

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Newsletter 2086 The Baptism of the Lord 8th January 2023 Readings Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 28 Acts 10:34-38 Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

REST IN PEACE, POPE BENEDICT

Pope Benedict wrote this shortly before he died and gives insight to his humility and deep faith

Ouite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my 'Paraclete.' In light of the hour of judgement, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 5pm Chris & Jan Srebniak & People of the Parish

Sunday 8.15am Christie Lambe 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Intentions of Peter, Stephen & Kay

> 6pm Intentions of Fr Tony & family (live-streamed)

Elizabeth Loboda Monday 6pm 9.10am Holy Souls STM School

9.30am Joe Morrison & Jane Doyle (a) Tuesday Wednesday 9.30am Intentions of John Kilgannon

Thursday Madeleine McCory, John & Hinda McLarney (60th Wedd A) 7pm

STA School 10am Form 9YG Mass Holy Souls

Friday 9.30am Sonny Ivory Saturday 9.30am Bill Wilson (a)

> 5pm Mick Russell (a) & People of the Parish

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2023: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8.15am Ess & Mick Kelly (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Rafal Kuras Maureen Cranny & Michelle Kirby (b'day a) (live-streamed) 6pm

Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & CONFESSION

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

Link: 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 MARY HALLAHAN Reception into Church 5pm Thursday 26th January, Funeral Mass 11am Friday 27th January, Michael Leddy, Fr Anthony De Vere, Priest of this diocese, Jessie Hopkins Funeral Mass 12.15pm Thursday 2nd February & FR DENIS LABARTETTE'S FATHER 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**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions Bridge McConnell ... Next week in loving memory of MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **Bridie McConnell** Next week for Annie Friel, Annie Pollard & Tommy Purcell

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

Flame of Love of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer** Meeting after Mass on Tuesdays 10-11am COFFEE & TEA after Mass on Wednesday 11 January in the Parish Hall

Mount Carmel Choir

Choir practice resumes this Monday 9th January at 7pm

SENIORS GROUP TRIP TO THE PANTO

to see Dick Whittington at the Hippodrome on Thursday 12th January

COACH LEAVING MOUNT CARMEL AT 12.15PM

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.

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1—T Craig D Cruise L Hailes L Kings

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.

For application form visit

www.bdes.org.uk/v3—newacademies.html and choose 'Foundation

governor application form' tab.

Food Bank Update

Thank you for support and generous donations. If you want to know what they particularly need this can be viewed on the following link: https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food If anyone is able to join the rota to take the donations to the food bank, just once a month please contact Bob Mansell via email bob.mansell@me.com

Saints for the week ...

Thursday Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

(1109-1167) St Aelred was born in Hexham and joined the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx, and became known as a preacher and writer, the 'Bernard of the North'. He delighted in friendship and wrote, 'he who dwells in friendship, dwells in God and God in him'.

Friday Saint Hilary, Bishop, doctor of the Church

(315-368) Born at Poitiers, St Hilary was brought up a pagan and married young. He later converted to Christianity and, as Bishop of Poitiers, was a leading defender of the church against the Arian heresy, which caused him to be exiled to Phrygia by the Arian Emperor, Constantinus. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

Saturday Our Lady on Saturday

Mount Carmel 500 Club

Subscriptions are due for the year Oct 2022-Oct 2023, Cheques should be made payable to: Mount Carmel 500 Club. Thankyou to all those who have already paid.

Holocaust Memorial Day Event 28th January 2023

Every year on 27 January, the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), the theme this year is 'Ordinary People'. Arrangements for the day are: 10.15am at the Town Hall, Holocaust Memorial Day Procession to leave the Town Hall, Ceremony at the Holocaust Marker, Church Green followed by refreshments.

A PROLIFE RETHINK ABORTION DAY ...

Saturday 4th February at St Mary's College, Oscott, B73 5AA

10am—5pm (Optional Mass at 9am) —Cost £25 including a hot meal and refreshments throughout the day An interactive educational session equipping you to talk to people around you about abortion in a meaningful way in your everyday life. To find out more and to book a place, visit the **'marchforlife.co.uk'** website or for more information contact 07765 499669.

Right to Life Bidding Prayer for this week ...

As we begin this new year, let us pray that the Holy Spirit would rest on all mothers and fathers expecting a new baby, giving them the peace and serenity they need as the birth of their child draws near. Lord hear us.

Two Ecumenical Pilgrimages this year in prayer for the people of the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral 31 January 7pm—9pm

Archbishop Bernard Longley & Bishop John Inge will lead this pilgrimage following the pilgrimages to the Holy Lane, Rome and Worcester Cathedral over the past 7 years. In order to assist in the catering and number of service booklets, please let Jim Quinn know if you are going to attend, i.guinn789@btinternet.com or phone 01299 851021, or text 07960 218925.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury 6th—8th October 2023

This will also be led by Archbishop Bernard Longley & Bishop John Inge. At this stage expressions of interest are required to gauge the extent of the group. The Pilgrimage will be a two night/three day visit and once the size of the group is known, details of hotels, timetables and prices will be circulated. Response details are as above for the Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral.

Vacancies

St Augustine's High School: St Augustine's are recruiting for a full time Lay Chaplain, please visit **www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk** for more information

Mount Carmel School: Lunchtime Supervisor Monday to Friday 12.15pm—1.20pm term time only. Please contact Rita Kennedy on **01527 546398** or email olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk or telephone 07979 608496.

