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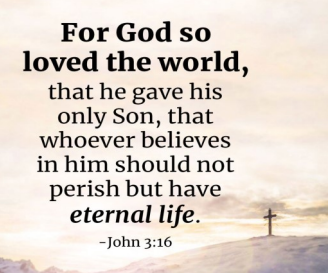


NEWSLETTER 2144 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 10TH MARCH 2024**

Readings: 2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23 Psalm 136 Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel John 3:14-21 Psalter Week 4

Reflection for this Sunday ...

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.' We hear these marvellous words in today's Gospel. The first thing to note is that it is God who took the initiative in our salvation. God chose the approach of love, not of power. God acts not for his own sake but for our sake. God is not an absolute ruler who is not happy until he has reduced his subjects to abject obedience. Rather, God is the Father who is not happy until all his wandering children have come home. God's love is all-inclusive. His love is not directed at one nation only, nor is it only for the good. It is directed at all nations, to the children of light and to the children of darkness.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 10th March 2024

Saturday	5pm	Thomas & Mary Butler & Lilian Tierney (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Ivy Butcher 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Eileen Mundy (a) & Kay Morton (b'day a)
	6pm	Ann Padden & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Vicky Mee
MC School	9am	Galton Trust
Tuesday	9.30am	Theresa Gregory & Philip Slater
Wednesday	9.30am	Michael & Winifred Conboy & Ints of Summa (b'day)
Thursday	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Brendan (Benny) McGilloway (a)
STA School	9.40am	Anne Curry
Friday	9.30am	Nora Morrissey (a)
STB School	2.30pm	Adoration
Saturday	9.30am	Paddy Joe & Bridie McInerney
	5pm	Caroline Jones & Michael & Winifred Conboy

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6.15pm Thursdays followed by 7pm Mass

Lenten Group Every Wednesday
9.30-11.30am at St Mary's Alvechurch All welcome

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent 17th March 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Tess Ellicott (b'day a) & Gerry Bree (Wedd A) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	John Burak & People of the Parish 6pm Eily Gurney (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JOAN MCKECHNIE** Funeral Mass 1.30pm Saturday 23rd March at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham, **ERIC ASBURY-JACKSON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 26th March, **ANASTASIA STEVENS** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 8th April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 9th 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, 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, PAT REARDON, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS McDERMOTT, CLIVE MCCOLGAN**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **DELIA**

Next week in loving memory of **PADDY JOE & BRIDIE McINERNEY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **DECEASED OF THE MORRISSEY FAMILY**

Next week in loving memory of **RICHARD & JANE DOYLE**



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*

Happy Mother's Day— hope all mothers, grandmothers have a lovely day!

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



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

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.

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that 'no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy' at any gestation. This means that a woman who included her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact you MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-amendments>. Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Fairtrade Sale

This takes place at the back of church next weekend after all Masses. As well as chocolate bars and some foodstuffs it includes the Real Easter Egg. This is the only one available promoting the true meaning of Easter, sales help others both here (food banks) and overseas through the fairtrade premium. It is not available in supermarkets. Dark Chocolate £5.50, Milk Chocolate £4.50 (both 150gm)



Redditch Food Bank

Thank you for the continued donations for the Foodbank, demand for their services is still high so the support of the Parish is having a real impact on people's lives. They still have a high priority for the following items:

Long Life Milk, Jams and Spreads, Rice 1kg bags, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meats (Curry, minced beef and steak) - **PLEASE NO FRESH PRODUCE OR SUGAR.**

Chrism Mass

This takes place every Maundy Thursday at St Chad's Cathedral and includes the blessing of the anointing oils to be used throughout the diocese for the following year. As part of its aspiration to become a fairtrade diocese it now uses Zaytoun olive oil, a fairly traded Palestinian oil. Small bottles of these, (250 ml) will be available at next week's Easter fairtrade sale after all Masses. Price £8.80 (20% below normal price).

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

Fund Raiser for MENCAP & CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK

THOMAS & OLIVER STOKES, past pupils of St Augustines, are running in the London Marathon this year to raise money for charity. Thomas is running to fundraise for MENCAP (Target £2500) and Oliver is running to fundraise for CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK (Target £2500). If you wish to donate—

Oliver Stokes Link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/oliver-stokes-1686247668220?tm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Foliver-stokes-1686247668220&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Thomas Stokes Link: <https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/tom-stokes>



Oliver Stokes's Just Giving Page

Thomas Stokes Just Giving Page



COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

Vacancy for a Lay Chaplain

Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Institute Road, Kings Heath are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who is, or has potential to be, a dynamic and inspirational Lay chaplain. Please see www.bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/vacancies for full information and to apply. **Closing Date : 12 noon Friday 8 March.**

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](https://www.facebook.com/mccarrondance)

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting
Thursday 21 March
1pm Shared Table

Future Meetings
Thursday 4 April
Seated Exercise
Thursday 18 April
Trip to Blossom Trail &
Lunch at the Marsh Hare

Pope's Intention for March For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

Next meeting Saturday 16 March
Bridge Centre, Headless Cross B97 4JX

Speaker Jane Yeomans on

'Mary & the Brown Scapular'

Meeting includes Lectio Divina & Shared Lunch

11am—2pm

All welcome for all or part of the meeting

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



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

TUESDAYS 4-5 PM

**LOCATION
Mount Carmel Parish Hall
Beoley Road West
Redditch
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Classes beginning

Tuesday 16th January 2024



School Vacancies
Lunch Supervisor at Mount Carmel School Mon-Fri
12-1.05pm Term time only. For more information contact
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