



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2092 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A** 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

Readings Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

Welcome

This weekend the parish welcomes Fr Nicholas Kumi who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) to help with their missionary work abroad.

FR TONY IN ROME WITH POPE FRANCIS IN ROME 8TH FEBRUARY!

The Rome trip was initiated by Steve Martin for the charitable work for the homeless and Tabor House which provides shelter and a new start for people who are rehabilitating so that they can get back on their feet. This parish has supported this charity and representatives who sponsored the project were present at the meeting of the Pope. I was invited as Parish Priest who was involved in the initiative. It got the blessing of the Pope.



Reflection for the weekend

Be perfect, be thorough-going about it, as your heavenly Father is. Yes, it means a new idea of God, a new 'Wisdom' departing from the wisdom of this world: a wisdom of the Cross. Moses, as we see in the first reading, was given some inkling of it; no revenge, no grudge-bearing amongst God's people. But for loving enemies we have to wait for Christ on Calvary, 'Father forgive them'

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday	5pm	Judy Reynolds. Frank & Margaret Ginty
Sunday	8.15am	Adrian, Mary & Paddy Kennedy (a) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Hinda & Stan McLarney
	6pm	Liam Boyd & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Ints of Theresa Gibbins & Family, Frances Quigley (month's mind)
Tuesday	9.30am	Theresa Sheehan & Daryl Barber
Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Fr John Fallon (a) & Ints of Slawek & family
	7pm	Sue English
Thursday	7pm	Ints of Mary McGorman
Friday	9.30am	Michael Joseph & Anne Marie O'Brien
Saturday	9.30am	Eileen Keogh & Mildred Darcy
	5pm	Lilian Tierney (a) & People of the Parish

Walk with Me Booklets & Calendars for Lent
Available in church porches
Please take one home with you

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 26TH FEBRUARY 2023 : FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Sunday	8.15am	Mary & Paddy Kennedy (a) & Michael Carn (a) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Eveline Kott 6pm Stan & Hinda McLarney (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 **MICHAEL COLLINS** Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 20th February at the Abbey Chapel followed by burial **PETER MCGOLDRICK** relative of parishioners, Funeral at St Mary's, Studley 11am Tuesday 14th March, **ANNE DAVIS** Funeral Service 10.15am Friday 17th March at the Abbey Chapel, **INGRID WATSON** Reception into church 5pm Monday 6th March, Funeral Mass 10.15am Tuesday 7th March, **CHARLES GALLAGHER** Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 9th March, **SUE ENGLISH** Funeral details not yet known. **ALAN GROGAN**, **JEAN COOPER** aunt of Fr Jason. 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**, **SUE ENGLISH**, **MICK O'CONNOR**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in **THANKSGIVING (LASERNA)**...

Next week free **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **MICHAEL HOPPER**

Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal
CAFOD is responding with support of provision of feed, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal on line at [Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes (cafod.org.uk))

**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.

NEARLY-NEW & UNWANTED GIFTS SALE

**12 noon Saturday 11 March
in the Parish Hall**
All proceeds to the Parish Hall Fund

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2

J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS WANTED

We are short of a team of counters, if you feel you could spare some time on a Sunday evening to count the collection, please phone the parish office 63096 or inform Fr Tony or Fr Jason

**PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH
2.30PM IN PARISH HALL**

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

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

World Day of Prayer— put together by the women of Taiwan

Friday 3 March, 11am at the Emmanuel Church, Ecumenical Centre or 7.30pm Christ Church, Matchborough

CAFOD Family Fast Day 3 March—Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The second collection on 11/12 March will be for Cafod. Envelopes will be available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. You can also donate on line at cafod.org.uk/give.

Laudato Si—Donations to the Foodbank

Once again our weekly delivery to the Redditch Foodbank at Church Green East was gratefully received. Urgent need for tinned veg, tinned meat, chilli or curry. They have plenty of pasta and no longer give out sugar. So can we ask that you look in your cupboards so that we can continue offering this invaluable support to those in need.

For more information visit : <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Saints for the week ...

Tuesday 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 Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

(+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 86 when the roman pro-consul urged him to renounce Christ and save his life. St Polycarp replied, 'For 86 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.

Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb—12 March)

This starts next weekend. Buying fairtrade goods is a good way of helping community producers in developing countries trade their way out of poverty and improve community facilities such as schools or clinics. It is a practical example of Catholic social teaching. It is a hand up not a hand out. Fairtrade Fortnight is promoted by many churches and some supermarkets—look out for the offers. This year the CAFOD/Laudato Si group will be providing a fair trade stall after all masses over the weekend of 11/12 March.

Live in Solidarity— Archdiocese of Birmingham

Find more ethical alternatives for 3 items from your weekly shop. We affect the planet and other peoples lives through every purchases that we make. So take a look at your regular shopping list and see if you can find a greener and/or more ethical alternative for 3 items of your regular shop, think plastic free, Fairtrade (or equivalent) more local, and organic.

Right to Life Prayer for this week

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of prayer, penance and alms-giving, let us pray for those who need special Heavenly protection, like the unemployed, the aged and infirm, widows and orphans, and mothers expecting babies. Lord hear us.

Tabor House Launch Event—St Catherine of Siena, Bristol St, Birmingham

Tabor Living, a partnership project with Fr Hudsons Care—in March 2023 they will be moving from the Digbeth site to St Catherine of Siena in the city centre where they have created 9 new emergency rooms, 10 new next-steps rooms and large community areas working in partnership with the local parish.

Wednesday 19 April 2023 12-2pm—welcome talk, tour and lunch

Sunday 23 April 2023 11am Mass led by Archbishop Bernard followed by refreshments

Tours and blessing of the new Tabor living facilities. ALL WELCOME

Vacancy at Mount Carmel First School

Lunchtime Supervisor required ASAP 12.10pm-1.15pm Monday-Friday (term time only)

Please visit www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for an application form, recruitment monitoring form and consent for references form, all to be completed and returned to Mrs R Kennedy @ olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk Closing date 3pm Friday 3rd March

**St Mary's Alvechurch
Get Together**

Saturday 25 February

10.30- 12 noon at St Mary's

Bacon/Sausage sandwiches,

Toast & Marmalade, Tea/Coffee

For catering purposes please let Felicity know on felicityrixon@hotmail.com

