

## Who are Lay Carmelites?

Lay Carmelites are the lay branch of the Carmelite Family. We strive to live the charism of Carmel within our ordinary daily lives in the world, at home and at work. Our lives are dedicated to prayer, to service of others and to building community, under the patronage of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Since 2005 we have a new Rule for Lay Carmelites, known as: "Living the Carmelite Way".

In Leicester our lay Carmelite community meets every month to share and pray together. Our meetings include:

- **Prayer**—including Evening Prayer of the Church in the Chapel
- **Lectio Divina**—praying and meditating on Holy Scriptures
- **Ongoing Formation**—a different topic to hear and discuss every month
- **Refreshments/Social Time**— building our fellowship in Christ

***You are welcome to come along if you wish to join us for one or more of our meetings or events.***



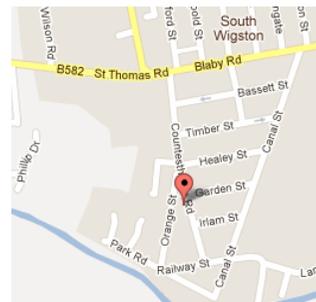
## How to Find Us?

Meetings take place at

**St Mary's RC Church**

*(By Courtesy of the Parish)*

Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston,  
LEICESTER LE18 4PG  
(parking available)



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## LEICESTER LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY CHAPTER

## Meetings and Events in 2012



Pope Benedict XVI has said that the scapular is a "particular sign of union with Jesus and Mary ... For those who wear it, it is a sign of filial abandonment to the protection of the Immaculate Virgin ... In our battle against evil, may Mary our Mother wrap us in her mantle".

*(taken from [www.ocarm.org](http://www.ocarm.org) the official international website of the Carmelite Order)*

# Dates and Themes for Lay Carmelite meetings throughout the Year

**Saturday 14th January** —  
“God Speaks” *learning to discern and listen to the voice of God* (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 11th February** —  
Holy Mass for Final Professions celebrated by Fr Kevin Melody OCarm and AGM with Mr John Berry, Provincial Delegate to the Third Order (with refreshments) (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 10th March** — “The Practice of the Presence of God” with commentary by lay Carmelite writer Jennifer Moorcroft (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 14th April** — “Clothed with Carmel’s Attitudes” (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 12th May**—“Carmel and the Eucharist” (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 16th June**— “Lectio Divina and Carmel’s Attentiveness to the Bible” (1pm-4pm)

**Sunday 21st July**—Celebrations in honour of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. To include Adoration and Devotions in

honour of Our Lady of Mt Carmel (from 3 pm to 6 pm) - this celebration will replace the usual monthly meeting.

**August** — no meeting

**Saturday 1st September** —“The Carmelite Family and the Communion of Saints” (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 13th October** —“Carmel’s Call to Service” (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 3rd November** — “Holy Men and Women of Carmel” (1pm-4pm)

**Saturday 8th December** — Advent Day of Recollection at St Marys, South Wigston, (theme to be confirmed). Heather Ward lead our reflections (10 am to 3.30 pm). Dr Heather Ward, is married and a member of the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order (O.C.D.S.) is a member of the Board of the [Carmelite Institute of Britain & Ireland](#) (CIBI) and has a special interest in Adult Religious Formation.

*Please note: meeting dates and content may be subject to change. To check this or for further information, contact Anne on: Tel: (0116) 286 3395 or tel: 07910 706 993 or Teresa on 07914497036*



*“Christ has no body now,  
but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth,  
but yours.  
Yours are the eyes  
through which  
Christ looks compassion  
into the world.  
Yours are the feet  
with which  
Christ walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands  
with which  
Christ blesses the world.”*

*Attributed to St Teresa of Avila*