



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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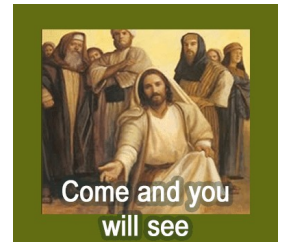


NEWSLETTER 2136 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 14TH JANUARY 2024**

Readings : 11 Samuel 3:3-10 Psalm 39 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 Gospel John 1:35-42 Psalter Wk 2

Reflection for this Sunday ...

In the two readings we are dealing with a unique and specific call, what is more commonly called a vocation. Samuel is being called to the role of prophet, and Andrew and the others to discipleship. The initiative is always with God. The 'call' is always his. And every call demands a response. Great events often begin very simply. This was how Jesus began his mission. He looked for a little band of kindred souls, and demanded total commitment from them. And got it. God calls us too, in many ways and at many different levels. He called us into life. Throughout our lives God continues to call us to a life worthy of our dignity as his children. At death God will call us from this life into eternal life.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 14th January 2024

Saturday	5pm	Mick Russell (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ints of Emilia 6pm People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Beckie Flahive
STM School	9am	M E Connelly (Johnson Fund)
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Elizabeth, Martin & Conroy Family
Wednesday	9.30am	Ints of M M Richardson & Jane Doyle (a)
Thursday	9.45am	Funeral Service Nicholas Berry
	7pm	Josie Walsh & Eugene McGilloway (a)
STA School	9.40 am	Galton Trust
Friday	9.30am	Ess & Mick Kelly
STB School	2.30pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group (8th A) & Ints of M M Richardson
	5pm	Dec'd of the Morrissey Family

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 21st January 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Frances Quigley (a) & People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ints of Gleetar & Baby
	6pm	Paul Crilly (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **NICHOLAS BERRY** Funeral Mass 9.45am Thursday 18th January, **EVELYN AYLWARD** Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 22nd January, **MARIA FUSCO** Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 25th January, **JAMES 'FRANK' MOLLOY** Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 25th January at St Mary's, Alvechurch, **FREDERICK SEAMAN** Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 1st February, **FR SANDY BROWN, FR CHRISTOPHER GREANEY**, both former curates at Mount Carmel, **CHRISTINA BORDER** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 9th February, **MARY DYSON** 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, 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, BERTIE MCHUGH, MARY DYSON, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, YVONNE COLEMAN, MICHAEL MARTIN** father of parishioner

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for a **SPECIAL INTENTION (LG)**

Next week in loving memory of **MICHELLE EDMONDS (B'DAY A)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **MURT KEALEY**

Next week in loving memory of **JOYCE FARRINGTON**

Sacrament of Confirmation

for children in Year 7 or over attending non catholic schools who would like to be confirmed, please call at the Parish Office or contact us by phone or email. Also if you are a student at High School and missed making your confirmation and would like to do so, please contact us

Email office@mtcarmel.co.uk
Phone 01527 63096

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Choir

We are looking for **NEW MEMBERS** to join us as soon as possible. The choir has played an important part in parish life for well over 50 years and has always prepared and sang music for Easter, Christmas and the Parish Feast Day.

It is a small friendly choir and having fun is our ethos. We work together by rehearsing every Monday evening from September to July, 7pm—8.30pm and in general choir members fit in as many rehearsals as is practical for them. The only requirement is that you enjoy singing! There are no auditions to go through as we will gladly accept anyone that is enthusiastic and willing to give up some time to rehearse and prepare. Choir members can be as involved as they want to be and we would be delighted to welcome anyone who wishes to come along and meet us on any Monday evening. If anyone would like to discuss this or feels they need more information I would be very happy for you to call me on 01527 456246

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

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 ...

Wednesday Saint Anthony, Abbot

(251-356) Called the 'Patriarch of Monks', St Anthony retired to the desert when he was eighteen years old. He was the first abbot to form a stable rule for his family of monks dedicated to the Divine Service. He led an austere life which was always consciously directed to the better service of God.

Friday Feast of Saint Wulstan, Bishop

(1008-1095) St Wulstan became a Benedictine monk at Worcester and, after serving, a Precentor and Prior, was appointed as Bishop in 1062. He was the only Englishman to retain his See after the Norman Conquest. His wise and benevolent rule lasted thirty-two years, during which he rebuilt his cathedral, reformed the diocese and tried to stop the slave trade at Bristol. (English slaves were sold to Norse traders in Ireland until the twelfth century)

Saturday Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr or of Saint Sebastian, Martyr or of Our Lady on Saturday

(+240) St Fabian was Pope from 236 to 250 AD. He promoted the consolidation and development of the Church. He divided Rome into seven dioceses for the purposes of extending aid to the poor. The papacy acquired such prestige during this time that he incurred the ire of the Emperor Decius.

(+300) St Sebastian, a native of Milan, was an officer in Diocletian's imperial guard. He became a Christian and suffered martyrdom upon the orders of the emperor. His tomb on the Via Appia (Rome) was soon visited by pilgrims.

Prayer for Right to Life UK

We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women; that they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us.

Mount Carmel 500 Club Winners

November 1st Prize £120 No 109 Veronica Taylor

2nd Prize £50 No 161 Robert Mansell

December 1st Prize £120 No 12 Jane Craig

2nd Prize £50 No 211 Des & Kath Chilton

Lift to Church

Margaret Cole, an elderly parishioner requires a lift to Mass on a Sunday, preferably the 8.15am. Margaret lives in the Headless Cross area. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office on 01527 63096.

March for Life UK

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? March for Life UK are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-lifer groups to pray, fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting, please email Isabel at : info@marchforlife.co.uk Find our more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/connect/>

Thank you

The Parish SVP Group wish to thank everyone for their kind donations over the Christmas season, the money will be used to purchase food vouchers to help needy families in our parish.

Cafod/Laudato Si Group

The next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, 16 January at 10am in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Foodbank

Thank you for continuing to support the Redditch Foodbank. They have **High Priority** needs for the following items : Longlife Milk, Jam/Spreads, Rice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Curry, Tinned Stewing Steak, Pasta Sauce. Last year the parish donated 430 kilos of food, which is a great achievement.

Invitation to the Redditch Holocaust Memorial Day Event Saturday 27 January

10.15am Meet at Redditch Town Hall 10.30am HMD Procession to leave Town Hall*

10.35am Ceremony at the Holocaust Marker, Church Green followed by refreshments at Redditch Library

*If possible, please could you wear something with purple and/or black on and as a mark of respect during the procession, we walk in silence.

Everyone is welcome. However, to help ascertain the interest in this important event, you are asked to let the HM Committee know if you are able to attend by the 19th January either by leaving a message on 01527 548284 or emailing equalities@bromgroveandredditch.gov.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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.



Irish Dance Lessons

for boys & girls age 3 & upwards
beginning this Tuesday 16th January
4pm-5pm Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall
For more information please contact us on 07429 019367

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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

2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

Thursday January 25th 2024



**Paid Private Tuition required for Maths,
Chemistry and Biology (6th Form)**
Please contact the Presbytery on
01527 63096 or
email office@mtcarmel.co.uk



**LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY
& THE SACRED HEART**


*To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact
the parish office, suggested donation £5*




**ENROLLING NOW
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TUESDAYS 4-5 PM

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Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024