



Newsletter

A PRAYING COMMUNITY IN LONDON SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

October - November 2018

This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. Oscar Romero

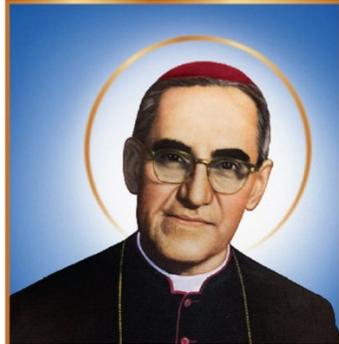
Dear friends

In addition to our 2 monthly meetings in September and October, the past two months have been a busy time of travelling and for pilgrimages.

We had a very interesting and enjoyable evening meeting at Kensington Priory on 13th September with our Discalced Secular friends and listening to Sr Bernadette's talk on St Therese and what it means for her to be known as a Doctor of the Church. We are looking forward to the second of these meetings with Sr Bernadette in January. Make sure you have the date in your diary- 25th January at St Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon St.

The next day, Isabel and I left for the International Lay Congress in Sassone, the Carmelite Conference Centre just outside Rome. We were joined by members of our National Council and other lay Carmelites from Britain for this six yearly gathering of lay Carmelites from across the world to learn more about Our Lady of Mount Carmel, mother of the Family and how we celebrate her in different regions and cultures. The highlight of the Congress is always the Wednesday audience in St Peter's piazza with the Pope and we were not disappointed. We had an excellent view of the steps of St Peter's where Pope Francis sat to speak to pilgrims as well as of his route as he travelled around the square, greeting pilgrims. The next edition of Assumpta will have more detail about the Congress.

We were home in time to join the St Joseph's Parish pilgrimage to Aylesford and a group of Young City Catholics from St Mary Moorfields who were visiting the Shrine for the first time. It was a glorious September day. We enjoyed walking in the grounds and Rosary Way and joining with other pilgrims for Mass in the relic Chapel with St Joseph's leading the music for the Feast of St Michael and the Archangels. Fr Francis, who is Prior of the



community there, gave us very warm welcome and a talk about the Shrine. He also came to our October meeting to celebrate Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary and to talk to us about Mary in the Carmelite Tradition, particularly her concern for the poor and as the woman of Wisdom. We will welcome him back again in the Spring to continue the theme of Mary in our Carmelite Tradition.

Then, last week, some CITC members joined a group from our local churches on an ecumenical pilgrimage in the Steps of the Saints of Spain, St Teresa and St John of the Cross. As well as the beautiful cities of Avila, Salamanca and Segovia with their wonderful Cathedrals and Squares, we visited the Convents which St Teresa had founded with St John of the Cross. We prayed together at the Priory in Salamanca where we were welcomed by the Prior, and also at the Discalced Convent where St John of the Cross is buried.

Some of the group continued their journey on to Rome for the canonisation of St Oscar Romero. You will remember that our September meeting, when we watched the film, The Claim, was a preparation for this wonderful event. Next month we will meet at St George's Cathedral in place of our usual meeting for the Thanksgiving Mass and to hear more.

To end a busy Autumn and to prepare for Advent and Christmas, we will have a quiet day of reflection on 1st December. I am hoping to arrange for this to be at another City Church not too far from St Joseph's and will let you know details as soon as I can.

All good wishes and blessings.

Sylvia.

Details of Forthcoming Meetings/Events

Carmel in the City.

3rd November. Thanksgiving Mass for Canonisation of St Oscar Romero. Meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark for 12.30 Mass.

1st December. Day of Reflection led by Antonia Lynn, London Centre for Spirituality. Venue to be confirmed.

Faversham

St Jude Feast Celebrations: 27th October. Mass, blessing and anointing with oil. 12 noon- 2.00 pm- 4.00pm.

28th October. 12.30pm. 2.30pm, 4,30pm.

East Kent Spirituality Group. 10th November. 9.30 Morning Prayer and Mass in Church followed by Spirituality Group meeting. Our Fr Elijah- According to Bl.Titus Brandsma- Fr Kevin Alban. O.Carm.

8th December. The Family Tree of Jesus. Sr Anne Lee. NDS.

Aylesford Priory

Advent retreat. 7-9th December

Prayers - Please pray for a special intention; for those who are unwell, including Fr Wilfrid, Pat Mc Manus and Amanda Dickie. For those who have died recently- Mary Magdalen Orieso and for all those on our November list. May they rest in peace.

“May the divine assistance remain with us always”
and “May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace”



Pope's Homily at Canonization of Paul VI, Oscar Romero & 5 Other Saints 'Jesus gives all and he asks all: he gives a love that is total and asks for an undivided heart. Even today he gives himself to us as the living bread; can we give him crumbs in exchange?'



18TH-OCTOBER

St. Luke the Evangelist

28TH - OCTOBER

Ss. Simon and Jude Apostles

1ST - NOVEMBER

All Saints

2ND- NOVEMBER

All Souls

9TH- NOVEMBER

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

14TH- NOVEMBER

All Carmelite Saints

15TH- NOVEMBER

All Carmelite Souls

25TH- NOVEMBER

Christ the King

30TH- NOVEMBER

St Andrew, Apostle

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