



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2140 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 11TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Psalm 31 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Gospel Mark 1:40-45 Psalter Week 2

## Reflection for this Sunday ...

Kindness is almost as important to a sick person as medicine. When people come out of hospital after an operation or a bout of illness, one of the things they always comment on is how they were treated by the doctors and nurses. Jesus asked the leper to keep quiet about his cure. But the man broadcast everywhere what Jesus had done for him. And it wasn't just the fact that Jesus had cured him that he spoke about, but the astonishing kindness and respect with which he had treated him.



**THIS WEEKEND** we welcome a Kiltegan Father who will be making an appeal for St Patrick's Missionary Society at all Masses this weekend

### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 11th February 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	John, Elizabeth & Christine Morrissey
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Domnic (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Christopher & Joan Avern (b'day a)
	6pm	John Gemmell & People of the Parish ( <b>live-streamed</b> )
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Thomas Meagher (b'day a) & Peter & Elizabeth McManus
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	John J Burak
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DAY OF FASTING &amp; ABSTINENCE</b>	
	9.30am	David & Jo Hanney (b'day a)
	7pm	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
<b>Thursday</b>	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Brendan McInerney
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Ron Hunt
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Alan Gourley (a) & Fr Sandy Brown

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
during LENT  
6.15pm Thursdays  
followed by Mass at 7pm

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 First Sunday of Lent 18th February 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Jean Wilcock 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish
	6pm	Alice Gourley (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 SANDY BROWN** Reception of Body into Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford WS12 1DB 6pm Thursday 15th February, Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, **MARY DYSON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, **MARY CASEY** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 19th February at the Abbey Chapel, **PATRICIA MARTIN** Funeral Service 1.15pm Tuesday 20th February at the Abbey Chapel, **CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY** Funeral Mass 11am Thursday 7th March. 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**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the **DECEASED OF THE MORRISSEY FAMILY**  
Next week for **ELLA'S INTENTIONS**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the Intentions of **LINTU TOM**  
Next week for **ELLA'S INTENTIONS**



**A year ago 8th February 2023**

## NEXT WEEKEND FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL

On 17/18 February, Peter Rand, a retired Trustee and volunteer with Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) will be sharing the impact of the horrific developments since 7th October, on the Christian community in Gaza and elsewhere. Peter has visited Gaza, the West Bank and Israel on many occasions, most recently in March last year, so brings a real insight to the situation. The Second Collection will be for Friends of the Holy Land. Peter will bring some leaflets about the work of FHL and some prayer resources. For more information, visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.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: [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.

## 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 ...

### Saturday Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Seven members of a Florentine confraternity founded the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Servites led an austere life of prayer and mortification, meditating constantly on the Passion of the Lord and venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows.

### Prayer for Right to Life UK

Today we commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us especially pray for all those who are nearing the end of their lives, that they may experience God's comfort and peace. We pray too for medical professional who work in hospice care, that they might continue to safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of all patients who are made in the image and likeness of God. Lord hear us.

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

We believe that women deserve a better option than abortion. 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 or to come to the Kick-Off event **this Sunday 11th February** and meet Dr Calum Miller who will speak on 'Abortion and Mental Health'.

### CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

If you are able please take part in CAFOD's [Big Lent Walk](#) to raise vital funds communities around the world. Join in to walk 200km (120 miles) over the 40 days of Lent—equal to 3 miles per day. Walk whenever and wherever you like. The money raised by taking part will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and bring real life change to communities overseas. For example responding to the devastating food crisis in Ethiopia. Please join in, get sponsored and walk however much you can. Sign up at [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](#). You can also join other parishioners on **Saturday 9th March** for a 3 mile walk around Arrow Valley Lake. Meet outside church at 2pm. With your effort and sponsorship this Lent, we can change families' lives for good. **Dates to note : 23rd February** CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day, **Saturday 9th March** Parish Big Lent Walk, 2pm outside church Weekend of **16th/17th March** pre-Easter fairtrade chocolate sale after all Masses.

### COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings

### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

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

Next Meeting  
Thursday 22nd February 2024

**Food Bank:** Could you spare two hours every 7 or 8 weeks to help with taking our donations to the Redditch Foodbank, Church Green East, helping our local community to cope with the cost of living crisis. The drop off point for donations is at the rear of the shop near to the college. If you can help, please contact Bob Mansell at [bob.mansell@me.com](mailto:bob.mansell@me.com)

**Laudato Si Group:** We are all very familiar with our household recycling collections, but some packaging can not be recycled at home. However, we can take the following items to Tesco Extra, Coldfield Drive—plastic carrier bags, cereal liners, crisp and sweet bags, biscuit and chocolate wrappers, cheese, fish and meat wrapping, bread bags, frozen food bags, salad, pasta and rice bags, multi-pack wrapping and plastic film lids. All you need to is clean them first. The Co-op also offers this facility. This will help us to care for our 'Common Home'.

### The Real Easter Egg

In time for Easter we will be promoting sales of The Real Easter Egg made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. This fairtrade chocolate egg is the only one available which actually promotes the true meaning of Easter, sales of which also help others both here (food banks) and overseas through the fairtrade premium. It is not available in supermarkets. Each egg contains an illustrated Easter story—activity book. They will on sale after all masses on the **weekend of 16/17 March**. It will also be possible to order in advance—details coming soon. You can view the eggs at: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

### World Day of Prayer : Friday 1st March at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church—more details to follow

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GROUPS USING Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall

BEFORE LEAVING PLEASE CHECK TOILETS ARE  
FLUSHED AND CLEAN AND THE HALL IS TIDY  
READY FOR WHOEVER USES IT NEXT.

This is especially important where children  
are involved. Thank you

### 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](#)

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.magnificat.org.uk)

### VACANCY

FOR A SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR FOR  
BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE  
based at Cathedral House.

Permanent/Full-time 35 hrs per wk

For an informal chat contact Claire Reay on 0121 240 6240, Applications plus CV & supporting statement to be submitted to [julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk) by 18 Feb  
Shortlisting 19 February Interviews 26 & 27 February

**MEN'S LENTEN ROSARY in the city 12 noon next Saturday 17 February** Victoria Square, Birmingham City Centre

For more information contact Ben 07885 505116




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