



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2148 **SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER—DIVINE MERCY 7TH APRIL 2024**

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 117 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel John 20:19-31

## Reflection for this Sunday ...

'Peace be with you!' This is how Jesus greets his Apostles in the Gospel for this Sunday, that closes the Octave of Easter. Peace is the gift of God. The Creator himself has written the law of respect for life on the human heart: 'If anyone sheds the blood of a man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has he made man', is said in Genesis (9:6). When the merciless logic of arms prevails everywhere, only God can redirect hearts to thoughts of peace. Only he can give the energies that are necessary to be freed from hatred and the thirst for revenge and to undertake the process of negotiation for an agreement and for peace. The liturgy today invites us to see in Divine Mercy the source of that authentic peace that the risen Christ offers us. The wounds of the risen and glorious Lord are the permanent sign of God's merciful love for humanity. From them flows a spiritual light that enlightens consciences and pours into hearts comfort and hope. *Blessed Pope John Paul II*



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 7th April 2024

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| <b>Saturday</b>   | 5pm        | John, Elizabeth & Christine Morrissey  |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | 8.15am     | Kevin Smyth 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Michael & Antonina Bobowski & Frank O'Gorman (100th B'day a) |
|                   | <b>3pm</b> | <b>Divine Mercy Service</b> 6pm People of the Parish & John Morrissey (live-streamed)            |
| <b>Monday</b>     | 6pm        | Maureen Dowling (100th B'day a) & Monica & Daniel Noonan (b'day a)                               |
|                   | 5pm        | Reception of Body Anastasia Stevens  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | 9.30am     | Mary Dyson & Robert Stack (a)  |
|                   | 12.30pm    | Funeral Mass Anastasia Stevens   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | 9.30am     | Intentions of Clive  |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | 7pm        | Robert Stack (a) & Intentions of Reji (b'day)  |
| <b>STA School</b> | 9.40am     | Holy Souls   |
| <b>Friday</b>     | 9.30am     | Ouseph Paily (a), Intentions of Sr Rose Mathew & Intentions of Anna Elso                         |
|                   | 7pm        | Latin Mass Holy Souls  |
| <b>STB School</b> | 2.30pm     | Adoration  |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | 9.30am     | Terry Kelly  |
|                   | 5pm        | Bertie McHugh & Intentions of Rose & Keith Osborne & family                                      |

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 14th April 2024

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| <b>Sunday</b> | 8.15am | Joyce Raybould & People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Genowefa Orlowska |
|               | 6pm    | Fred Seaman (Live-Streamed)   |

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

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ANASTASIA STEVENS** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 8th April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 9th April, **PATRICIA BLAKENEY** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 22nd April at the Abbey Chapel **PAT REARDON** Reception of Body. 5pm Thursday 25th April, Funeral 11am Friday 26th April, **ZOFIA SREBNIAK** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Wednesday 24th April. 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, 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, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS MCDERMOTT, CLIVE MCCOLGAN, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **ROSIE**

Next week in loving memory of **THOMAS & BRIDIE MEAGHER**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **JOSEPHINE NORTON'S FAMILY**

Next week in loving memory of **LIAM BOYD (A)**

## PARISH FINANCES

In the porches there is a letter from Fr Tony and a yellow Income & Expenditure sheet for 2022 & 2023. Please take one home with you. A detailed presentation will be held in the parish hall after the **11.15am Mass on Sunday 14 April** to which everyone is invited.

## ENVELOPES

This year's **gift aid** envelopes are available for distribution from the sacristy.



**Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April at 3pm**

An hour of Prayer, readings, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction

## 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** Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord *(transferred from March 25th)*

**Thursday** Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

*(1030-1079) St Stanislaus was the Bishop of Krakow, Poland. A champion of the liberty of the Church and of the dignity of man, he defended the lonely and the poor. When he reproached King Boleslaw II for his immoral life, the king himself killed him whilst St Stanislaus was celebrating Holy Mass. Devotion to St Stanislaus grew at once, and he was canonised in 1253. He is the Patron Saint of Poland.*

**Saturday** Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr

*(+655) St Martin was born in Todi, Italy. He was elected Pope in 649 during the period of the last Christological controversy. For his defence of Christ as true God and true man, he was exiled by the Byzantine emperor Constans II to Crimea where he died broken by his sufferings. He is venerated as a martyr.*

### Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

For the role of women—We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### Laudate Deum

The Pope's Apostolic Exhortation published in October 23 urges us all to continue our efforts to address the climate emergency. Bishop Arnold, the Lead Bishop for environmental issues for the Bishops Conference has said the Pope's intervention is timely and vital. The Pope does recognise that 'every little bit helps' and suggests that **efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume responsibly**, has created a 'new culture' and is transformative. The Pope writes: 'Let us realise, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society.'

**Redditch Food Bank ...** has just posted on their website that they are in urgent need of bags of rice, (preferably) 1kg, Jams and Spreads, tuna, tinned meats-stewing steak, chilli and curry, tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding. They also need toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo and toilet rolls. Have you got any of the above in your cupboard that you can give? Or how about next time you shop getting an item or two for the Foodbank. Items can be left in the box by the main entrance to the Church, behind the door. Each week these are then taken to the foodbank by a parishioner. Every week Redditch families come into the FoodBank asking for help, and the Foodbank rely on our donations, they are always extremely appreciative of all that is given.

### FIRE WARDENS—REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to be Fire Wardens. In the unlikely event of a fire, the Fire Wardens direct the congregation to the appropriate emergency exits. A small amount of training is needed. Live training in the use of a fire extinguisher is planned. We especially need volunteers from the choir and musicians who use the gallery. Please contact Trevor Hughes at [trevor@trevorhughes.co.uk](mailto:trevor@trevorhughes.co.uk) (mobile 07479 013894). Alternatively contact Trevor before or after Mass. He will be at most Masses during the weekend of 13/14 April. He will be wearing the 'Fire Warden's gilet!

### Vacancy at Mount Carmel School for a TA3 Teaching Assistant

17hrs 5mins per week, term-time only plus TED Days. Monday to Friday 8.50am-12.15pm. Closing applications by 9am Monday 10 April 2024 Visit <https://www.magnificat.org.uk/join-us/vacancies> for more details, application and consent for references forms.

### THANK YOU!

Fr Tony & Fr Jason wish to thank you all for your generous Easter Offerings, they are much appreciated!

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](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.

### DONA MACHINES

Please **DO NOT SWITCH OFF THE DONA MACHINES!**

They were all switched off on Saturday last weekend!

### PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting  
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

### FUND RAISING OPEN MEETING

6pm Tuesday 23 April

Parish Hall

To discuss forthcoming social fund-raising events including a Summer Fayre and the Patronal Feast  
New ideas always welcome

### 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**

### 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](#)

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when at Mass thankyou

**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



**ENROLLING NOW**  
**IRISH DANCE LESSONS FOR**  
**BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 3 +**

**TUESDAYS 4-5 PM**

**LOCATION**  
Mount Carmel Parish Hall  
Beoley Road West  
Redditch  
B98 8LT

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Classes beginning  
Tuesday 16th January 2024