



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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*The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216*

Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 2090 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A** 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

Readings Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 Psalm 118 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

## REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND ....

*The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.*

*(Catechism 2447)*



## PRAYERS

Fr Tony is going to Rome on Tuesday 7th February returning on 9th February and hopefully whilst there will meet with Pope Francis. Please could you keep Fr Tony in your prayers during his visit and pray that all goes to plan while he is there.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Thomas Meagher (b'day a) & Wm (Bill) Hughes (a)
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Ints of Margaret Cole (100th b'day) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls & Magdalena Litherland & family
	6pm	Stan & Hinda McLarney & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Ints of Margaret Brannan & Grateful thanks to Our Lady (PS)
<b>STM School</b>	9.10am	Ints of Cathy Kennedy
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Lily Paul (a) & Maura Lawrence (a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Hinda & Stan McLarney
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Ints of Mary McGowan & Baby Luke for full recovery
<b>STA School</b>	10am	Form 9SR Mass : Ints of Fr Tony
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Tom, Peggy & John McGillen
<b>STB School</b>	2.30pm	Yr 6 Class Mass (6NEW) : Julia Fraser
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Gerry Bree & Mary Hallahan
	5pm	John & Elizabeth Morrissey & People of the Parish

**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 12TH FEBRUARY 2023 : SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Dominic (a) & Daniel Fulton (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Hughie Martin (b'day a) & Kathleen Martin
	6pm	Stan & Hinda McLarney & Dermot Ryan (live-streamed)

**PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass (No 6pm on Christmas Day)**

Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://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 **FRANCES QUIGLEY** Reception of Body Tuesday 14th February at 5pm, Funeral Mass 2pm Wednesday 15th February, **MICHAEL COLLINS** Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 20th February at the Abbey Chapel followed by burial **DOMINIC FITZPATRICK**, relative of parishioner, **PATRICK O'CONNELL** former parishioner, Funeral Mass 10.45am Monday 27th February at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Leicester LE2 3HN. 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, JOHN THOMAS O'NEILL (BABY 4 WEEKS OLD) SUE ENGLISH, MICK O'CONNOR**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **LILY PAUL...**

Next week for a **PRIVATE INTENTION (JW)**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **KEN MORTON, ROSE MCMANUS,**

**ALICE MCLOUGHLIN, ANNE MORTON (B'DAY & ANNIV)**

Next week in loving memory of **DANIEL FULTON (100TH B'DAY A)**

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Due to the continuing financial deficit the Parish finds itself in, it has been decided to reintroduce the 2nd Collection as before on the weekends that there is no approved Diocesan 2nd Collection. The income from these collections will be used for the purpose of the upkeep of the Parish Hall

## OUTSIDE TOILETS NOW IN USE

During the weekend the toilets will be open during Mass. In the week please request the key from the sacristy and return same after use.

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

**PARISH FUNDRAISING OPEN MEETING**  
**Tuesday 7th February 7pm in Parish Hall**  
*Please note corrected date!*

**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
Team 4—L Hanley Volunteers required to join  
Team 4 Contact Parish Office 63096

Please put mobile phones on  
Silent when at Mass thankyou

**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.

**PARISH SENIORS' GROUP**

**NEXT MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**  
**2.30PM IN PARISH HALL**

Tickets Available for  
**MY FAIR LADY**  
Matinee Performance  
at the Hippodrome  
Thursday 16 March Cost £46  
Contact Liz Hanley 07305 179268

**Vacancies for Foundation Governors**

at St Augustine's Catholic High School.  
If you would like to find out more about becoming a governor, contact via email on [governor@magnificat.org.uk](mailto:governor@magnificat.org.uk).  
For application form visit [www.bdes.org.uk/v3--new-academies.html](http://www.bdes.org.uk/v3--new-academies.html) and choose 'Foundation governor application form' tab.

If you wish to contact the SVP,  
please **telephone 07531 818731**  
**(the SVP Tesco phone)**  
and leave a message with your contact details so we can return your call.

**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*

**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 Paul Miki & 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.*

**Wednesday Saint Jerome Emiliani or of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

*Day for the 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. Henceforth he dedicated himself to the service of the poor, the sick and abandoned children. He founded a congregation (Somasch) which looked after the education of children, especially orphans. He died of the plague while serving he 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 for exceptional piety and holiness.*

**Friday 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 after St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove.*

**Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick**

*This day marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen year old Marie Bernarde (St Bernadette) Soubirous. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on the 16 July 1858. the message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity.*

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February**

For Parishes—we pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Right to Life Prayer for this week ....**

Let us pray that the good works and charity of our church community towards those experiencing difficult times would give glory to our Heavenly Father—especially towards the needy among us preparing for the birth of a child. Lord hear us.

**NEW READERS LIST AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY APART FROM THOSE SENT BY EMAIL**

**LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART**

*To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5*

**Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?**

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone (01527 63096) or by email: [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)

**Special Birthday Celebration!**

**Happy Birthday to Margaret Cole who celebrates her 100th birthday today !!**



