis Holt, John Kelleher, Mark Woolrich

**ANNIVERSARIES** Guy Warburton, Gerard McIntyre, Dot Dewson, Mary Casey, Maurice Slack

**BIRTHDAY MEMORIES** John Carty, Elizabeth O'Hara, Kevin Sheeran

**SICK** Val Egan, John O'Rielly, Bernadette (Snowy) Parr, Anne Prendergast, Trevor Gee

**OTHER** For the Deceased members of the McKenna Family, For a Special Intention, For Good Medical Report



## 'His name is John'

We honour John the Baptist as a prophet sent "to prepare for the Lord a people well-disposed, to help God's people to walk the path of salvation." The prophets were people who, like Isaiah, had God's words placed in their mouths. "They investigated the times," and through their reading of the signs of the times, they were able to declare God's justice.

**John** the Baptist had the task of preparing the people immediately before the arrival of the messiah. His message was one of repentance, change of life, a '*metanoia*'. His baptism was a sign of change, of turning things around, in the direction of God.

The lesson of John the Baptist is that the world will receive Jesus Christ when it turns away from its violent and oppressive ways. It must allow the prophets "to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the rebellious to the wisdom of the just."

In the face of the present-day situation of the world, marked as it is by the grave sin of injustice, we recognise both our responsibility and our inability to overcome it by our own strength. Such a situation urges us to listen with a humble and open heart to the word of God, as he shows us new paths towards action in the cause of justice in the world.

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