



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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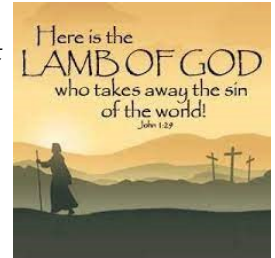
Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 2087 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 15TH JANUARY 2023**

Readings Isaiah 49:3,5-6 Psalm 39 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Gospel John 1:29-34

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

St John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. 'Prophet of the Most High', John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming Christ, and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. Going before Jesus 'in the spirit and power of Elijah', John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2023

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| Saturday | 5pm | Mick Russell (a) & People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8.15am | Ess & Mick Kelly (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Rafal Kuras |
| | 6pm | Maureen Cranny & Michelle Kirby (b'day a) (live-streamed) |
| Monday | 6pm | Francesco Urso Russo (b'day a) & Ints of making the right decisions (Zuzanna & Sarah) |
| MC School | 9am | Ann Curry |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Ian Foley |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Josephine Walsh (a) & Eugene McGilloway (a) |
| Thursday | 7pm | Gerry Bree |
| STA School | 10am | Form 9ABD Mass Frank Miller |
| Friday | 9.30am | Elizabeth Loboda & Ints of M.M.Richardson |
| STB School | 2.30pm | Yr 6 Class Mass Fr Lawrence Crowe |
| Saturday | 9.30am | Ints of the Carmelite Spirituality Group & Ints of Gleetar & Baby |
| | 5pm | Judy Reynolds |

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting after Mass on Tuesdays 10-11am

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

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2023 : THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Sunday | 8.15am | Kitty & John Chapman 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Mariamma Chummar (a) |
| | 6pm | Madeleine McCorry & People of the Parish (live-streamed) |

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass (No 6pm on Christmas Day)

Link : 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 **MARY HALLAHAN** Reception into Church 5pm Thursday 26th January, Funeral Mass 11am Friday 27th January, **JESSIE HOPKINS** Funeral Mass 12.15pm Thursday 2nd February **PADDY CONLON** in Ireland, relative of parishioner. 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, MARGARET GERAGHTY, PAULINE CLARKE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, JOHN THOMAS O'NEILL (BABY 4 WEEKS OLD)**

SUE ENGLISH

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI...**
Next week for **MICK, SARAH & DECEASED OF THE GINTY FAMILY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **ANNIE FRIEL, ANNIE POLLARD & TOMMY PURCELL**
Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI**

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*

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We are meeting in the parish hall on Saturday 21st January after the 9.30am Mass. This January marks the 7th Anniversary of the establishment of our group. As usual we will pray together using Lectio Divina (Scripture meditation). We will then convene in a local restaurant for a celebratory lunch. If any is interested in joining our group you will be very welcome. Please contact Susan Porter by email ingeva@btinternet.com or parish office.

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN MEETING

7pm Tuesday 31 January in the Parish Hall
For those parishioners who have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and for anyone else who may wish to know more about the Parish Council

Vacancies for Foundation Governors at St Augustine's Catholic High School.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a governor, contact via email on governor@magnificat.org.uk.
For application form visit www.bdes.org.uk/v3—new-academies.html and choose 'Foundation governor application form' tab.

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

ALTAR SERVERS ST STEPHEN'S MEDALS

We will be arranging a date sometime around Eastertide to present the St Stephen's medals. If you have served for more than a year, could you please let Paul Brewster know. Also if you have served for 10 years you will be eligible for a Silver Medal which we will have to order from the Guild.

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2—J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 19 JANUARY
2.30PM IN PARISH HALL

Food Bank Update

Thank you for the continued support of our Foodbank collection box at the front entrance to the church, the volunteers are extremely appreciative of our donations. They are in need of the following items: any tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, tinned mince/beef/curry and chilli. Please see website for further suggestions: <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>

Saints for the week ...

Tuesday 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.

Thursday 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).

Friday Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr or of Saint Sebastian, Martyr

(+240) St Fabian was Pope from 236 to 250 AD. He promoted the consolidation and development of the church. He divided Rome into seven diaconates 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.

Saturday Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

(+304) St Agnes came from a noble Roman family. She was about thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom. After refusing to be married to a pagan, she was tortured and beheaded. Her name is included in the Roman Canon. Pope Damasus wrote a celebrated epitaph about her.

Mount Carmel 500 Club

Subscriptions are due for the year Oct 2022-Oct 2023, Cheques should be made payable to: Mount Carmel 500 Club. Thankyou to all those who have already paid.

Holocaust Memorial Day Event 28th January 2023

Every year on 27 January, the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), the theme this year is 'Ordinary People'. Arrangements for the day are : 10.15am at the Town Hall, Holocaust Memorial Day Procession to leave the Town Hall, Ceremony at the Holocaust Marker, Church Green followed by refreshments.

A PROLIFE RETHINK ABORTION DAY ...

Saturday 4th February at St Mary's College, Oscott, B73 5AA

10am—5pm (Optional Mass at 9am) —Cost £25 including a hot meal and refreshments throughout the day

An interactive educational session equipping you to talk to people around you about abortion in a meaningful way in your everyday life. To find out more and to book a place, visit the marchforlife.co.uk website or for more information contact 07765 499669.

Right to Life Bidding Prayer for this week ...

As this coming Wednesday opens a week of prayer for Christian Unity, let us pray that all Christians might express our shared love of Christ in charity towards the most vulnerable, including the sick, the poor, and the unborn. Lord hear us.

Two Ecumenical Pilgrimages this year in prayer for the people of the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral 31 January 7pm—9pm

Archbishop Bernard Longley & Bishop John Inge will lead this pilgrimage following the pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Rome and Worcester Cathedral over the past 7 years. To assist in the catering and number of service booklets, please let Jim Quinn know if you are going to attend, j.quinn789@btinternet.com or phone 01299 851021, or text 07960 218925.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury 6th—8th October 2023

This will also be led by Archbishop Bernard Longley & Bishop John Inge. At this stage expressions of interest are required to gauge the extent of the group. The Pilgrimage will be a two night/three day visit and once the size of the group is known, details of hotels, timetables and prices will be circulated. Response details are as above for the Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral.

Vacancies

Mount Carmel School : Lunchtime Supervisor Monday to Friday 12.15pm—1.20pm term time only. Please contact Rita Kennedy on **01527 546398** or email olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk

Part Time Cleaner ASAP 10hrs per week Monday-Friday 3.30pm-5.30pm— please visit www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for application form & consent for references, both return to Mrs R Kennedy at olmc-office.magnificat.org.uk

