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Dear friends in Carmel,

First of all may I wish all of our readers a very happy New Year and all of God's blessings in the months ahead. Without a doubt 2014



is going to be a very busy year for the Carmelite Family in the British Province, including Provincial elections for the friars in February and their Provincial Chapter in May. For the Third Order there is a European Lay Carmelite Congress taking place in July, and a Provincial Gathering (formerly known as a National Gathering) in November. I'll say more about some of these events in the next few pages.

Saint Teresa of Avila

As you are no doubt aware, 2015 will mark five centuries since the birth of Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila). Already Carmelite communities across the world are starting to prepare for this great occasion which is a real cause for celebration. In Britain and Ireland there is to be a special Teresian Year opening on her feast day, 15th October 2014, and closing around her feast day in 2015. The Carmelite Family will be making the most of this opportunity to deepen our formation in Carmelite spirituality and to grow in fellowship as Carmelite Family. In this issue of *Assumpta* you will find a letter written to the Carmelite Family in Britain and Ireland from the three Carmelite friar Provincials in these islands together with the two Presidents of the Nuns' Associations. The letter talks about the wonderful opportunity the occasion provides for the Carmelite Family and the extensive plans underway to help



make this happen through the work of the Carmelite Forum. On my visits to Third Order and other Lay Carmelite communities during 2014, I would like to discuss with you what we might do to mark and celebrate this great occasion. In the meantime, there will be lots of news and articles about the 'Teresa 500' celebrations in *Assumpta* in the months preceding, during, and following the anniversary, so please watch this space and get involved!

European Lay Carmelite Congress

As announced in an earlier issue of *Assumpta*, there is a European Lay Carmelite Congress taking place at Aylesford Priory 25 - 28 July 2014. This occasion is going to be a special opportunity for members of the Carmelite Family to gather and share their spirituality and fraternity on a European level. Members of the Carmelite Family, including the newly-appointed General Delegate for the Laity, Fr. Raúl Maraví, O.Carm., and the Councillor General for Europe Fr. John Keating, O.Carm., together with Lay Carmelites from across Europe, will be gathering here in our Province.

The idea for European gatherings, which hopefully will take place every three years between Worldwide Congresses, came out of discussions among delegates at the International Lay Carmelite Congress that took place in Sassone, Rome, in 2012. It is encouraging, therefore, to see this idea now coming to fruition. However, as residential places are going to be limited it is strongly advised that Lay Carmelites and other members of the Carmelite Family in Britain who are interested in attending the Congress should let the National Secretary, Veronica Errington, know as soon as possible, as places will be allocated on a first-come first-

served basis! (Veronica's contact details can be found on the inside back cover of this magazine).

Third Order Provincial Gathering

As members of the Third Order will be aware, there is to be a Third Order Provincial Gathering at Aylesford Priory on 28 - 30 November 2014. The Gathering, as always, is an opportunity for the leadership of Lay Carmel to come together in fraternity and to share the Order's spirituality. At the Gathering in November important issues affecting the Third Order will be addressed, and a new Third Order Provincial Council will be established. The Council will be partly-appointed, partly-elected. To help us to prepare for the Provincial Gathering, the next issue of *Assumpta* will publish details including:

- How Third Order and other Lay Carmelite communities appoint delegates to send to the Provincial Gathering
- How the election process itself is to be carried out
- The role of the new Third Order Provincial Council

In the meantime can I please ask Third Order and other Lay Carmelite communities to give this Gathering the priority it deserves in your diaries?

Safeguarding Training Days

'Safeguarding' is about ensuring the well-being of our members, and those to whom we minister in service. Just a reminder that we have organised three *Safeguarding Training Days* for Lay Carmel to take place on:

- 15 March at the St. Simon Stock Room, Aylesford Priory
- 29 March at Ullathorne Room, St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
- 5 April at More House Chaplaincy, Heslington, York



Each of the meetings will begin with registration at 10am and conclude with Evening Prayer at 3.45pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. To cover some of the expenses involved in organising the days there is a suggested donation of £5 per person.

It is strongly recommended that every Third Order/Lay Carmelite community send at least 2 delegates (preferably the leader/convenor and a councillor) to attend one of the sessions on the date and location most convenient to them. However, the days are open to anyone who is interested, so there is no limit on numbers from communities, within reason of course! In the meantime, it would be very helpful if those who wish to attend contact the National Secretary, Veronica Errington, to book their place on one of the days.

Evangelii Gadium

You may have heard by now that *Evangelii Gadium*, or 'The Joy of the Gospel', is the title of Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation. To help us reflect on this timely and inspirational document we are going to publish a series of reflections by *Assumpta*-readers on some of the topics outlined by the Holy Father in his document. This month we begin with a reflection by Johan Bergström-Allen. If you have a thought about the document you'd like to share with *Assumpta*-readers, get in touch with the editorial team.

Third Order Annual Contribution

Some years ago the Third Order in the British Province agreed to introduce an 'Annual Contribution' to help cover the costs of running Lay Carmel. The introduction of an annual contribution is seen as part of an ongoing process of renewal and development whereby the Third Order takes

on more and more responsibility for its own affairs, financial and otherwise. The annual contribution is a donation to the Carmelite Charitable Trust (British Province of Carmelites) that helps towards:

- Promoting and publicising the Third Order
- Developing and supporting new Carmelite communities
- The (full-time) salary, office and travel expenses of the Prior Provincial's Delegate to the Third Order
- The (part-time) salary, office and travel expenses of the National Secretary to the Third Order
- The printing and circulation of *Assumpta* magazine
- Regional, national & international gatherings
- Formation resources

The introduction of an annual contribution was a significant development for the Third Order as we continue our journey towards becoming self-financing. Nevertheless, the amount of contributions currently received still only recoups just 25% of what it actually costs to run the organisation annually, which is £45,000 - £50,000.

The Carmelite friars recognise the important role that Lay Carmel plays within the Carmelite Family and the wider Church, so they have always subsidised the Third Order. However, due to ever-increasing demands on Province funds, we realise the Third Order needs to take on more responsibility for its own finance.

In this context, when the National Consultative Body (NCB) and I reviewed the situation last year, it was agreed that we have now reached a point where we need to suggest a £10 increase in the annual contribution for 2014.



As the annual contribution is now due, could we please ask that all eligible Lay Carmelites seriously consider paying the new suggested amount of £45 per person, or £70 where there are two members living at the same address? To put the contribution into some kind of perspective, for one Lay Carmelite it works out at 86p per week, or 12p per day.

For clarification purposes, those who are 'eligible to pay' are all Lay Carmelites who have been received into the Third Order. Therefore when enquirers are preparing to be received into the Third Order they need to understand that they will be expected to make an annual contribution once their reception has taken place. Members of Carmelite Spirituality Groups who are not received/professed tertiaries are not required to pay the annual contribution, but are strongly encouraged to do so if they can.

Difficulty

Of course we are aware that these are difficult times for most people, so to try to make things a little easier we are now introducing the option of paying by Standing Order which can spread the cost over 6 - 12 months. If you set up a Standing Order, you need donate only £3.75 a month. Also, for people who pay Income Tax, you are now able to make your contribution go a little further by Gift-Aiding it.

However you wish to pay, please indicate this on the contribution form which you will find in the centre pages of this issue of *Assumpta*. Please complete the form and return it with your remittance to the National Secretary, Veronica Errington, by 31st March 2014. If you have any difficulty obtaining a form or need extra copies please let Veronica or myself know and we will see that you get them.

We are also aware that there may be some people who genuinely cannot afford to pay the suggested contribution. If this is the case we would ask that you please consider offering what you can afford. It may surprise you to know that there is still a significant number of people who have never offered to pay anything towards Lay Carmel, and to date have not made contact to explain why!

Commitment

The Carmelite *Rule of Saint Albert* reminds us that all should contribute to the Order and its needs, according to ability. To contribute towards the running costs of our faith family is part of the commitment we make. That said, we certainly don't want the issue of finance to deter people from joining the Third Order, so if there are genuine reasons why you cannot afford to give a contribution please write to the National Secretary or myself to explain your situation which will be treated in strictest confidence. On the other hand, there are others who pay more than the suggested amount each year, and this helps to subsidise those in difficulty. Can I please ask that you continue doing whatever you can to help? Please remember, we are all part of the Province-wide Family of Carmel and share in its life and mission!

***Assumpta* magazine**

May I remind members of the Third Order that they do not subscribe to *Assumpta*; they have joined a religious order and receive its bi-monthly magazine as one of the benefits of membership. For those who are not members of the Third Order and therefore not expected to pay the annual contribution, but who subscribe to *Assumpta* magazine only,



your yearly subscription now rises from £20 to £25 per annum. The £5 increase will be included in your subscription payable on or before 31 March 2014. Again, please complete and return the form in the centrefold.

Yours Sincerely in Carmel,

John Berry

Prior Provincial's Delegate to the Carmelite Third Order (Secular)

Some Carmelite Events Open To All This Spring

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| 1 March | Join Carmel in the City Carmelite Spirituality Group in London to mark St. David's Day and learn about the Church in Wales. 11.30 Mass with Fr. Francis Kemsley, O.Carm. Afternoon talk by The Revd. The Lord Leslie Griffiths, Superintendent Minister, Wesley's Chapel. For details contact Sylvia Lucas: 07889 436165 |
| 7-9 March | <i>The Wounded Healer</i> Retreat at Aylesford Priory Lent is a time when we go into the desert with Jesus, alone with him. The retreat, led by Fr. Francis Kemsley, O.Carm., will reflect on Jesus' mission of healing and reconciliation. For details contact Aylesford: 01622 717272 |
| 8 March | Irish Night, Aylesford Priory North Barn 7.30pm £12 per person. Live music and dancing. Complementary drink on arrival. |
| 5 April | Learn more about The Lectionary with Fr. Tom O'Loughlin, Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Nottingham, speaking at Carmel in the City Spirituality Group in London. |



TERESA 500 CELEBRATIONS



The following letter has been sent by the Superiors of the Carmelite Family in Britain and Ireland to all members and friends of Carmel in these islands, including friars, enclosed nuns, apostolic sisters, and lay/secular Carmelites.

Dear brothers and sisters in Carmel,

As you are no doubt aware, 2015 will mark 500 years since the birth of Saint Teresa of Avila. Already Carmelite communities across the world are starting to prepare for this great occasion. We are writing to update you on plans for the 'Teresa 500' celebrations in Britain and Ireland, and to encourage you to undertake your own local initiatives (as many of you are already doing).

The 'Carmelite Forum of Britain & Ireland' is coordinating a number of initiatives to mark the quincentenary. We – the three Carmelite Friar Provincials in Britain and Ireland, and the two Presidents of the Nuns' Associations in these islands – would like to share with you some of the Forum's ideas, and encourage members and friends of the Carmelite Family to get involved.

A time of opportunity

The 5th centenary of Teresa's birth is a wonderful opportunity for us all to deepen our formation in Carmelite spirituality, and to grow in fellowship as members of the



one Carmelite Family. We hope that one of the fruits of 'Teresa 500' will be the closer coming together of the Ancient Observance that formed Teresa, and the Discalced Observance that she inspired. Different branches and vocations within the Carmelite Family relate to Teresa slightly differently, but we all find in her an inspiring and authentic guide for how to live 'in allegiance to Jesus Christ'. She is also a dynamic figure of interest to the wider Church and Society, and hopefully the 'Teresa 500' celebrations will be a way for us to share something of our charism with those outside Carmel.

The timetable for celebrations

The centenary year itself will open in October 2014 (coinciding with the 8th centenary of the death of Saint Albert of Jerusalem, and the 4th centenary of the death of Jerome Gratian). The year of celebration will close in October 2015. Special events will precede and follow this Teresian Year.

National and international events

Plans are in the pipeline for national celebrations of Saint Teresa in both Ireland and Britain. These will be aimed at three levels or audiences: the Carmelite Family; the academic community; and the general public.

Among the major celebrations being planned by the Carmelite Forum are liturgies in both Britain and Ireland. The opening of the 'Teresa 500 Year' in October 2014 will be celebrated in Dublin's Clarendon Street and London's Kensington Church Street. The closing liturgies will be celebrated in October 2015 at Whitefriar Street in Dublin, and at Aylesford Priory in Kent. It is hoped that special

liturgical resources, including a musical Mass setting, will be commissioned. A special celebration in York is being planned for the Spring of 2015, as is a formation retreat in Norfolk organised by the nuns in Britain. The annual Carmelite pilgrimage to Knock will also focus specially on Teresa.

A major academic conference on Teresa will take place at St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London, between the 18th and 20th June 2015, with Professor Bernard McGinn and Lord Rowan Williams as confirmed speakers. It is now possible to register online at: www.smuc.ac.uk/inspire A similar conference is being proposed in Ireland, and Professor Donna Orsuto of the Gregorian University will speak at a seminar in Dublin on 22nd November 2014.

A pilgrimage to Spain, 31st August – 7th September 2015, will be a coming together of the Carmelite Family from both Britain and Ireland, with other possible dates also on offer.

There is a proposal for a travelling exhibition about Teresa that might visit the Carmelite communities, cathedrals, and major Christian sites (Catholic and otherwise) of Ireland and Britain.

The Carmelite Forum will be approaching the Christian and secular media in order to raise awareness of Teresa and the centenary year. It has been suggested that a DVD about Teresa be produced, and leaflets about her life and teachings; the Forum would be pleased to hear from anyone able to offer input or funding. Further details on all these events and resources will be available in due course.

Carmel in the City, London Spirituality Group - New Website
www.carmelinthecity.org.uk



Local initiatives

The Carmelite Forum is working on projects that will take place across communities and countries, and these are in no way designed to clash with anything you may be planning at local level. Since the Forum is coordinating large-scale celebrations, it is down to individuals and communities to organise local initiatives, and we strongly encourage this.

One suggestion for the local level is to set-up discussion groups: four or five speakers could be invited to a parish or community to talk for about ten minutes on aspects of what Teresa means to them, followed by group discussion. Some communities are already (re)reading Teresa's writings, and using the resources for reflection available on the international Teresian website: www.iwasbornforyou.com

Another idea is for communities with book shops and libraries to display materials on Saint Teresa, or to encourage local Christian book shops and libraries to do so. A new book on Teresa's letters is being published by Saint Albert's Press in the coming months.

It is hoped that popular-level events promoting knowledge of Teresa will take place in the major Carmelite friar centres in Ireland and Britain over the coming 3 years, including Aylesford, Boars Hill, Dublin (Avila, Clarendon Street, Gort Muire, Whitefriar Street), Faversham, London (Kensington, Walworth), Loughrea, Preston. Discussions about the celebrations are also being held among Lay/Secular Carmelites, the enclosed nuns and apostolic sisters, and other expressions of Carmel in these islands.

When planning your events, we encourage you to 'Think

Family’, and reflect Carmel in all its vibrant diversity and different expressions. We also ask you to bear in mind that Teresa is a Doctor of the Church who has something to say not only to Carmelites but to all Christians; we hope that local events will invite participation by the general public, and by Christians of different traditions.

A central point of information

Every local group and community is encouraged to do what they can to make the most of the opportunities made available by ‘Teresa 500’, and to share information about their events on a central website set up for Britain and Ireland. For many people today the internet is the cheapest, quickest and simplest way of sharing information. The Carmelite Forum has set up a website that will provide a focus for the celebrations (and have a usefulness beyond). The address is:

www.teresaofavila.org

This website will be the primary means of sharing information about the activities marking the 5th centenary of Teresa’s birth. This can only happen if individuals and communities organising activities submit information, which can be done via the website. Please don’t assume that your activities will be of purely local interest; we want the website to list all the events taking place during the ‘Teresa 500’ year, both local and national.

It is also possible through the website to register for email updates of forthcoming events. The Carmelite Forum has also established pages on social networking sites:



Facebook www.facebook.com/teresa500
Twitter www.twitter.com/carmeliteforum

Those who maintain Province, Association and Community websites are asked to make prominent links to these resources and we would be grateful if attention is drawn to them in community newsletters and other communications. We realise that not everyone uses the internet, and therefore we ask those who do to share online information with others as appropriate.

The Carmelite Forum is looking for volunteers to compile materials on Teresa for the website that could be promoted in parishes and schools, such as assemblies, books, worksheets, and PowerPoint presentations. If you would be interested in this, please contact a Forum member.

We encourage individuals and communities to think about what they can contribute to the website for the celebrations. It would be good to produce and share – especially through the central website – resources about Teresa, including books, DVDs, guides on prayer, pamphlets, exhibitions, reflections, music, formats for quiet days, material for *Lectio Divina* style meditation, etc.

We are looking for people to write articles for the website about Teresa and Carmelite life today. These can be sent to the Carmelite Forum webmaster, Johan Bergström-Allen, by emailing: projects@carmelites.org.uk

Financial and spiritual support

As you can imagine, such celebrations cannot be coordinated without incurring costs. The three Provinces of friars that sponsor the Carmelite Forum have agreed to

underwrite the expenses of the national celebrations, but in these difficult financial times we encourage you to think creatively of ways that funds can be raised. We also ask you to pray for the success of the Teresa 500 celebrations.

Contacting the Forum

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Carmelite Forum for its work thus far. We are delighted that it includes the broadest representation of the Carmelite Family to date, with input from the friars, secular/lay Carmelites, the Associations of Carmelite nuns, and friends of Carmel, in both Britain and Ireland.

The Forum relies on input from the wider Carmelite Family, so do please send them your ideas and offers of support. The members of the Teresa 500 planning group and their email addresses are listed on teresaofovavila.org; feel free to contact any of the members if you have any questions or suggestions.

Yours in Carmel,

Sr. Maire Bourke, O.C.D. (*Association of Carmelite Sisters in Ireland*); Sr. Allain Doherty, O.C.D. (*Association of Carmelite Nuns in Britain*); Fr. Martin Kilmurray, O.Carm. (*Irish Province of Carmelites*); Fr. Wilfrid McGreal, O.Carm. (*British Province of Carmelites*); Fr. James Noonan, O.C.D. (*Anglo-Irish Province of Discalced Carmelites*)

New Facebook Group for Carmelites, Justice and Peace
www.facebook.com/carmelitesjpic

Carmelite News & Spirituality on the Province Website
www.carmelite.org



Some of the 'Teresa 500' Events being planned

15 October 2014	Teresian Year Opening Mass at Discalced Carmelite Church, Kensington, London
22 November 2014	Day Conference on Teresa, Dublin
27-28 March 2015	Conference on Teresa, Oxford
18 - 20 June 2015	Conference on Teresa, Twickenham
11 July 2015	Carmelite Pilgrimage to Walsingham
31 Aug - 7 Sep 2015	Carmelite Pilgrimage to Spain
19 - 20 Sep 2015	Conference on Teresa, Dublin
17 October 2015	Teresian Year Closing Celebrations at Aylesford Priory, Kent

www.teresaofavila.org www.facebook.com/teresa500

LOURDES

HCPT appeal

Johan Bergström-Allen is going to Lourdes at Easter as a volunteer with HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust, taking sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on a holiday pilgrimage. Johan is raising funds for HCPT Group 122, and asks if readers of *Assumpta* would kindly consider donating. You can either:

- Send a cheque payable to *HCPT* to Johan at his Projects & Publications Office address on the inside back cover
- Donate online at www.justgiving.com/johanba
- Donate £5 using your mobile phone by texting AVEM58 £5 to 70070

Thanks for your support. Please pray for the HCPT pilgrims.

Province Pilgrimage

The British Province of Carmelites annual pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 22 - 29 August 2014. For prices and further information, please contact Johan Bergström-Allen (details on the inside back cover), or visit www.carmelite.org/lourdes



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Carmelite Third Order (Secular) British Province



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| • £11.25 every quarter = £ 45.00 |
| • £22.50 every six months = £45.00 |

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POPE FRANCIS AND THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Johan Bergström-Allen



In a new series we invite Lay Carmelites to respond to the recent Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, entitled ‘Evangelii Gaudium’, meaning ‘The Joy of the Gospel’. This first reaction is from Johan Bergström-Allen, T.O.C., who convenes Carmelite Spirituality Groups in northern England, and runs the Projects & Publications Office of the British Province of Carmelites.

Just before Christmas I got a telephone call from the BBC studios in York: to round off 2013 would I talk on the radio about the impact Pope Francis has had since his election earlier in the year? Normally when I’m asked to speak it’s to respond to some ecclesiastical crisis, so it was nice to have the opportunity to reflect on some good news!

Good news is definitely how Pope Francis is being seen by most of the Church, as well as in the media and the world at large. His humble and humane style, his focus on the basic essentials of our Christian faith, and his reaching out to the poor and marginalised have shown him to be a loving and loved pastor. *Time* magazine awarded him the accolade ‘Person of the Year’, as did, more surprisingly, the American gay rights magazine *Advocate*. The ‘Francis Effect’ is said to be encouraging people back to church, and getting even the hardest-faced atheist to ponder what the pope has to say.

Amidst all this media hype I have some reservations, but generally the Holy Father strikes me as truly a man whose allegiance is to Jesus Christ. He seems to genuinely want to open up new avenues of dialogue, and to facilitate meaningful



reform and renewal within the Church. In a way, I think his recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, is a blueprint for the transformations he wants us all to make as a Church.

An Apostolic Exhortation is a letter or document from the pope that encourages the Church, or a particular group within it, to undertake a particular activity. An Exhortation is considered lower in formal authority than a papal encyclical in that it doesn't define Church doctrine, but it is considered more important than other papal writings and letters.

Evangelii Gaudium is the first major text that Francis has written on his own as Pope (or, as he seems to prefer saying, Bishop of Rome). It is addressed to the bishops, clergy, consecrated persons and lay faithful of the Church, and takes as its subject 'The Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World'. It is dated 24th November 2013, at the conclusion of the Year of Faith, and opens with the following words:

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

This opening paragraph strikes me as typical of Francis. Firstly, he emphasises that encountering Jesus is a joyful thing. Francis has been critical of those Christians who are miserable and sad. Secondly, the tone is familiar and humble; he seeks to offer encouragement and pointers, rather than directly ordering people. Thirdly, he wants to open up 'a new chapter' in spreading the Good News of God's love, and seeks 'new paths

for the Church's journey in years to come'. This is fresh.

In just a few weeks this Apostolic Exhortation has already made a deep impact in the Church. Some have called it 'the manifesto of Francis' and a 'Magna Carta for church reform'. This has upset some conservatives within the Church, whilst giving hope and encouragement to those wanting a revival of the spirit of the early Church and of Vatican II.

Parishes, church groups, and I hope Carmelite communities are now beginning to study this remarkable document. It is long, but written in a very accessible style. Although the pope is a Jesuit, and therefore a highly intelligent man, he has decided to write in a style that is familiar rather than academic, using (so Wikipedia tells me) the word "love" 154 times, "joy" 109 times, "the poor" 91 times, "peace" 58 times, "justice" 27 times, and "common good" 15 times. These terms give you some of the flavour of the document, which touches on many of the themes of Francis' papacy so far, such as the Church's obligations to the poor, the reform of Church and Society, a critique of unbridled capitalism, criticism of poor preaching and over-emphasis on doctrine instead of a pastoral approach to people's real needs.

There is so much worth pondering in this document, and if you haven't already I hope you will consider getting a copy. You can get it for free on the internet, or buy copies from parish repositories and Christian bookshops. I can't go through every paragraph of *Evangelii Gaudium* here, but I would like to share my reaction to just one particular passage that struck me. It is part of a section about the Church entitled 'A Mother with an Open Heart', an image that reminds me of the way that Carmelites speak about Mary. Francis talks about the Church going out to reach the fringes of humanity (very much part of our Order's mendicant mission), and says that sometimes we need to slow down in order to see and listen to others (again



something that resonates with me as a Carmelite). This is what Pope Francis says at the beginning of paragraph 47:

The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door.

Using language reminiscent of the Merciful Father and the Prodigal Son, Pope Francis urges us to be on the lookout for those who need our love and welcome. But he goes further...

There are other doors that should not be closed either. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself “the door”: baptism. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

When I first read these words, I found them deeply moving, because they reflect what I have felt about the Church for some time. Too often I think that we Church-goers set ourselves up as judges of other people. If we feel they don't match up to our standards and expectations, we turn them away instead of having the humility to recognise God's presence in them. Before he became Pope Francis, Cardinal Bergoglio openly criticised priests in his Archdiocese of Buenos Aires who refused to baptise the children of unmarried mothers. I have been in churches where people have been told they are not welcome to receive the Lord in the Eucharist because they are deemed by others to be 'unworthy'. The pope is reminding us that the



Eucharist is ‘not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak’. Strong words! Compared with previous papal documents, he rarely cites footnotes, but on this occasion he does. In case anyone accuse him of ‘trendy liberalism’, he quotes some of the ancient authorities of the Church. Firstly, Saint Ambrose, who said of the Eucharist ‘I must receive it always, so that it may always forgive my sins. If I sin continually, I must always have a remedy.’ Secondly, Saint Cyril of Alexandria, who asked of those who reckoned themselves unworthy of the Eucharist, ‘When will you be worthy? When at last you present yourself before Christ? And if your sins prevent you from drawing nigh, and you never cease to fall ... will you remain without partaking of the sanctification that gives life for eternity?’ Like his predecessor, Francis calls on ancient wisdom.

Sadly I believe our Church has been blighted, especially recently, by a tendency to blame ourselves and others for sinfulness more than relying on God’s love and mercy. Happily Pope Francis is challenging this pernicious attitude. He knows his view will not make everyone happy, saying of his approach to the Eucharist:

These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.

What a bold and refreshing statement! How brave to admit that frequently Christians “act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators”. How inclusive to recognise that the Church “is a place for everyone, with all their problems”. How like Jesus.

Would you like to share your reactions to the Pope’s Apostolic Exhortation with Assumpta readers? Please send your article to the editorial board.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



The following prayer is recommended in the lead-up to the Friars' Provincial Chapter (5-9 May 2014) and the Third Order's Provincial Assembly (28-30 November 2014), both events held at Aylesford.

All: The Holy Spirit comes to us so that we may know the truth and be strengthened to walk with Mary our Mother and the prophet Elijah on our pilgrimage to the mountain of God's glory, Christ our Lord, making the Carmelite way the wellspring of our lives.

Leader: God is our light and our salvation

All: Declare his glory among the nations.

Leader: Let us pray. May the Spirit of wisdom and understanding be with us to enable us to listen to the voice of God and the voices of one another, and, in seeking to serve the Kingdom in the Church and in the world, to heed especially the voices of the poor and the oppressed. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Under the mantle of your mothering we seek refuge, holy Mother of God. Turn not your eyes from our distress, nor disregard the beseeching voice of sinners, but come to our aid, most glorious and blessed Virgin.



**Northern Carmelite Retreat on
St. Teresa of Avila &
St. John of the Cross**



20 - 22 June 2014

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Tel: 01670 737563 Email: teresakelly69@gmail.com

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organised by the Birmingham Third Order Community
to be held at Aylesford Priory, Kent**

6 - 8 June 2014

**For more information or to book a place on the retreat
please contact Mrs Margaret Williams**

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John Daniel James - RIP

Madeleine Scott, Secretary of Birmingham Third Order Community writes: We have just heard the news that John Daniel James, one of the founder members of our community, died on 15th January 2013. John's widow, Mary, is in our prayers as she adjusts to life without her husband. John and his wife Mary were valued members of our community for many years. They had various ministries both in their parish and in our Carmelite group, and they gave of their time and talents to both unstintingly. In the days when Fr. Joseph Abbley, O.Carm., was Third Order Director, John would bring Fr. Joe to our meeting on the Saturday, put him up for the night and then take him to the Coventry Carmelite Community on the Sunday. John used to travel to Aylesford in Kent with some members of our community every year for the Summer Fete, where they would help on the stalls.



FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

Most Rev. Fr. John Malley, O.Carm.



In previous issues of Assumpta we published chapters 1 to 4 of 'Fundamental Values of Carmelite Spirituality' by the late Prior General Fr. John Malley, O.Carm. John had originally presented what he considered to be his Ten 'Values and Fundamentals of Living the Carmelite Way' at the International Lay Carmelite Congress in Rome in 2006. We continue with chapters 5 and 6.

Fifth Value: The Primacy of Love

When one of the scribes asked Jesus: "Which is the first of all the commandments?", He replied: "This is the first: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' And this is the second: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'" During His preaching, and especially through His suffering and death, Jesus made love the central value and truth of His life. To be a follower of Christ – whether lay or religious – love must have a primacy in our lives.

All of us have often reflected about the *meaning* of love in our life, and we would probably agree in many ways with the psychologist, Erich Fromm, that the term 'love' implies the following four qualities: *care* as a mother treasures and watches over her child; *responsibility* in our attentiveness to the needs of one another; *respect* for the uniqueness and value of each person; *growth* in knowing better the person

whom we love. The challenge for Christians, however, is putting this love into *practice*. The theologian, C. S. Lewis, encouraged the practice and expression of love in four concrete ways: *affection* that is similar to the warmth and care that a parent shares with a child through a smile, a touch; *friendship* that creates a special bond between two persons through mutual sharing and interests; *charity* that selflessly gives to others in imitation of Jesus, following the beautiful qualities that St. Paul enumerates in his first letter to the Corinthians; *eros* or *sexual union* by which married people become “no longer two but are united in one flesh.”

Christian spirituality throughout the ages has given us tremendous insights into the meaning of love, and it certainly has a primacy in our Carmelite tradition. Perhaps the Doctor of the Church, St. Thérèse, has placed this primacy into particular focus for us. It is difficult to describe Thérèse’s intense love of God and of the members of her community in Lisieux, but her spirituality begins with this truth. Her sister Pauline once said of her: “She breathed the love of God just as I breathe air.” Thérèse completely believed and trusted the beautiful words of St. John: “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him” (*1 John 4:16*).

All of us are familiar with her words in the *Story of a Soul* as she was reading St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians: “And the Apostle explains how all the most perfect gifts are nothing without Love. That charity is the excellent way that leads most surely to God. I finally had rest ... I understood that love comprised all vocations, that love was everything, that it embraced all times and places ... in a word, that it was



eternal ... Then in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O, Jesus, my love ... my *vocation*, at last I have found it ... my vocation is love!”

Saint Teresa of Avila too has given us valuable insights into the meaning of love. She wrote often of the friendships that Jesus showed during His life on earth. He shared in a special way with Peter, James and John, Mary Magdalen, and during the last weeks of His sorrowful struggle in Jerusalem, He used to go in the evenings to rest a while at Bethany, in the atmosphere of affection offered by Lazarus, Martha and Mary, who were so close to His heart. Teresa used these examples in her writing to show the relationship between love and friendship. She wrote in the *Story of Her Life*: “It is a great evil for a soul beset by so many dangers to be alone. Friends are so necessary.”

Teresa’s 1,500 letters attest so strongly to this need for friendship in her life. It was from a circle of close friends at the Convent of the Incarnation that there came the idea to begin her reform with the foundation of the monastery of St. Joseph in Avila. She encouraged a deep spiritual friendship among the first members of the reform: “In this house ... all must be friends with each other, love each other, be fond of each other, and help each other.” To be a friend of Jesus, her sisters must learn first to be friends with one another.

This value – the primacy of love – is very strong in our tradition. I remember reading once, as a very young student in philosophy, about the meaning of contemplation and its role in our Carmelite identity and spirituality. It was a description of contemplation given by Carmelite

theologians at the University of Salamanca in the 17th Century: contemplation is a simple awareness of Truth under the influence of love. Franciscans might talk of poverty and peace, Dominicans of truth and the word of God, the Jesuits of obedience and the greater glory of God, but Carmelites identify the presence of God with love: “God is love and he who remains in love remains in God and God in him.”

Stop and reflect: Does this comparison of Carmel with other spiritual traditions in the Church ring true for you? What makes Carmel distinctive in your experience?

Sixth Value: The Importance of Prayer

To many in the Catholic Church today, Carmel and prayer are synonymous. If we as Carmelites, both lay and religious, have anything to say to a contemporary world, it is about prayer. The writings and traditions of Carmel, which make up the history of our religious family are a result of attending to the Presence of the living God and responding to God in love. The *Rule of Saint Albert* sums up our contemplative stance with the words: “Each one of you is to stay in his own cell or nearby, pondering the Lord’s law day and night and keeping watch at his prayers, unless attending to some other duty.”

In the history of Catholic spirituality, Saint Teresa and Saint John of the Cross have been looked upon as experts in the science and in methods of prayer. Their goal for Carmelites, and even for Christians, might be simply stated: to know and see God, and to know and love oneself and one’s neighbour in the light of God’s face.



How is this to happen? Teresa gives a very simple and concrete answer in the first pages of *The Interior Castle*: “Now let us return to our beautiful and delightful castle and see how we can enter it ... As far as I can understand, the door of entry into this castle is prayer and meditation.”

John of the Cross is called the Mystical Doctor. Prayer and contemplation are at the centre of his four poems and his writings. He has a reputation for a demanding asceticism but at the core of his teaching is a conviction that only God’s love can break through the heart’s attachments, and for John contemplation is simply opening one’s life to God’s love.

In my years as a Carmelite, I have been very attracted and deeply nourished by two qualities of our Carmelite tradition of experiencing prayer: first, its *listening element*, and secondly, its *relationship to love*.

From our very beginning on Mount Carmel with the chapel dedicated to Mary in the midst of the cells, she has been an inspiration and a model of prayer: “Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart” (*Luke 2:19*), and “near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother” (*John 19:25*) – beautiful signs of her listening posture and her loving heart.

Another story about these same qualities that is often referred to by our Carmelite saints is the story of Martha and Mary, “who seated herself at the Lord’s feet and listened to His words.” With Jesus’ advise to Martha being: “You are anxious and upset about many things; one thing only is required. Mary has chosen the better part, and she

shall not be deprived of it” (Luke 10:39, 41-42).

Teresa sums up her feelings about these same two qualities in the *Book of Her Life*: “Mental prayer, in my view, is nothing but friendly conversation and frequent solitary talks with Him who we know loves us.” This is Teresa’s well-known definition of prayer, and rightly so, because with a simplicity astonishingly precise, she gives us the essence of prayer – a friendship with God, an exchange of love which God has for us, and which we have for Him. For Teresa, God is Love, and He has created us out of love for an eternal union with Himself.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2014

- 24 February - 9 March:** Fairtrade Fortnight
- 1 March:** St. David’s Day (pray for Carmel in Wales)
- 6-8 June:** Midlands Lay Carmelite Retreat - Aylesford
- 20-22 June:** Northern Lay Carmelite Retreat - Minsteracres
- 4 October:** Carmel: Come and See Day - Bristol

**National Shrine
of Saint Jude
Faversham, Kent**



**Summer
Celebration
31 May 2014**

- 11.00 Devotions with Anointing
- 12.00 Picnic on the grounds (bring your own food)
Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 13.30 Open-Air Mass followed by
Saint Jude procession and prayers
- 15.30 Talk on the new Guild of Saint Jude



CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please confirm details with local communities - contact details are on each community's webpage listed below or available from the National Secretary. Some events are also listed on the Calendar of Events on the Province website: www.carmelite.org/calendar

Community	Day & Time	Jan	Feb
Antwerp, Belgium Contact the convenor, Miguel, for details www.carmelite.org/antwerp			
Aylesford The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX www.carmelite.org/aylesfordtoc	3rd Saturday 10.30am	18	15
Biggleswade (Carmel in Bedfordshire) St. Peter's Church, Biggleswade www.carmelite.org/bedfordshire	4th Wednesday 6.30pm	22	26
Birmingham St. Chad's Cathedral, Queensway www.carmelite.org/birmingham	1st Saturday 1pm	4	1
Blackhall CSG St. Joseph's Church, Blackhall, Nr. Hartlepool www.carmelite.org/blackhall	Varies	None	None
Brighton & Hove *** Change of venue - contact leader *** www.carmelite.org/brightonhove	4th Saturday 1.45pm	18	15
Cambridge 35 Acorn Avenue, Bar Hill www.carmelite.org/cambridge	Informal meetings at Angela Bergström- Allen's home	Varies	Varies
Cardiff The Cornerstone, St. David's Cathedral. www.carmelite.org/cardiff	4th Saturday 10.00am.	23	28
Cleator Moor & Frizington St. Joseph's, Frizington www.carmelite.org/cleator	1st Saturday 10.30am	4	1
Coventry St. Thomas More, Watercall Ave., Styvechale www.carmelite.org/coventry	1st Sunday 3.30pm	5	2
East Kent CSG Whitefriars, Faversham www.carmelite.org/eastkent	2nd Saturday 9.30am	11	8
Glasgow Ogilvia Centre, Rose Street www.carmelite.org/glasgow	1st Saturday 1.15pm	4	1



Guildford St. Joseph's, 12 Eastgate Gardens www.carmelite.org/guildford	2nd Saturday 9.50am	11	8
Leeds CSG St. Theresa's Church, Cross Gates www.carmelite.org/leeds	Dates vary Sunday 11.30am	None	T.B.C.
Leicester St. Mary's, Countesthorpe Rd., South Wigston www.carmelite.org/leicester	Dates vary Saturday 1pm		T.B.C.
Leigh-on-Sea Our Lady of Lourdes www.carmelite.org/leigh	4th Saturday 2.30pm (2pm quiet prayer/rosary)	25	22
London: Carmel in the City CSG St. Joseph's, Bunhill Row www.carmelite.org/citc	1st Saturday 11.30am	4	1
London: Warwick Street Chapter Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street www.carmelite.org/londonwarwickstreet	1st Wednesday 5.30pm	1	5
Manchester CSG Avila House, 335-9 Oxford Road www.carmelite.org/manchester	Dates vary, Saturday 10am	18	15
Margate St. Anne's, Devonshire Gardens, Cliftonville www.carmelite.org/margate	2nd Wednesday 1.45pm	8	12
Mawdesley CSG 30 New Street, Mawdesley, Lancs., L40 2QP www.carmelite.org/mawdesley	Dates vary Thursday 7.40pm	23	27
Newcastle Corpus Christi, Kelvin Grove, Gateshead www.carmelite.org/newcastle	3rd Saturday 1pm *** NEW START TIME ***	18	15
Northumberland (formerly Bedlington) St. Bede's Church, Bedlington www.carmelite.org/bedlington	3rd Sunday 2pm	19	16
Reading St. Joseph's, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst www.carmelite.org/reading	3rd Saturday 11am	18	15
Sheffield Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road www.carmelite.org/sheffield	2nd Saturday 1pm	11	8
York CSG 110 Lawrence Street, York, YO10 3EB www.carmelite.org/yorkcsg	Dates vary Saturday 9.30am	None	T.B.C.

Please inform the National Secretary of any changes.



MEMBER AND PROVINCE NEWS

First Professions

Penelope Brummell	London, Warwick Street	11 November 2013
Sofia Arenas	London, Warwick Street	11 November 2013

Final Professions

Sade Akisanya	London, Warwick Street	2 October 2013
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Silver Jubilee Congratulations

Miguel Norbert Ubarri	Antwerp	3 December 2013
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Golden Jubilee Professions

Thea Gregson	Sheffield/ Distance	1 January 2014
Eileen Woolmington	Distance	1963-64

(the date may be uncertain, but the congratulations are the same!)

Prayers for the sick

John Dumbleton (Aylesford); Winifred Campbell (Leicester); Daphne Wilkinson, Alex Somerville, Pamela Ptak (Margate); Caroline Shotton, Maureen Crawford, Billy Douglas, Jim Reid, Jack Scurfield (Newcastle); Jennifer Swain (distance Birmingham); Betty Brown, Therese Labrosse, Elizabeth York, Margaret Murphy, Clare Poulton (Reading), Anne Jennings, Kathleen Reynolds, Teresa Lennon (Birmingham); Tony French and David Harwar (Coventry); Philip Holden, Thea Gregson (Distance); Martha Tully (Brighton and Hove); Mary Kelly, Mary Chisholm (Glasgow).

Rest In Peace

John Daniel James	Birmingham	January 2013 (see p. 27)
Cathy Slater	Glasgow	9 January 2014

Congratulations brothers!

We wish many blessings on Carmelite friars in our British Province in 2014. On 19th March Br. Paul Jenkins will be ordained deacon at Aylesford Priory. Several friars celebrate jubilees of religious profession this year: Fr. Joseph Kelly (60 years), Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald-Lombard (40 years), Fr. Francis Kemsley (40 years), Fr. James Sweeney (25 years). Two friars celebrate jubilees of priestly ordination: Fr. Wilfrid McGreal (50 years) and Fr. Tony Lester (25 years). Thanks for your service brothers. *Ad multos annos!*

This year's events: If communities have a programme or news of events in the coming year please let Veronica Errington know (contact details opposite) so that she can include it in *Assumpta*.

Useful Carmelite Websites

British Province	www.carmelite.org
Lay Carmel	www.laycarmel.org
Calendar of Events	www.carmelite.org/calendar
Carmelite News	www.carmelite.org/news
Carmelite Communities	www.carmelite.org/communities
Aylesford Priory	www.thefriars.org.uk
Aylesford Priory Blog	www.aylesfordpriory.blogspot.co.uk
Carmelite Curia	www.ocarm.org
Carmelite Street Youth Blog	www.carmelitesuk.blogspot.co.uk
Carmelite Institute (CIBI)	www.cibi.ie
Carmelite videos on YouTube	www.youtube.com/gbcarmelite
British Province on Facebook	facebook.com/orderofcarmelites
Lay Carmel on Facebook	facebook.com/laycarmel
Carmelites, Justice & Peace	facebook.com/carmelitesjpic
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