



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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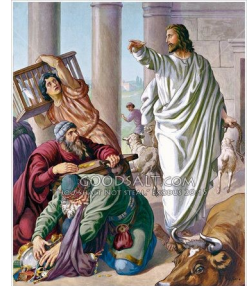


NEWSLETTER 2143 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 3RD MARCH 2024**

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 18 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Gospel John 2:13-25 Psalter Week 3

Reflection for this Sunday ...

Jesus' action in cleansing the temple was a protest against the commercialisation of religion and the desecration of the Temple. But it went deeper. It was a symbolic action, in the fashion of an Old Testament prophet through which he passed judgement on the Jewish sacrificial system.. He was also protesting at the way religion had become narrow, nationalistic, and exclusive. Israel had failed to fulfil her universal mission to humankind. It was God's intention that the Temple should be a house of prayer 'for all nations'. But the temple remained the jealously-guarded preserve of Israel. No Gentile dared venture, under threat of penalty and death, beyond what was known as the 'Court of the Gentiles'. Jesus declared that salvation was not just for the Jews, but for all peoples.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 3rd March 2024

Saturday	5pm	Redditch Catenian Circle Mass for Vocations
Sunday	8.15am	Percy & Madge Holder 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am David Hanney
	6pm	Intentions of Monika Leonard & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Murt Kealey & Jenny McNamee (b'day a)
STM School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Fr Bob Wright & Ernest Daniel
Wednesday	9.30am	Paddy Joe & Bridie McInerney
	5pm	Reception of Body Christopher Lindsey
Thursday	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	11am	Funeral Mass Christopher Lindsey
	7pm	Intentions of Goff O'Dowd
STA School	9.40am	Galton Trust
Friday	9.30am	Fred Seaman & Sandra Downes (3rd A)
STB School	2.30pm	Adoration
Saturday	9.30am	Wallace, Maud & Mary Huffer
	5pm	Thomas & Mary Butler & Lilian Tierney (a)

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6.15pm Thursdays followed by 7pm Mass

Lenten Group Every Wednesday
9.30-11.30am at St Mary's Alvechurch All welcome

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on Tuesdays followed by Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS for the Fourth Sunday of Lent 10th March 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Ivy Butcher 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Eileen Mundy (a)
	6pm	Ann Padden & People of the Parish (Live-Streamed)

Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed - Visit our website and click on 'Watch Live'

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 6th March, Funeral Mass 11am Thursday 7th March, **JOAN McKECHNIE** Funeral Mass 1.30pm Saturday 23rd March at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
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, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, TOMMY CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATH WILLIAMS, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, YVONNE COLEMAN, PAT REARDON, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS McDERMOTT**

THANK YOU Fr Craig Davies wishes to thank you all for your kindness, love and prayers for his recovery after surgery. It is very much appreciated.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **JENNY McNAMEE**
Next week for the intentions of **DELIA**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **INTENTIONS OF PAT & BILL REARDON**
Next week for the **DECEASED OF THE MORRISSEY FAMILY**



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE & MIDDLE EAST

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, and 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, the Middle East and the world. Amen. *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**, they can be contacted at: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK ...

Monday 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.

Thursday Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs

St Perpetua, a young mother of noble birth, and St Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave girl, were imprisoned at Carthage in 203 because of their Christian faith. Before they met their death, Felicity gave birth to a girl and Perpetua was still nursing her new-born son. They were thrown to wild beasts in the arena. The passion of St Perpetua provides a particularly vivid account of their martyrdom. They are included in the Roman Canon.

Friday Saint John of God, Religious

(1495-1550) He heeded the Word of God when he was already forty-two years old and from then on lived at the service of the sick in Granada (Spain). Before that he was successively, a farmer, soldier, and merchant. He founded his Order of Brothers Hospitallers of St John of God, devoting themselves to the infirm in soul and body.

Saturday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

(1384-1440) St Frances was a married woman, and a mother of six children. She was zealous in the performance of every household duty, saying 'A married woman must often leave God at the altar to find Him in her household care.' She patiently endured many trials, including the death of two of her children, the exile of her husband and the confiscation of their estates. In 1433, she founded the Benedictine Oblates of the Tor de' Specchi to continue her works of charity, and after her husband died in 1436 she became their superior.

40 Days for Life—STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE in Birmingham

Get in touch today to find out more about 40 Days for Life and how it has saved the lives of countless children in Birmingham. To find out more or to get involved in this campaign of peaceful, legal prayer near an abortion centre, contact Isabel on **07773 501721**. **Vigil location: Outside St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church, Station Rd, B30 1JG. Vigil Hours 8am-8pm daily (February 14th-March 24th).** You will need to sign a Statement of Peace before attending. Please get in touch for any questions.

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that 'no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy' at any gestation. This means that a woman who included her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Cafod's Big Lent Walk

Please join other parishioners on Saturday March 9th for a 3 mile walk around Arrow Valley Lake. Even if you haven't signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. You can still join the parish walk and your miles can be added to the parish total. Meet outside church at 2pm for a short, enjoyable, but meaningful stroll. Jim Quinn from the parish CAFOD/Laudato Si group has pledged 200km (124 miles) and would welcome more sponsorship to help meet his target of £200. You can sponsor him at : [Big Lent Walk \(Redditch\) - Jim's page is fundraising for CAFOD](#). With your effort and sponsorship this Lent, we can change families' lives for good.

The Real Easter Egg

This fairtrade chocolate egg is the only one available which actually promotes the true meaning of Easter, sales of which also help others both here (food banks) and overseas through the fairtrade premium. It is not available in supermarkets. If you want to order one please email Jim quinn : jq1@hotmail.com A few will be on sale after all masses on the **weekend of 16/17 March** but to be sure please order in advance. Dark Chocolate £5.50, Milk Chocolate £4.50 (both 150g). You can view the eggs at : <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>



CAN YOU HELP?

You may recall that the Parish SVP have been supporting a young mother with 3 children for the last 12 months. More visits are desperately needed to help this young family. Are you able to offer as little as one hour weekly or monthly? Also, we have been asked to visit a 97 year old gentleman at his home in Redditch—are you able to help? Contact Steve Martin on 07956 474302

POSTER FIND IN A CHURCH IN FRANCE

'When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving!'

McCarron School of Irish Dance Lessons



for boys & girls age 3 & upwards

4pm-5pm Tuesdays

Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

For more information please contact us on 07429 019367

Find us on Facebook & Instagram : [mccarrondance](#)

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

Thursday 7 March

Film Show

Future Meetings

Thursday 21 March

1pm Shared Table

Thursday 4 April

Seated Exercise

Thursday 18 April

Trip to Blossom Trail & Lunch
at the Marsh Hare

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

PARISH TOILETS

During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER TOWELS OR
NAPPIES IN THE TOILET—THANKYOU**

Walsingham Pilgrimage

St Peter's, Crabbs Cross have their Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Friday/Saturday 26/27 July.

Mount Carmel parishioners are invited to join them. Present cost is £257 which could be less depending on numbers.. Full details from Terence Payne on 07792808709.



School Vacancies
Lunch Supervisor at Mount Carmel School Mon-Fri
12-1.05pm Term time only. For more information contact
rkennedy@olmc.magnificat.org.uk
10 hr Kitchen vacancy at St Augustine's Thurs-Fri 8.30am
-2pm. Free meal & uniform, possibility of extra hours, Car
Driver essential Application Form is on Magnificat Website
www.magnificat.org.uk



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Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024