



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 2095 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A** 12TH MARCH 2023

Readings Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 94 St Paul to the Romans:15:1-2,5-8 Gospel John 4:5-42

## Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent ....

This year, on this Third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy again presents one of the most beautiful and profound passages of the Bible: the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks. She had 'five husbands' and now she lives with another man; her going to and from the well to draw water expresses a repetitive and resigned life. However, everything changes for her that day, thanks to the conversation with the Lord Jesus. Like the Samaritan woman, let us also open our hearts to listen trustingly to God's Word in order to encounter Jesus who reveals his love to us and tells us: 'I who speak to you am he', the Messiah, your Saviour.

Pope Benedict XVI



## BISHOP DAVID EVANS VISIT

Bishop David Evans will be making a visitation to the parish next weekend. There will be an opportunity to meet him in the parish hall after the 5pm Saturday evening Mass. There will also be an opportunity for the Parish Finance committee to meet with him at 4.30pm on the Sunday afternoon. Bishop David will be celebrating the weekend Masses.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Mary Hallahan & Martin
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Marianne & Bronislaw Kloc 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Gerry Bree & Jenny Kelly
	6pm	People of the Parish (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Brendan (Benny) McGilloway
<b>MC School</b>	9am	Ints of Summa Juwah
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	John Elliott & Peter McGoldrick
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Paddy & Bridie McInerney
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Nora & Clifford Jones & Ints of Fr Jason
<b>STA School</b>	10am	Stan Doucette
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Theresa Gregory & Monica Noonan (a)
	<b>7pm</b>	Stations of the Cross (Keralan)
<b>STB School</b>	2.30pm	Yr 7 Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Wallace, Maud & Mary Huffer
	5pm	Josephine Walsh (b'day a) & Ints of Bridie McConnell

Many Happy Returns  
of the day for Tuesday  
Fr Tony

Parish Rosary after Mass on Tuesdays  
10am followed by  
Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary Prayer Meeting

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT & CONFESSION  
Saturdays 10am—11am  
or by appointment

## SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023 : FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Chris & Jan Srebniak 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Rosa Paily (a) & Colin Fyles
	6pm	Vincent Walsh (a) (live-streamed)

### PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://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 **PETER MCGOLDRICK** relative of parishioners, Funeral at St Mary's, Studley 11am Tuesday 14th March, **ANNE DAVIS** Funeral Service 10.15am Friday 17th March at the Abbey Chapel **SUE ENGLISH** Funeral details not yet known. 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, MICHAEL ROHAN, 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 MC RANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, MICK O'CONNOR, FIONA EVANS, LEONARD ROSE, MICK & ANNIE CLEARY**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **JAN & CHRIS SREBNIAK...**

Next week in loving memory of **MARIANNA & BRONISLAW KLOC**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **BRIDIE & PADDY MCINERNEY**

Next week in loving memory of **MICK, SARAH & DEC'D DURKAN FAMILY**

## Second Collection TODAY for CAFOD Lenten Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation or donate on line at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give).

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon email:[safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com)

**NEARLY-NEW CLOTHES  
& UNWANTED GIFTS SALE**

**12 noon Saturday 25 March  
in the Parish Hall**

Please bring clothes or donated gifts to the parish office or after 10am on Saturday 25th  
All proceeds to the Parish Hall Fund

**PARISH SENIORS' GROUP**

**PLEASE NOTE WILL NOT BE A  
MEETING ON 16TH MARCH**

**Please put mobile phones on  
Silent when at Mass thankyou**

**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Team 5

J Hardcastle M Barratt

**VOLUNTEER COUNTERS WANTED**

We are short of a team of counters, if you feel you could spare some time on a Sunday evening to count the collection, please phone the parish office 63096 or inform Fr Tony or Fr Jason

**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*

**Laudato Si—Donations to the Foodbank**

Thank you for your continued support for the Food Bank in Church Green East. Please look at the website for information about what they need i.e. meat, and nappies—<https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**Please only leave food items, we cannot take anything else to the Foodbank—thankyou**



**Saints for the week ...**

**Friday Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland—Happy Feast Day to all our Irish parishioners!**

*(385-461) St Patrick was born into a Christian Romano-British family. His first encounter with Ireland was as a slave after he was captured by raiders at the age of sixteen. After escaping, he studied in Gaul and was ordained a priest. Around 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop and succeeded in consolidating the faith in large parts of the country.*

**Saturday Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

*(c315-386) St Cyril was born near Jerusalem and for many years served as Patriarch of that holy city, although after disputes with Arian heretics, they had him exiled for seventeen years. He is mainly known for his 'Catecheses'. His instructions, which are still present, show conclusively that catholic doctrine is the same then as now. It was his catechetical instructions which led him to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.*

**Fairtrade Stall after Masses this weekend (11/12 March)**

A stall selling fairly traded goodies will be at the back of church after all Masses this weekend. Buying fairtrade is a good way of helping community producers in developing countries trade their way out of poverty. It is a practical example of Catholic social teaching. Plenty of post Lent chocolate available. Cash only please.

**Right to Life Prayer for this week ....**

Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. Lord hear us.

**Fr Hudson's Care Welcoming Church**

At Fr Hudson's we know that so much already happens in parish communities, doing what they can to welcome the homeless, support those living with dementia, and valuing the contribution to parish liturgical and community experience disability. We want to encourage the social mission of the Church by sharing our own experience in these areas of need, and parishioners from around the Diocese, to foster the great work in parishes. You can join in one of our four online, Zoom, evening meetings, beginning on Monday 20th March from 7.30-8.30pm, this session is on 'supporting older people and living well with dementia'; there is no charge, simply email:

[kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk) to register and a link will be sent.

**Tabor House Launch Event—St Catherine of Siena, Bristol St, Birmingham**

*Tabor Living, a partnership project with Fr Hudsons Care—in March 2023 they will be moving from the Digbeth site to St Catherine of Siena in the city centre where they have created 9 new emergency rooms, 10 new next-steps rooms and large community areas working in partnership with the local parish.*

**Wednesday 19 April 2023 12-2pm**—welcome talk, tour and lunch

**Sunday 23 April 2023 11am** Mass led by Archbishop Bernard followed by refreshments, Tours and blessing of the new Tabor living facilities. ALL WELCOME

*Saturday 25th March at the Rocklands Social Club B97 4LN present an Irish Night with the Hurling Boys 6.30pm, £5 on the door—shared table and if you can take a raffle prize.*

**Vacancies**

**Mount Carmel First School**

Grade 2 SEND Teaching Assistant required part time 16.15 hrs per week over 5 mornings. Term time only plus INSET days. Permanent. Please visit [www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies) for an application form and consent for references form, both to be returned to Mrs R Kennedy at [olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk) Closing date Monday 20 March by 9am and Interview date Monday 27th March 2023

**St Augustines High School**

Our Lady of the Magnificat MAC are looking to recruit a **LAY CHAPLAIN** based at St Augustine's but may be required to work across other sites within the wider MAC. The applicant should be a practising Catholic and support & develop the Catholic ethos of the school. Please visit:

[www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies) for an application form and consent for references form, both to be returned to Stacey McGoldrick at [sta-hr@sta.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:sta-hr@sta.magnificat.org.uk) Closing date 12 noon 27 March 2023

**Your support is needed ...**

The Birmingham Archdiocese is expressing solidarity with the Bishop and his two priests who have been imprisoned in Nicaragua for their faith. There are some Easter Cards & Postcards in the side porch (presbytery side) and parishioners are requested to sign them and hand in to the office or post through the presbytery letterbox. These will then be sent to the Ministry of Justice in Nicaragua to show our support for the Bishop and his priests.

**REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY  
GROUP MEETING SATURDAY 18TH MARCH**

You are invited to join us as we pray together using Holy Scripture. We are also studying the life of Saint Euphrasia, a Keralan Carmelite nun who established a Carmelite convent in Kerala in the 20th Century. At the end of our meeting we enjoy a time of fellowship and a shared lunch. All welcome. For further information please contact Susan Porter 07789 741 900

