



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2093 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A** 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

Readings Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Psalm 50 Romans 5:12-19 Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

What does 'entering Lent' mean? It means we enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil present in the world, in each one of us and around us. It means not off-loading the problem of evil onto others, onto society or onto God but rather recognising one's own responsibility and assuming it with awareness. In this regard Jesus' invitation to each one of us Christians to take up our 'cross' and follow him with humility and trust is particularly pressing. Although the 'cross' may be heavy it is not synonymous with misfortune, with disgrace, to be avoided on all accounts; rather it is an opportunity to follow Jesus and thereby to acquire strength in the fight against sin and evil. Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday	5pm	Lilian Tierney (a) & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Mary & Paddy Kennedy (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ints of Eveline Kott
	6pm	Stan & Hinda McLarney (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Ints of Maureen & Charles O'Malley & family
MC School	9am	Ints of Eileen McWilliams
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Helen & Dick Doyle (b'day a)
Wednesday	9.30am	Ned Morrissey (b'day a) & Kitty McCarthy
Thursday	7pm	Eamonn Michael Price & Ints of Cathy Kennedy
STA School	10am	(9KB) Ints of Josephine & family
Friday	9.30am	Ints of Caroline & Bob Holland
	6pm	Latin Mass Ints of Sheila Deacey
STB School	3pm	Joan Colman
Saturday	9.30am	Jenny McNamee (b'day a) & Dominic Fitzpatrick
	5pm	Thomas & Mary Butler & People of the Parish

This Sunday afternoon Fr Jason and our parish JIF group will be attending St Chad's Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Please keep them in your prayers.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting after Mass on Tuesdays 10-11am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSION
Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023 : SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Sunday	8.15am	Fr Bob Wright (a) & Percy & Madge Holder 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Anne James & Catenian Mass for Vocations
	6pm	Mary Bak (b'day a) (live-streamed)

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

Link : www.eventcast.uk/live (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MICHAEL COLLINS** Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 20th February at the Abbey Chapel followed by burial, **PETER MCGOLDRICK** relative of parishioners, Funeral at St Mary's, Studley 11am Tuesday 14th March, **ANNE DAVIS** Funeral Service 10.15am Friday 17th March at the Abbey Chapel, **INGRID WATSON** Reception into church 5pm Monday 6th March, Funeral Mass 10.15am Tuesday 7th March, **CHARLES GALLAGHER** Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 9th March, **SUE ENGLISH** Funeral details not yet known. **LEONARD ROSE** Funeral details not yet known. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, MARGARET GERAGHTY, PAULINE CLARKE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, MICK O'CONNOR, FIONA EVANS**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (B'DAY A)...**
Next week free **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOHN BEARD (A)**
Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen. *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us*

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of feed, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal on line at [Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://PrayerforthepeopleofTurkeyandSyriaaffectedbytheearthquakes(cafod.org.uk))

**ALTAR SERVERS
ST STEPHEN'S MEDALS**

We will be arranging a date sometime around Eastertide to present the St Stephen's medals. If you have served for more than a year, could you please let Paul Brewster know. Also if you have served for 10 years you will be eligible for a Silver Medal which we will have to order from the Guild.

NEARLY-NEW & UNWANTED GIFTS SALE

12 noon Saturday 11 March
in the Parish Hall
All proceeds to the Parish Hall Fund

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2

J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS WANTED

We are short of a team of counters, if you feel you could spare some time on a Sunday evening to count the collection, please phone the parish office 63096 or inform Fr Tony or Fr Jason

**PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH
2.30PM IN PARISH HALL**

**Please put mobile phones on
Silent when at Mass thankyou**

World Day of Prayer— put together by the women of Taiwan

Friday 3 March, 11am at the Emmanuel Church, Ecumenical Centre or 7.30pm Christ Church, Matchborough

CAFOD Family Fast Day 3 March—Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The second collection on **11/12 March** will be for **Cafod**. Envelopes will be available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. You can also donate on line at cafod.org.uk/give.

Laudato Si—Donations to the Foodbank

Once again our weekly delivery to the Redditch Foodbank at Church Green East was gratefully received. Urgent need for tinned veg, tinned meat, chilli or curry. They have plenty of pasta and no longer give out sugar. So can we ask that you look in your cupboards so that we can continue offering this invaluable support to those in need.

For more information visit : <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Saints for the week ...

Monday Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Gregory was born in Armenia around 950. Educated by his uncle, he entered the monastery of Narek, where he spent the rest of his life. Greatly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he attained the heights of holiness and the mystical life. He composed several theological and mystical works, including ninety-five meditations on the Book of Lamentations. He died about 1005.

Tuesday Saint Oswald, Bishop

St Oswald was a Benedictine monk of the abbey of Fleury-sur-Loire and became the Bishop of Worcester in 961. He worked with St Dunstan and St Ethelwold for the restoration of the monastic life. He was renowned for his pleasant character, his meticulous celebration of the sacraments, and his care of the poor. In 972 he was appointed Archbishop of York and administered both dioceses. He died in Worcester on this day in 992.

Wednesday Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

(+c600) St David was born in South Wales. We know very little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery in Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop. He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claim him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one to Rome. He is the patron saint of Wales.

Thursday Feast of St Chad, Bishop

St Chad was born in the 7th century. He was educated at Lindisfarne. As a bishop he established his See at Lichfield. His reputation spread quickly and favourably as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick. He died at Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. He is the patron saint of the Archdiocese

Friday Lent Fast Day, First Friday, Women's World Day of Prayer

Saturday Saint Casimir

(1458-1484) He was the son of King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth, monarchs of Poland and Lithuania. In contrast to other members of the royal court, he was a shining example of faith, piety, humility and chastity. He had a great love for the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. He was named Patron Saint of Poland in 1602

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For Victims of abuse—We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb—12 March)

Fairtrade Fortnight is promoted by many churches and some supermarkets—look out for the offers. This year the CAFOD/Laudato Si group will be providing a fair trade stall after all masses over the weekend of 11/12 March.

Right to Life Prayer for this week

As we enter the Season of Lent, let us pray for the grace to respond generously if the Lord places on our hearts the desire to help the most at-risk and vulnerable, including the poor, the lonely, the aged, the sick and the unborn. Lord hear us.

Tabor House Launch Event—St Catherine of Siena, Bristol St, Birmingham

Tabor Living, a partnership project with Fr Hudsons Care—in March 2023 they will be moving from the Digbeth site to St Catherine of Siena in the city centre where they have created 9 new emergency rooms, 10 new next-steps rooms and large community areas working in partnership with the local parish.

Wednesday 19 April 2023 12-2pm—welcome talk, tour and lunch

Sunday 23 April 2023 11am Mass led by Archbishop Bernard followed by refreshments

Tours and blessing of the new Tabor living facilities. ALL WELCOME

Vacancy at Mount Carmel First School

Lunchtime Supervisor required ASAP 12.10pm-1.15pm Monday-Friday (term time only) Please visit

www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for an application form, recruitment monitoring form and consent for references form, all to be completed and returned to Mrs R Kennedy @ olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk by 3pm Friday 3rd March

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon email: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com



