



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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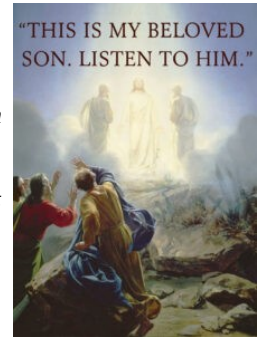


NEWSLETTER 2115 **FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6TH AUGUST 2023**

Readings : Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 96 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection for this Sunday...

Today, the liturgy invites us to focus our gaze on this mystery of light. On the transfigured face of Jesus a ray of light which he held within shines forth. This same light was to shine on Christ's face on the day of the Resurrection. In this sense, the transfiguration appears as a foretaste of the Paschal Mystery. The Transfiguration invites us to open the eyes of our hearts to the mystery of God's light, present throughout salvation history. At the beginning of creation, the Almighty had already said: 'Fiat lux—let there be light!' (Gen 1:2), and the light was separated from the darkness. Like the other created things, light is a sign that reveals something of God: it is, as it were, a reflection of his glory which accompanies its manifestations. Light, it is said in the Psalms, is the mantle with which God covers himself. In the Book of Wisdom, the symbolism of light is used to describe the very essence of God; wisdom, an outpouring of his glory, is 'A reflection of eternal light superior to any created light'. In the New Testament, it is Christ who constitutes the full manifestation of God's light. His resurrection defeated the power of the darkness of evil forever. With the risen Christ, truth and love triumph over deceit and sin. In him, God's light henceforth illumines definitively human life and the course of history: 'I am the light of the world', he says in the Gospel, 'he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (Jn 8:12)



"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."

Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2023

Saturday	5pm	Catenian President's Mass (Redditch Circle)
Sunday	8.15am	Phil Sheehan & People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Anna Sedgwick (b'day a) 6pm Biddy Ryan (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Kitty McCarthy & Chenille Mole
Tuesday	9.30am	Frances Quigley
Wednesday	9.30am	Mary Hickey & Wilf Roberts
Thursday	7pm	Michael Rohan
Friday	9.30am	Eileen Mundy
Saturday	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Colman & Christine Burke

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass 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 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 13TH AUGUST 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Maria Doyle 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Deacon Douglas Taylor (a) & Frank, Betty & Celina O'Gorman
	6pm	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 **BRIDGIT HATTON** Funeral Mass 10.30am Wednesday 9th August, **PATRICIA MARY RANKIN** Funeral Service 10am Friday 11th August, **ROMA PEARSHOUSE** Funeral Service 12.30pm Tuesday 15th August, **ROBERT BATTYE** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 24th August, **JOSEPH O'NEILL** aged 21, car accident. 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, ALICE CAIRNS, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, FIONA EVANS, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for **WITH THANKS TO OUR LADY**

Next week for **BRIDGET & JOHN HEATLEY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (A)**

Next week for **BRIDGET & JOHN HEATLEY**



CAN YOU HELP?

The Parish SVP are seeking help from keen gardeners to help them get a garden back into shape. The garden is for a young family that the SVP have been supporting for nearly a year. Despite best efforts from one or two of the group, the project needs a few more people to get the garden ready for the family to use and enjoy.

Thanks in anticipation!

If you can help please contact either one of the clergy or the parish office

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*

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday **Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs** or of **Saint Cajetan, Priest**

(+258) St Sixtus was persecuted by the Emperor Valerian. While he was celebrating Mass, he was taken prisoner and put to death with four of his deacons. His name is included in the Roman Canon.

(1480-1547) St Cajetan was remarkable for his spirit of prayer and charity. His great zeal in seeking the salvation of souls earned him the title, 'Hunter of Souls'. He is founder of the Congregation of Clerks regular, the Theatines.

Tuesday **Saint Dominic, Priest**

(1170-1221) St Dominic was born in Calahorra, Spain. He worked tirelessly to uproot the Albigensian heresy. He was outstanding for his learning and love of poverty. He is the founder of the Order of Preachers. (Dominicans).

Wednesday **Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe**

(1891-1942) St Teresa Benedicta was born Edith Stein in Wroclaw (now in Poland, but then in the German province of Silesia), the eleventh child of a Jewish family. She showed great ability in her philosophical studies and became a popular lecturer and writer. After reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila, she sought Baptism in 1922 and eleven years later joined the Carmelites at Cologne. She was moved to the Carmel at Echt, Netherlands to avoid the growing Nazi threat but was eventually arrested and gassed in Auschwitz on 9 August 1942.

Thursday **Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr**

(Third Century) St Lawrence was Roman deacon. He died four days after Pope Sixtus II, during the persecution of Valerian. Arrested by the prefect and called on to deliver up the property of the Church, his answer was to point to a crowd of poor people. 'Here are the true treasures of the Church,' he said. He was roasted to death on the gridiron.

Friday **Saint Clare, Virgin**

(1193-1253) She imitated St Francis of Assisi in the virtue of poverty and was remarkable for her penitent life. She founded the Order of Poor Clares.

Saturday **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal** or of **Our Lady on Saturday**

(1572-1644) St Jane Frances de Chantal was born in Dijon, France. She was happily married and had four children. Her husband was killed in a hunting accident. Nine years later with the help of her spiritual director, St Francis de Sales, she founded the Order of the Visitation, which was dedicated to the works of charity among the sick and the poor.

Right to Life Prayer for this week

The intrinsic human dignity that elevates all human beings is sometimes masked by outward appearances. Let us pray that the human dignity of those with disabilities, the homeless, and the unborn is always respected and protected. Lord hear us

Please don't forget Salina's Letter to the World Bank

If you didn't get to sign it there is still chance. Until the end of August one of the letters will be on **a table near the door on the Sacred Heart side**. Please sign if you haven't already done so. Together we can make a difference for small scale farmers like Salina.

FOODBANK Thank you for your ongoing support of the Redditch Foodbank, they continue to see demand rising so our donations are essential, consider picking up an extra item when you shop and leave in the box at the back of church. If anyone would like to assist to take donations, less than one hour every few weeks, please contact bob.mansell@me.com

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2 SEPTEMBER IN LONDON

Morning Events : The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, SW1P 3DW 10.30am-1pm, Mass 10.30am Westminster Cathedral

The March from the Emmanuel Centre, ending at Parliament Square 4.30pm. More information visit INFO@MARCHFORLIFE.CO.UK or contact Isabel 07773501721 or Ben 07885505116

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 3 P & B Holder A Tamburro
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
in the Parish Hall

Thursday August 10th
2.30pm BBQ

Thursday August 24th
Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon
Boat Trip & Fish & Chips
Lunch

Altar Servers

The Guild of St Stephen's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th October 2023 at 12 noon** celebrated by Bishop David Evans at St Chad's Cathedral—Fr Craig Szmidt has asked that we let the Guild know by Monday 18th September if we are going. Please let Paul Brewster know if you would like to attend. All servers are to wear their cassocks and cottas and make their way to the crypt, where they can vest and await the procession into the Cathedral.

The Tablet

The Tablet Magazine is for sale in the church side porch (Sacred Heart side) (£4.50) - initially we have ordered just three copies per week which we hope will be taken up. Monies can be placed in the wall safe marked Newspapers in the same porch. Why not have a look at one and see if it is something you would like to have.

Redditch Operatic Society present **EVITA** at the Palace Theatre Tuesday 21—Saturday 25 November

Book your tickets via **TICKET HOTLINE 01527 304009** before 31 October and pay no booking fee. Special rates and discounts available for group bookings. Phone ticket hotline for details.

Vacancy at Mount Carmel School for an OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ASAP

Part time 10 hrs per week, Permanent Contract Monday-Friday 1.15pm-3.15pm, term time only to include 5 INSET days. Salary £10.78-£10.98 per hr 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 at : olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk

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: safeguarding@olmc@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

