



Newsletter

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Carmel OCDS Community Meeting Sunday 5 June 2022

12:00pm Formation Groups

1pm Community Meeting

Welcome & opening prayers

Roll call & apologies

Minutes of previous meeting

Treasurer's report, Correspondence

General business, General discussion

Closing prayers

1:45pm Community Formation

St Thérèse of Lisieux

"Story of a Soul: Study Edition"

(Community Study: Chapter 5, from p.171)

2:30pm Father's Teaching

Divine Office in Chapel

Leader: Pat C., Reader: Elizabeth

Afternoon Tea

Prep. & Serving: Christine & Marian

Dishes: Karen & Claire



Bethany Day

Tuesday 21 June 2022

(10:30am – 1:00pm)

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am DVD

11:45am Chapel – Quiet Prayer

12:10pm BYO Lunch

12:30pm Study: St John of the Cross

Birthdays

Karen Marra Thursday 23 June



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June: Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear brothers and sisters in Carmel,

Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with our dear Carmelite Sisters as they mourn for their beloved **Sr Mary Teresa of St Augustine** who passed away on 12th May. May God grant them consolation for their loss. Sr Mary Teresa holds a special place in the hearts of the Seculars as she had been a friend and mentor to many of us on our Carmelite journey. God bless and keep her in His everlasting love.

We also pray for **Fr Michael-Thérèse** as he rushed home to the US to be with family, following the passing of his uncle, Patrick Dempsey (his mother's brother). May God grant eternal rest to his uncle and shower consolation to his family members.

The Council is happy to announce that **Marian** shall be making her Definitive Promise on 3rd July. Thank you, dear Marian, for your love for our OCDS Community and for saying 'yes' to the Lord. Please keep Marian in your prayers.

On Sunday 15th May, the Church celebrated the canonisation of **St Titus Brandsma**, another Carmelite saint. May God, through the intercession of St Titus, bless and protect us and grant us peace in our fragile world.

Please continue to pray for the success of our forthcoming **retreat** in November.

Blessings in Carmel,

Maureen William, OCDS

(President, Peace of Christ Community, Christchurch)



June quote from St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face:
**"If I cannot see the brilliance of your Face, or hear your sweet voice,
 O my God, I can live by your grace, I can rest on your Sacred Heart!"**



Daily Offering to the Sacred Heart

O my God!
I offer You all my actions of this day
for the intentions and for the glory
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I desire to sanctify
every beat of my heart,
my every thought,
my simplest works,
by uniting them
to His infinite merits
and I wish to make reparation
for my sins
by casting them into the furnace
of His Merciful Love.

O my God!
I ask of You for myself
and for those whom I hold dear,
the grace to fulfill perfectly
Your Holy Will,
to accept for love of You
the joys and sorrows
of this passing life,
so that we may
one day be
united together
in heaven
for all Eternity.
Amen

*By St Therese of the Child
Jesus
(1873-1897)
Doctor of the Church*

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Prayers for June

Thank-you, Lord, for all the blessings you give us each day.

We pray for:

- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Paul, SM, the new bishop for our diocese, Bishop Michael Gielen, and all our priests, religious and seminarians
- Our Provincial, Fr John Grennan, OCD, our new General, Fr Miguel Márquez Calle, OCD and all our Carmel family, especially our Carmelite Sisters. Also, vocations to Carmel and to our own Peace of Christ Community (**Please offer a decade of the rosary daily for this, as requested by Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD.**)

Special Intentions:

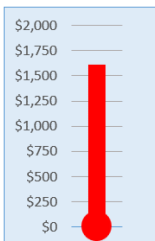
- Our Ukrainian Carmelite nuns, friars & seculars, and all the people of Ukraine, suffering from the terrors of war
- Fr Jérôme, OCD and our Goma school mission
- Fr Michael-Thérèse, Fr Antoine and CSJ
- Fr Philip, CSJ and the University Chaplaincy Team
- Our Carmelite Sisters, recovering from covid
- Our Special Members, especially Margaret Dwyer. Also Dorothea, Stephanie, Rosaline and Peb
- John Paul II Centre for Life and prayers for life. Also, Megan on Board of Trustees.
- Those who have died recently, especially Fr Michael-Thérèse's uncle, Patrick Dempsey, Sr Mary Teresa, OCD, and the consolation of their families & our Sisters
- Those who have asked for, or need our prayers, especially all those affected by the coronavirus. Also, prayers for Fr Benito (cancer), Annette and her daughter, Stephanie, Marian's son, Stephen, Noeline and Hec, baby Carter, Fr Arsène, Shaun Hickland (NET Ministries), Katherine (cancer), Elizabeth (broken rib), Ken (recovering from covid) and Megan's daughter-in-law, Charlotte (pregnant and unwell with covid)

Our Holy Father's Intentions for June:

- We pray for Christian **families** around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

OUR MISSIONS PROJECT

To help Fr Jérôme, OCD in providing education for the children in Goma



New Total



The children in class

Our June Carmelite Saints

7 Tue. Bl. Anne of St Bartholomew (virgin)

14 Tue. Bl. Maria Candida of the Eucharist (virgin)



"I decided one day that if I were to find a man very rich, very handsome, very agreeable, very holy, and who would have helped me in the service of God, that I would have been glad with such companionship." As she was musing thus, Christ appeared to her and said, "I am the man whom you are seeking." From that day onward, Anne resolved never to marry. One night, having fallen asleep with her rosary in her hands (which she recited daily), Anne experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary showing her the Discalced Carmelites' convent in Avila, and pressing her to become a nun there. Then Christ appeared, seconding his Mother's words and pulling Anne by her rosary beads. After waking, Anne resolved to become a Carmelite, and took her vows at Avila in 1572... She was a close friend and aide to St Teresa of Avila and the saint died in her arms in 1582. [Bl. Anne led the establishment of new monasteries in France and Belgium.] [[Web Link](#)]

NATIONAL STATUTES

PART VII – Organisation and Government Section Fourteen – Elections

*"O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame."*

45. The President is elected from among those who have made Definitive Promises. A President may be re-elected for a second consecutive term on receiving two-thirds of the votes in the first ballot. If the incumbent fails to receive two-thirds of the votes in the first ballot s/he is eliminated and the election continues in the usual way with the second ballot [47].

Re-election for a third consecutive term as President is not allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances and the election by a two-third majority is approved by the Regional Superior or his Delegate.

A President who has completed two consecutive terms in office may not be elected to any other office for a period of three years. However, in the absence of other suitable candidates and with the permission of the Delegate, he/she may be elected as Formator.

The Seal of Carmel: "Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum"

"With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord God of hosts"