

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Newsletter 2109 Eleventh Sunday of the Year A 18th June 2023

Readings: Exodus 19:2-6 Psalm 99 Romans 5:6-11 Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

# Reflection for this weekend ....

Today's gospel recalls the selection of the twelve Apostles by Jesus. It was the first step towards the foundation of what we refer to as 'Our Holy Mother the Church'. And indeed the church exercises the role of a mother in regard to each of us. For it was in the Church that each of us received a new life in the waters of Baptism. Through the Church we were initiated into the teachings of Jesus Christ, are guided by the light of the Holy Spirit, as well as being sustained on our way through life by the grace of the sacraments. And from the Church we receive the example of holiness, in particular

"When he saw the crowds,
he was moved with compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.
Then he said to his disciples,
'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest.'"

Matthew 9:36-38

that of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was preserved from the least stain of sin, as well as a multitude of people who attained sanctity to a truly heroic degree.

Pope Benedict XVI

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

Saturday 5pm Tony Gregory & Neilly McGroarty

Sunday 8.15am Jack & Mary Wilshaw & Intentions of C.C. & C 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish

6pm Ints of Ephrayim Gleetar Koyy & Anila Wedding Day (live-streamed)

Monday 6pm Ints of Mrs Blundell & Ints of Joel Jose

STM School 9.10am Galton Trust

**Tuesday** 9.30am Tommy Joe Fitzpatrick & Ints of Helena Baxter

6pm Sacrament of Confirmation 7.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday 9.30am Bill Wilson (b'day a)
Thursday 7pm Paddy Kelly

STA School 10am Anne Curry

Friday 9.30am Frances Quigley & Ints of Allinsons 11am Memorial Service for Mary Hickey

STA School10 amServiceSTB School2.30pmHoly SoulsSaturday9.30amMick McGinn

5pm Bridie Meagher (a) & Joe & Mary Ginty

Congratulations to all those children making their First Holy Communion this weekend please keep them in your prayers

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass 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 Twelfth Sunday of the Year A 25th June 2023

Sunday 8.15am Albert & Eva Langston 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish & Mary Hickey

6pm Frances Quigley & Max Stoddart (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 ...

Please pray for MARY AGNES HICKEY Memorial Service 11am Friday 23rd June, CATHERINE DANIELS Funeral Mass 10am Tuesday 4th July, VERONICA 'VERA' SHEPHERD Funeral Service 2.45pm Tuesday 4th July at the Abbey Chapel 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, Alice Cairns, Carina Chalk, Annie Cox, John Heatley, Bridie McConnell, Tracey Hawthorn, Deacon Des Chilton, Delia Bree, Julian McRandal, Mary McGorman, Jackie Pooly, Elizabeth Peart, Mick O'Connor & Maya Mason, Fiona Evans, Leonard Rose, Annie Cleary, John J Burak, Sean Lanigan, Tommy Caffney, Eileen Perry & Helena Baxter

#### CASHLESS GIVING

At the three entrances to Mount Carmel there are pedestal mounted card readers to allow parishioners and visitors to the church to make cashless donations.

We expect a boost to our income from visitors attending ceremonies such as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, who will find these card readers a simple way of donating to the church. We have organised trainers to stand by the pedestals to help explain how they can be used. There is also a poster with instructions by each card reader which is shown here.



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **STANLEY CATER** Next week in loving memory of AGNES & JAMES McColgan

### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of Joan Torbin Next week for the intentions of the BARRATT FAMILY







### 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

# St Augustine's Fund Raiser for the Mike Dean Memorial Charity 5pm—6.30pm Thursday 29th June

The Mike Dean Memorial Charity helps young people who are struggling and provides mentoring for them. Mike was a member and Chair of the governing body of St Augustine's for many years and after he died, it was decided to set up a charity in his memory. St Augustine's are hosting a horse racing night with refreshments, stalls and prizes in the hope they can raise money for this worthy cause and it would be lovely to see lots of parishioners there. If you need more information, do not hesitate to contact Olivia Lizomon or Charlotte Martin by email: 190livializomon@stu.magnificat.org.uk, cmartin@sta.magnificat.org.uk

#### Thank you ...

Olivia Lizomon would like thank the Catenian Association for the bursary which has helped her to go to Vietnam on the 6th July. *In Olivia's words, they are amazing* and help lots of young people in projects of aid they want to do. A special thankyou to Andrew Farrell of the Redditch Circle

#### Saints for the week ...

#### Saint Romuald, Abbot Monday

(+1027) St Romuald was born in Rayenna, Italy of a noble family. He was a hermit and a reformer of the monastic customs of his time. He was the founder of the Camaldolese monks. He died after a life of prayer and rigorous penance.

#### Saint Alban, Martyr

(+c209 or c254) St Alban was a citizen of Verulamium (now St Albans, Hertfordshire) who converted to Christianity. It is said that after sheltering a fugitive priest he was beheaded at Holmhurst Hill, where an abbey was later built. St Alban is the Protomartyr of England.

#### Wednesday Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

(1568-1591) An Italian Jesuit of a noble family, he died as a result of his devoted and heroic nursing of the plague-stricken.

#### **Thursday** Feast of St John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

(1469-1535) St John Fisher studied theology at Cambridge and became bishop of Rochester. His friend, Thomas More, wrote of him, 'I reckon in this realm no one man, in wisdom, learning and long approved virtue together, meet to be matched and compared with him.' (1477-1535) St Thomas More was born in London and was Chancellor of King Henry VIII. As a family man and a public servant, his life was an expression of rare synthesis of human sensitivity and Christian wisdom.

St John Fisher and his friend St Thomas More gave up their lives in testimony to the unity of the Church and to the indissolubility of marriage.

#### Saint Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess Friday

(c630-679) St Etheldreda is one of the most popular royal saints of the Saxon period. She was the daughter of the powerful King Anna of East Anglia and married twice, the second time to King Egfrith of Northumberland. St Etheldreda eventually took the veil and founded a double monastery on the Isle of Ely. She died on 23 June 679.

#### Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Saturday

### A UNIQUE INVITATION

Pope Francis reminds us 'that every Christian is called to become 'personally involved' in the struggle against poverty'. Our Parish SVP need new members to help in our parish and community. For the last 12 years, the group has responded to each and every request for help and support from individuals, families and schools. They have delivered soup kitchens in Birmingham city centre every other week for 5 years up until the pandemic. These days the group consist of a small number of members and are in need of new and enthusiastic, like minded individuals to help continue to deliver social action. So, can you spare as little as an hour a month to help those seeking support? If so, please leave your details with the parish office.

Thanking you in anticipation and God bless!

#### Right to Life Prayer for this weekend

Today we commemorate the Day for Life in the Church's cycle of prayer. Let us, therefore, pray for legislators and those in authority, that they may respect and protect human life from conception to natural death. Lord hear us.

#### **CAFOD/Laudato Si Group**

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 29 June at 10am in the Parish Hall. We would like to extend an invitation to you all to come and join us at this meeting. We will be planning for their ongoing CAFOD Campaign 'Fix the Food System' and discussing activities we will be undertaking during the 'Season of Creation' in September. Look forward to seeing you.

#### March for Life UK in London Saturday 2 September

Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am on the day celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at: marchforlife.co.uk

# Please put mobile phones on Silent when at Mass thankyou

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon Email:safequardingOLMC@gmail.com

# PARISH SENIORS' GROUP

IN THE PARISH HALL

**THURSDAY JUNE 29TH** 2.30pm Afternoon Tea THURSDAY JULY 13TH

2.30pm Seated Exercise

### PATRONAL FEAST CELEBRATION

There is a meeting to discuss arrangements for the Patronal Feast Celebration on **Tuesday** 27 June at 7pm in the Parish Hall All welcome

#### **COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Team 4 will replace Team 1 for 25 June J Hardcastle T & B Hughes