



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2141 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 18TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 24 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel Mark 1:12-15 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday ...

Even though repentance and prayer are always appropriate, they are especially appropriate during Lent. There is such a thing as a moment of grace. Lent is a great window of opportunity. It is the church's 'holy Spring'. During it, the catechumens were prepared for baptism, for their rebirth in Christ. It was a time of penance and effort. But it was also a time of great joy. It was like springtime. As we progress towards Easter the sun gets brighter and warmer.

What do we have to do? In a nutshell: turn from power to love; be kind; act justly, and walk humbly with God. May the Lord help us to let go of the rags of sin, so that he may clothe us in newness of life.



THIS WEEKEND we welcome Peter Rand, a volunteer for Friends of the Holy Land who will making an appeal on their behalf at all Masses this weekend, Second Collection is for Friends of the Holy Land.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 18th February 2024

Saturday	5pm	Alan Gourley (a) & Fr Sandy Brown
Sunday	8.15am	Jean Wilcock 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish
	6pm	Alice Gourley (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Packie Lynch
STM School	9am	Galton Trust
Tuesday	9.30am	Intentions of Wanda Skett
Wednesday	9.30am	Murt Kealey & Doris Flynn & Family
Thursday	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross
	7pm	Mick McElroy
STA School	9.40am	Anne Curry
Friday	9.30am	Pamela Kelly & Marie Chatten
Saturday	9.30am	Nora, Clifford & Brian Jones
	5pm	Sean McArdle & People of the Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
during LENT
6.15pm Thursdays
followed by Mass at 7pm

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 Second Sunday of Lent 25th February 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Frank & Margaret Ginty 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Eveline Kott & Intentions of Fr Craig Davies
	6pm	Intentions of V J Victor (b'day) (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARY CASEY** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 19th February at the Abbey Chapel, **PATRICIA MARTIN** Funeral Service 1.15pm Tuesday 20th February at the Abbey Chapel, **CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY** Funeral Mass 11am Thursday 7th March. 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, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, YVONNE COLEMAN, PAT REARDON, FR CRAIG DAVIES**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for **ELLA'S INTENTIONS**

Next week for the **INTS OF HANNAH & REBECCA**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **ELLA'S INTENTIONS**

Next week for the **DEC'D OF THE MORRISSEY FAMILY**



Rite of Election

Please remember in your prayers the members of our Journey in Faith group who will be welcomed into the family of the diocese by the Archbishop at St Chad's Cathedral this Sunday

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this Friday—

the Second Collection next weekend will be for CAFOD. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, envelopes are available in the porches. Online donations can be made at: cafod.org.uk

World Day of Prayer
2pm Friday 1st March
Crabbs Cross Methodist Church

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 Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(1007-1072) St Peter Damian, a Benedictine monk, was the author of many important works on liturgy, theology and morals. Having served as an abbot, St Peter was made bishop of Ostia in 1057. He supported Gregory VII in his struggle for the rights of the Church. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

Thursday Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Friday Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

Lent Fast Day

(+155) St Polycarp was converted to Christianity by St John the Evangelist. He was later ordained bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey). He was about eighty-six when the Roman pro-consul urged him to renounce Christ and save his life. St Polycarp replied, 'For eighty-six years I have served him and he has never wronged me. How can I renounce the King who has saved me?' He was executed and his body burnt; his followers collected his relics and wrote an account of his life and martyrdom.

Prayer for Right to Life UK

We pray for our society; that we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. Lord hear us.

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

We believe that women deserve a better option than abortion. 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.

The Real Easter Egg

This fairtrade chocolate egg is the only one available which actually promotes the true meaning of Easter, sales of which also help others both here (food banks) and overseas through the fairtrade premium. It is not available in supermarkets. If you want to order one please email Jim Quinn : jq1@hotmail.com A few will be on sale after all masses on the **weekend of 16/17 March** but to be sure please order in advance. Dark Chocolate £5.50, Milk Chocolate £4.50 (both 150g). You can view the eggs at : <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>



Food Bank: Could you spare two hours every 7 or 8 weeks to help with taking our donations to the Redditch Foodbank, Church Green East, helping our local community to cope with the cost of living crisis. The drop off point for donations is at the rear of the shop near to the college. If you can help, please contact Bob Mansell at bob.mansell@me.com

School Admission Appeals Panel Members

Would you be interested in volunteering to be a member of a school admission appeals panel? The Governors of Catholic Schools are responsible for convening hearings if requested by a parent or carer who is refused admission to their school the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service recruits and trains individuals to sit on appeals for Catholic schools within the Diocese and is currently inviting applications from individuals who would like to volunteer for this service. The role is voluntary and flexible. Each appeal hearing is different and interesting. Initial training is compulsory, takes approximately three hours and will be delivered by video conferencing to avoid travelling. Panel members are able to claim travelling expenses from the school. If interested, application forms and further information can be obtained from Rebecca Tonks, [email:r.tonksbdes.org.uk](mailto:r.tonksbdes.org.uk) or phone 01675 464755 ext. 110, mobile 07443 404188

Vacancy for a Lay Chaplain

Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Institute Road, Kings Heath are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who is, or has potential to be, a dynamic and inspirational Lay chaplain. Please see www.bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/vacancies for full information and to apply.

Closing Date : 12 noon Friday 8 March.

Safeguarding in Action

The diocesan Safeguarding team are visiting in person Immaculate Conception Church, The Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW 10am-2pm on Saturday 2nd March. They will be available for discussion, questions and information sharing on all things Safeguarding. Drop in anytime, for some refreshments and a chat. There is also a talk/presentation at 12 noon.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

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

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting
Thursday 22nd February 2024

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or by email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/mccarrondance)



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Laudato Si Group: We are all very familiar with our household recycling collections, but some packaging can not be recycled at home.

However, we can take the following items to Tesco Extra, Coldfield Drive—plastic carrier bags, cereal liners, crisp and sweet bags, biscuit and chocolate wrappers, cheese, fish and meat wrapping, bread bags, frozen food bags, salad, pasta and rice bags, multi -ack wrapping and plastic film lids. All you need to do is clean them first. The Co-op also offers this facility. This will help us to care for our 'Common Home'.




**ENROLLING NOW
IRISH DANCE LESSONS FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 3 +**

TUESDAYS 4-5 PM

**LOCATION
Mount Carmel Parish Hall
Beoley Road West
Redditch
B98 8LT**

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Classes beginning

Tuesday 16th January 2024