



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216
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 NEWSLETTER 2035 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 16TH OCTOBER 2022
 Readings Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 120 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Gospel Luke 18:1-8

REFLECTION FOR TODAY ...

The first and last readings have a similar teaching. The Israelites won their battle as a consequence of Moses' continual prayer, but they had to do the fighting. Moses praying on the hilltop needed Joshua's sword. The 'Joshua' means 'Saviour', 'Joshua' is a 'forecast' of Jesus, the Saviour who is at once the man of prayer and the man of action. Jesus taught about prayer by example and word. He said that prayer must be made in the context of God's will and of giving God worship, that it must be honest and direct. In the reading today he says that it must be persistent. Even a man as callous as the judge responded to persistent and ever-hopeful appeals. Is God less likely to listen? God asks us for patience, perseverance, and faith that he will act justly. When we make our requests to him we are not forcing our demands on him, or telling him something he knows nothing about. As Jesus said, God knows what we need even before we ask.



PLEASE NOTE Fr Jason is away for the next two weeks. In his absence during the week there will be Services of the Word with Holy Communion. The Mass intentions for the week will be said by Fr Tony privately. Masses at the weekend will be as normal with visiting priests.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 16TH OCTOBER

Saturday	5pm	Peter Butler (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Lou & Gladys Watson 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Intentions of Grace Sampays
	6pm	People of the Parish & Elizabeth Loboda (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Christopher McNamee (b'day a)]
Tuesday	10.30am	Funeral Mass Patrick McEvilly
	6pm	Keralan Rosary
Wednesday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Christine Norton & Desmond Ward]
	6pm	Keralan Rosary
Thursday	7pm	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Tony & Theresa Gregory & Intentions of Rudolf James Sampays]
	6pm	Keralan Rosary
Friday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Jean Hardcastle [Elizabeth Loboda & Julie Fraser]
	7pm	Keralan Rosary
Saturday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Angela Martin [Myrtle Wilson (b'day a)]
	5pm	John Morrissey (b'day a)
	7pm	Keralan Rosary

No Confessions
Saturday 22nd October

Second Collections
Cafod Family Fast 15/16 October
APF World Mission 22/23 October

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY (YEAR C) 23RD OCTOBER

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Joan Avern (a)
	6pm	Bill Norton (live-streamed)

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

Your prayers are asked for **PATRICK MCEVILLY** Funeral Mass 10.30am Tuesday 18th October, **JUDY REYNOLDS** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 26th October, Funeral Mass 11.15am Thursday 27th October, **HINDA MCLARNEY** 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, 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**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **ELIZABETH LOBODA ...**
 Next week for the intentions of the **ROHAN FAMILY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **ELLA'S INTENTIONS ...**
 Next week in loving memory of **TONY DEEHAN (ANNIVERSARY)**

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal

The second collection last weekend
 in aid of the Church in Need raised £434.99

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon
 email: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com

World Mission Sunday—Message from Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director Missio

This year **World Mission Sunday** falls on **Sunday 23rd October 2022**. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. These chosen by the Holy Father is: 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: 'The essence of mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the father and of humanity.' All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the material needs of Catholic communities too young, too small or too poor to support themselves. Donations help them to live out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information visit mission.org.uk/wms

Keep the date....

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA
Saturday 3rd December
Mount Carmel Parish Hall
Grand Raffle

PARISH DIARY
Monday 7pm Choir Practice

SENIORS GROUP NEXT MEETING—
2.30PM THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER
PARISH HALL (NURSERY BUILDING)
AT BACK OF CHURCH

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 5 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

seek donations to help the homeless community in OUR county. Good quality rucksacks, Men's jeans 28"-32" waist & joggers/tracksuit bottoms for men ONLY, size M or L. Please note only these specific items required at present. Thank you. Can be brought to 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 the people of Ukraine and the world*

Laudato Si Group

During October, November & December there will be Coffee/Tea and refreshments **after the 11.15am Mass every second Sunday of the month** There will be a Fairtrade stall where a variety of products will be for sale including Christmas Cards.

Saints for the week ...

Monday Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

St Ignatius was the successor to St Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He suffered martyrdom in Rome during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to the Eternal City, he wrote several letters concerning the person of Christ, the constitution of the Church, and Christian Life. In these letters, he expressed his great love for the Lord and his ardent desire for martyrdom. His name appears in the Roman Canon.

Tuesday Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

A physician from Antioch, he was converted to the Christian Faith. He was a disciple of St Paul and a faithful companion in all his journeys. He was the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was the evangelist who wrote about the childhood of Our Lord and has told us some of the most moving parables—such as the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal son. In his gospel, he highlights the universality of salvation.

Wednesday Saint Frideswide, Abbess or of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest and Companions or of Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

(c.735) St Frideswide was the daughter of Didan, prince of a district bordering the Upper Thames. She was abbess and foundress of the nunnery of St Mary's under the rule of St Benedict on the site of what is now Oxford. It is said that from her childhood she took for her maxim 'Whatsoever is not God is nothing'. She is the patroness of the city and university of Oxford.

(1593-1649) St John (Jean) de Brébeuf, St Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) and their six companions were Jesuit missionaries, originally from France, who dedicated their lives to preaching the Gospel among the indigenous people of North America. St John de Brébeuf was captured by the Iroquois, fastened to a stake and tortured to death. St Isaac Jogues had already suffered slavery and mutilation during his missionary work but returned to Canada from France. He was seized by the Mohawks, who thought he was a sorcerer and was killed in 1646.

(1694-1775) St Paul of the Cross was born in Piedmont, Italy, and following a spiritual conversion, founded a congregation of missionaries with a special devotion to the Lord's Passion and Death (The Passionists). The first house was founded on Monte Argentario and, despite facing many problems, there were twelve Passionist 'Retreats' (Community Houses) by the time of his death, as well as community of nuns. He had a special interest in England and regularly prayed for its conversion.

Saturday Saint John Paul II, Pope or of Our Lady on Saturday

Charles Joseph Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord.

Right to Life Prayer for the week

We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as thy journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us

March for Life UK Thursday 27 October 12.30pm-2pm in Parliament Square, London Full details can be found on : <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2022/10/27/join-us-on-the-27th-october/>

Vacancies

Mount Carmel School :

High Level TA : Closing date 9am Monday 17 October, **Yr 1 Class Teacher** : Closing date 9am Friday 21 October, **SEN TA** : Closing date 3pm Friday 21 October, **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.

Birmingham Diocese are looking to recruit a **Secretary/PA to the Vicar General**. Excellent communications skills required, be proficient in Microsoft Office and ability to work on own initiatives. For an informal discussion and further information, please call the Human Resources Officer on 0121 230 6224. Further information on the diocesan website.

Maryvale Institute require a **Registry Assistant**. Further information can be found on the website or for an informal discussion email interimregistrar@maryvale.ac.uk or telephone 07979 608496.

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MOUNT CARMEL PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD LAST SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022

The meeting was opened by Fr Jason and approximately 42 parishioners attended.

Lizomon Mapranath (member of the finance committee) read out a prepared statement regarding finance and attendance at Mass in the parish. Currently we are spending more than we are receiving in income and we need to find ways of correcting this.

Andrew Farrell (Chair of the Finance Committee) continued explaining that mass attendance has dropped from approximately 700 per week in 2019 (pre Covid) to 340 per in 2022. Consequently, weekly offerings have also decreased. Mass centres have only re-opened for a short period following Covid and are still closed at present due to Fr Tony's illness.

Andrew Farrell pointed out that copies of income and expenses accounts pre Covid and covering the last eight months were available for parishioners to see. These accounts illustrate that currently we are spending a £1000 per week more than we receive.

He continued with an appeal for more parishioners who pay tax to sign up for Gift Aid as this would increase everyone's offering by 25% at no extra cost.

Liz Hanley (Finance Committee and Chair of the Parish Council) continued that there are three ways to reduce the deficit :

- 1 Increase offerings and donations
- 2 Reduce expenditure
- 3 Fundraising

Fundraising would play an important role in building the community spirit in the church. Since the church re-opened following Covid there has not been any structure put in place for a fundraising group. The Seniors' Group have been volunteering and organising fundraising events but this can't continue, we need help and a structure for a fundraising group. We are asking people who are willing to help to give their names and phone numbers and we will be in contact with them.

We are also appealing for volunteers who would be willing to help with the maintenance of church property thus saving money where we can. If you can help with this, please give your name and phone number.

The refurbishment of the Parish Hall was also discussed as this will play an important role in the rebuilding of the church community—social groups, pastoral care, children's liturgy etc. The hall requires improvement regarding access, safety, repair of heating and toilet facilities. Fr Tony had written to the Bishop explaining the situation regarding finance and our needs as a parish and the go ahead was given for us to make the necessary improvements to the existing building which the parish will have to finance itself.

To conclude we asked for volunteers who might be prepared to join the parish council. The parish council meets approximately six times a year to discuss the mission of the Church within the parish. The council assists and advises the parish priest of any matters relating to the pastoral ministry.