



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2139 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 4TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Readings : Job 7:1-4,6-7 Psalm 146 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Gospel Mark 1:29-39 Psalter Week 1

## Reflection for this Sunday ...

The Book of Job confronts the problem of suffering. The common explanation was that suffering was a punishment for sin. But, though Job is a good man, he suffers greatly. His suffering causes him to take a gloomy view of life. (First Reading). This sets the scene for the Gospel. However, what we see in the Gospel is not Jesus' answer to the question 'why suffering?', but his response to actual suffering. He heals the sick and proclaims the good news of salvation. The Gospel also shows the urgency with which he dedicated himself to preaching the Gospel, something we see exemplified also in Paul (Second Reading). In the midst of his activity Jesus found time to pray in quiet places. It was during these hours of solitude that he maintained and fostered the most important thing in his life—his relationship with the Father. Here lay the secret of his successful ministry.



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 4th February 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Mary Ryan & Peter McGoldrick
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Abraham Dowling (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls
	6pm	Wm Hughes (Bill) & People of the Parish ( <b>live-streamed</b> )
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Thomas Meagher (b'day a) & Peter & Elizabeth McManus
<b>MC School</b>	9am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Lily Paul (a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	George Hawkes (a & b'day a)
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Charles Gallagher & All Souls
<b>STA School</b>	9.40 am	Galton Trust
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Peter & Vera Rafferty
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Tom, Peggy & John McGillen (a)
	5pm	John, Elizabeth & Christine Morrissey

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 11th February 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Domnic (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Christopher & Joan Avern (b'day a)
	6pm	John Gemmell & People of the Parish ( <b>Live-Streamed</b> )

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
during LENT  
6.15pm Thursdays  
followed by Mass at 7pm

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

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **CHRISTINA BORDER** Funeral Service 12.30pm Friday 9th February at the Abbey Chapel, **FR SANDY BROWN** Reception of Body into Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford WS12 1DB 6pm Thursday 15th February, Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, **MARY DYSON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, **MARY CASEY** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 19th February at the Abbey Chapel, **PATRICIA MARTIN** Funeral Service 1.15pm Tuesday 20th February at the Abbey Chapel, **PHILIP SLATER, JEAN BRANDON** 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**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in **THANKSGIVING & INTENTIONS OF NIMI**  
Next week for the **DECEASED OF THE MORRISSEY FAMILY**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **LILY PAUL (A)**  
Next week for the Intentions of **LINTU TOM**



**NEXT WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY WILL BE MAKING AN APPEAL**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GROUPS USING**  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall**

**BEFORE LEAVING PLEASE CHECK TOILETS ARE FLUSHED AND CLEAN AND THE HALL IS TIDY READY FOR WHOEVER USES IT NEXT.**

**This is especially important where children are involved. Thank you**

**VACANCY**  
**FOR A SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR FOR BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE**

based at Cathedral House.  
Permanent/Full-time 35 hrs per wk  
For an informal chat contact Claire Reay on 0121 240 6240, Applications plus CV & supporting statement to be submitted to [julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk) by 18 Feb  
Shortlisting 19 February  
Interviews 26 & 27 February

**MEN'S LENTEN ROSARY**  
in the city  
12 noon Saturday 17 February  
Victoria Square, Birmingham  
City Centre  
For more information contact  
Ben 07885 505116

**Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thank you**

## 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*

## SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK ...

### Monday Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

(+251) St Agatha was martyred in Catania, Sicily, during the time of Decius. She dedicated herself to Our Lord, and at the age of 15 she rejected the amorous advances of a Roman named Quinitanus, who then decided to persecute her for her Christian faith. Quinitanus condemned her to torture and imprisonment, from which she died. Her name appears in the Roman Canon.

### Tuesday Saint Paul Miki and companions, Martyrs

(+1597) St Paul Miki, A Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonised. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ.

**Thursday Saint Jerome Emiliani or of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking**  
(1486-1537) St Jerome was born in Venice and converted to Christianity after a rather dissolute youth. Serving as a soldier, he was taken captive but attributed his liberation to the intercession of Our Lady. Hence forth he dedicated himself to the service of the poor, the sick and abandoned children. He founded a congregation (Somaschi) which looked after the education of children, especially orphans. He died of the plague while serving the afflicted.

(c1869-1947) St Josephine Bakhita was born in the Darfur region of Sudan and spent much of her early life as a slave. She eventually settled in Italy, where she converted to Christianity and entered the Canossian Daughters of Charity at Schio, near Vicenza. Serving quietly as the community's portress, cook and sacristan, she gained a reputation of exceptional piety and holiness.

### Saturday Saint Scholastica, Virgin

(480-547) St Scholastica was the twin sister of St Benedict. Following the rule of her brother, she founded the Order of Benedictine nuns. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove.

### Prayer for Right to Life UK

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us.

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

We believe that women deserve a better option than abortion. 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 or to come to the Kick-Off event **Next Sunday 11th February** and meet Dr Calum Miller who will speak on 'Abortion and Mental Health'.

### CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

CAFOD and SCIAF (Scottish Catholic Aid Agency) are joining together for the **Big Lent Walk** to raise vital funds for communities around the world. Join in to walk 200km (120 miles) over the 40 days of Lent—equal to 3 miles per day. Walk whenever and wherever you like. The money raised by taking part will enable CAFOD & SCIAF to continue fighting global poverty and bring real life change to communities overseas. For example they have a shared project in Ethiopia responding to the devastating food crisis there. Please join in, get sponsored and walk however much you can. Sign up at [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk). You can also join other parishioners on **Saturday 9th March** for a 3 mile walk around Arrow Valley Lake. Meet outside church at 2pm. With your effort and sponsorship this Lent, we can change families' lives for good and tell poverty to take a hike.

**Food Bank:** Could you spare two hours every 7 or 8 weeks to help with taking our donations to the Redditch Foodbank, Church Green East, helping our local community to cope with the cost of living crisis. The drop off point for donations is at the rear of the shop near to the college. If you can help, please contact Bob Mansell at [bob.mansell@me.com](mailto:bob.mansell@me.com)

**Laudato Si Group:** We are all very familiar with our household recycling collections, but some packaging can not be recycled at home. However, we can take the following items to Tesco Extra, Coldfield Drive—plastic carrier bags, cereal liners, crisp and sweet bags, biscuit and chocolate wrappers, cheese, fish and meat wrapping, bread bags, frozen food bags, salad, pasta and rice bags, multi-pack wrapping and plastic film lids. All you need to is clean them first. The Co-op also offers this facility. This will help us to care for our 'Common Home'.

### The Real Easter Egg

In time for Easter we will be promoting sales of The Real Easter Egg made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. 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. Each egg contains an illustrated Easter story—activity book. They will on sale after all masses on the **weekend of 16/17 March**. It will also be possible to order in advance—details coming soon. You can view the eggs at : <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

### World Day of Prayer : Friday 1st March at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church—more details to follow

#### Vacancies

**Lunch Supervisor at Mount Carmel School** Mon-Fri 12-1.05pm Term time only. For more information contact [rkennedy@olmc.magnificat.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.magnificat.org.uk)

#### COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

#### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings

#### PARISH SENIORS' GROUP

2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safe guarding 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](mailto:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Paid Private Tuition required for Maths,  
Chemistry and Biology (6th Form)**  
Please contact the Presbytery on  
01527 63096 or  
email [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)



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for  
Vocations**



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Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

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