

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2119 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023
Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 94 Romans 13:8-10 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Reflection for this Gunday ...

The question in today's Gospel is not forgiveness (dealt with later), but the sin of one member of the community. Every effort is to be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally before the whole community. If the person is still unrepentant, they must be excommunicated. The decision of the Church will be honoured by God, since God inspired them in making that decision. The harsh phrase 'treat him as a pagan or a tax collector' reflects the strict Jewish Christianity of Matthew's Church. The First Reading talks about the grave responsibility leaders of the community have to try to correct the erring.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 5pm John & Elizabeth Morrissey & Judy Reynolds (b'day a)

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Peter Cornyn (a)

Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

6pm In Thanksgiving (live-streamed)

Monday 6pm Peter & Elizabeth McManus & Fr Dominic Round (a)

STM School 9am Ann Curry

Tuesday9.30amTheresa Gregory (a)Wednesday9.30amDr P C Varghese (a)Thursday7pmChristine Norton (b'day a)STA School10amM.E. Connolly (Johnson Fund)Friday9.30amChristine Morrissey & Ellen Elliott

STB School2.30pmMargaret McAteerSaturday9.30amMatthew McHugh

5pm Michael & Catherine Conlon

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass

followed by Flame of Love of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday 8.15am Wm Norton (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls

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 Fr Edwin Cownley, priest of the diocese. Funeral details not yet known. Harriet Griffiths relative of parishioner, Amelia Mandie Morrissey relative of parishioners. 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, 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, Bill Barber, Grazyna Juszkiewicz, Jane Elliott

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

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THANK YOU ...

Young parishioners Olivia Lizomon and Siôn Duggan would like to thank the Catenian Association for their generous donation from their Bursary Fund, which supported them on St Augustine's expedition to Vietnam.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We look forward to welcoming you to our meeting on Saturday 16 September at 11am at The Bridge Community Centre, Evesham Rd, Headless Cross, Redditch B97 4JX. Please note the new venue. We will pray and reflect together on Holy Scripture, and there will be a talk on Saint Simon Stock. Refreshments and shared lunch are incorporated and we ask only for a donation. Further information available from Susan Porter, email ingeva@btinternet.com or Mount Carmel Parish Office 01527 63096. All are welcome

CARMELITE COMMUNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

The Birmingham Carmelite Community have organised a day of recollection at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park. The day will be led by a priest and will include a talk, Holy Mass and Confession. The cost is £15 which includes a simple lunch. Payment needs to be make by 2nd September and no refunds will be given after that date. Further information is available from Susan Porter, convenor of Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group via 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 Fr Dominic Round, former Parish Priest (8th Anniversary)

Tuesday The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(349-407) St John was born in Antioch, he was a great genius, whose powerful eloquence earned him the name Chrysostom, 'the golden-mouthed'. He entered monastic life and then became a priest. As Archbishop of Constantinople, he distinguished himself for his preaching and his abundant writings about Catholic doctrine and Christian life. He died in exile.

Thursday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

(Third century) Pope Cornelius defended the faith against the Novatian heretics and, helped by St Cyprian, confirmed his authority. He died in exile. St Cyprian was born in Carthage and became its bishop. He was a staunch defender of the faith and ecclesiastical discipline. He suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Valerian. Their names are included in the Roman Canon.

Season of Creation—Message from Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Dear brothers and sisters! 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos. 'Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream' (5:24) God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we seek first the kingdom of God' (Mt 6:33) maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures. During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on the maternal heartbeat of the earth, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonised in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.'

Pope Francis will lead an Ecumenical Vigil Prayer Service in Rome on **Saturday 30 September**. Come and join us here at **Mount Carmel** at **6.15pm after the 5pm Mass** to celebrate the joy of creation together with communities from around the world. *You are invited to bring some food to share in the Parish Hall following the celebration. Tea/Coffee/biscuits will be provided.*

Right to Life Prayer for this week

This coming Thursday, we commemorate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let us pray that generations yet to be born will experience the saving power of Christ. Lord hear us.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—Stand up for the Right to Life in Birmingham—The Importance of Praying in Public

Sunday 24th September, 4pm at St Joseph & St Helen's Church Hall, 84 Northfield Rd, King's Norton, Birmingham B30 1JG—Speaker Rev Calvin Robinson For more information contact Isabel on 07773 501721

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 1 T Craig L Kings D Cruise

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.

Future events

Sunday October 29th 'Nearly New Sale' in the Parish Hall—time to be confirmed Saturday December 9th Bel Canto Christmas Concert in Mount Carmel 7.30pm Wednesday December 20th Parish Christmas Carol Service in Mount Carmel—time to be confirmed Parish Christmas Meal—date and time to be confirmed

A parishioner, Lizomon Mapranath, is taking part on a 12 mile walk for the Charity 'CRISIS' to help put an end to homelessness next Wednesday 13th September. If you would like to help visit his just giving link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/teamloucityquestwalk? utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page% 2Fteamloucityquest-

walk&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Crisis and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.



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PARISH SENIORS' GROUP in the Parish Hall

Thursday September 21st Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon Boat Trip & Fish & Chips Lunch

Thursday October 5th Thursday October 19th Thursday November 2nd Thursday November 16th Thursday November 30th



Journey in Faith (RCIA)

This will commence on
Thursday 14th September
7.30pm in the Parish Hall
If you know of anyone who is
interested in becoming a
Catholic or if you wish to learn
more about your faith, please
contact one of the clergy or the
parish office

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.