



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2145 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 17TH MARCH 2024**

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 50 Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel John 12:20-33 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday ...

What a poor world it would be if everyone put their own personal safety, security, and selfish advancement first and last—if no one was prepared to go beyond themselves. It is always because people have been prepared to die to self-interest that the most precious things humanity possesses have been born. Jesus gave us an example. He gave his life in the service of his heavenly Father and of us. But he didn't find it easy. When the actual moment of death arrived, he was filled with fear. Jesus' life wasn't taken from him. He gave it—gave it out of love of God and of us. To love is to accept that one might die another kind of death, before one dies one's own. The way of love is the way of the cross, but the way of the cross leads to the resurrection. Those who die to self will find the moment of actual death easy. The our of death will become an hour of glory. It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.



Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all our Irish parishioners – La Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh



Mass at St Anne's, Alcester St, Digbeth B12 0PB at 10am, Celebrant Bishop David Evans

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 17th March 2024

Saturday	5pm	Caroline Jones & Michael & Winifred Conboy
Sunday	8.15am	Tess Ellicott (b'day a) & Gerry Bree (Wd A)
	6pm	Eily Gurney (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Murt Kealey
STM School	9am	Anne Curry
Tuesday	9.30am	Rosa Paily (a) 6.30pm Keralan Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Richard Doyle (a)
Thursday	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Maureen Jobber
STA School	9.40am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Paddy Joe & Bridie McInerney
STB School	2.30pm	Adoration
Saturday	9.30am	Michael & Winifred Conboy 2pm Keralan Mass
	5pm	Sean McArdle & Ints of Peter Reynolds 7pm Keralan Mass (Christ the King)

Lenten Group Every Wednesday
9.30-11.30am at St Mary's Alvechurch All welcome

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 24th March 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Fred Seaman 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Barry & Bernadette Rugen 3pm Keralan Mass
	6pm	Marjorie McElroy (a) & People of the Parish (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JOAN McKECHNIE** Funeral Mass 1.30pm Saturday 23rd March at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham, **ERIC ASBURY-JACKSON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 26th March, **ANASTASIA STEVENS** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 8th April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 9th April, **DANIEL OSBORNE** son of Rose. 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, 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, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS McDERMOTT, CLIVE MCCOLGAN, HELEN HORVATH**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **PADDY JOE & BRIDIE McINERNEY**
Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **RICHARD & JANE DOYLE**
Next week in loving memory of **ELIZABETH LOBODA**



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*

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.

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday **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.

Tuesday **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday **Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop**

(1538-1606) St Turibius was born in Mayorga (Spain) and worked for many years as a professor of law at Salamanca. In 1580, even though still a layman, he was appointed Archbishop of Lima (Peru), where, after being ordained, he did much to consolidate ecclesiastical discipline and champion the rights of indigenous people.

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

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.

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that 'no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy' at any gestation. This means that a woman who included her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact you MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion/amendments>. Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Fairtrade Sale

This takes place at the back of church next weekend after all Masses. As well as chocolate bars and some foodstuffs it includes the Real Easter Egg and Zaytoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil, a fairly traded Palestinian oil used by the diocese at the Maundy Thursday Chrism Mass.

Olive Oil (250ml) £8.80. Dark Chocolate £5.50, Milk Chocolate £4.50 (both 150gm) Cash only please.



Redditch Food Bank

Thank you for the continued donations for the Foodbank, demand for their services is still high so the support of the Parish is having a real impact on people's lives. They still have a high priority for the following items: Long Life Milk, Jams and Spreads, Rice 1kg bags, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meats (Curry, minced beef and steak) **PLEASE NO FRESH PRODUCE OR SUGAR.**

CAN YOU HELP?

You may recall that the Parish SVP have been supporting a young mother with 3 children for the last 12 months. More visits are desperately needed to help this young family. Are you able to offer as little as one hour weekly or monthly? Also, we have been asked to visit a 97 year old gentleman at his home in Redditch—are you able to help?

Contact Steve Martin on 07956 474302

PLEASE NOTE: The next Latin Mass will be on Friday 12 April at 7pm and not the First Friday (5th April) as per usual

Fund Raiser for MENCAP & CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK

THOMAS & OLIVER STOKES, past pupils of St Augustines, are running in the London Marathon this year to raise money for charity. Thomas is running to fundraise for MENCAP (Target £2500) and Oliver is running to fundraise for CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK (Target £2500). If you wish to donate—

Oliver Stokes Link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/oliver-stokes-1686247668220?tm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Foliver-stokes-1686247668220&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Thomas Stokes Link: <https://2024tcs.londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/tom-stokes>



Oliver Stokes's Just Giving Page



Thomas Stokes Just Giving Page

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting
Thursday 21 March
1pm Shared Table

Future Meetings
Thursday 4 April
Seated Exercise
Thursday 18 April
Trip to Blossom Trail & Lunch at the Marsh Hare

PARISH TOILETS

During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER TOWELS OR NAPPIES IN THE TOILET—THANKYOU**

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**

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Walsingham Pilgrimage

St Peter's, Crabbs Cross have their Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Friday/Saturday 26/27 July. Mount Carmel parishioners are invited to join them. Present cost is £257 which could be less depending on numbers.. Full details from Terence Payne on 07792808709.

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou






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 Redditch
 B98 8LT

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Classes beginning
 Tuesday 16th January 2024



Pope's Intention for March
For the New Martyrs

*We pray that those who risk their lives
 for the Gospel in various parts of the
 world inflame the church with their
 courage and missionary enthusiasm*

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
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