



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1925 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)** 19TH JULY 2020

Readings Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Psalm 85 Romans 8:26-27 Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Reflection

Jesus' message was a very personal one. Within each of us there is a mixture of goodness and selfishness. We struggle to develop the better side and to curb our weaknesses. It will be so until we die. God allows it that way.

He invites us to produce a great harvest of generosity towards others, even though we fail in a thousand ways. He has great confidence in the seed of love that he has planted in us at baptism. It will win out.

At the harvest time of death, it is the power of his love that will burn out all trace of evil and ready us to live in his presence forever. Today's message is not one of judgement but of encouragement. God trusts us.



Fr Tony and Fr Jason

Coming to Mass

We are instructed by the HSE of the Diocese that we can only have a Congregational Celebration of Mass if we have Stewards to manage this process on our behalf. Therefore, I ask you please be guided by the Stewards in order to manage the numbers allowed in the Church at any one time and the necessity to clean and sanitise after each Mass.

Unless there are special circumstances please take the next available seat allocated to you by the Stewards.

Face Coverings: It is mandatory that **FACE COVERINGS ARE WORN THROUGHOUT MASS** please bring your own face covering with you.

Father Tony Rohan

More Volunteers required for Stewarding and Cleaning before and after Mass

Stewards and Cleaners are required for all the Masses, Funerals and Baptisms, if you feel this is something you could volunteer to help with, please contact Maggie Barratt at the parish office, telephone 01527 63096 or email finance@mtcarmel.co.uk Thank you.

Mass Intentions

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Saturday	5pm	Tom Casey (a), People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Jack & Mary Wilshaw, 11.15am Maggie & Peter Gavin (a), 6pm Patrick Colm Smythe
Monday	11am	Intentions of Mary Withers, Fr Andrew Kenny, Bishop Leo McCartie
Tuesday		<i>Clergy only</i> Daniel Wye, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Tim Burke
Wednesday	11am	Kevin Locke, Pat Conner
Thursday		<i>Clergy only</i> Rachel Hemming (a), Galton Trust
Friday	9.30am	Funeral Mass Alfonso Garofano
	11am	Varghese (a), Galton Trust
Saturday	11am	V J Varghese (a)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

	5pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Con Herlihy, 9.45am Polish, 11.15am Patricia Rolinson (a), 6pm Terence Joseph McBennett

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the repose of the soul of **PATRICK FINN**

Next week for the intentions of **MARY WITHERS**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **GERRY & DELIA BREE**

Next week for the intentions of **ANNE CURRY**

LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **ALFONSO GAROFANO** Funeral Mass 9.30am Friday 24th July.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

For the Sick ...

Your prayers are asked for **GERRY BREE, CAROLINE HOLLAND AND FAMILY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROL SMITH, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH, MARY WITHERS, KEN MCARDLE**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Our Families—we pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Baptisms

If you attended a baptism course recently and your child's baptism was cancelled due to Covid 19, you can now rebook a baptism by contacting the parish office on 01527 63096 bearing in mind that only one Baptism can take place at any time and a maximum of 30 guests can attend.

CAFOD

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family, or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

Lockdown in UK parishes: CAFOD's support

Through their network of volunteers, young CAFOD leaders and their staff, they are keen to support, in whatever way possible, the opening up of churches. They are offering various online resources to help parishioners and schools to pray and to engage: online [children's liturgy](#), programme of [online talks, prayer and Masses](#), their [Summer of Hope](#) ideas for families and parishioners - to transform lockdown, and cancelled summer events or things they've been missing, into some fun fundraising and easy ways to brighten up lockdown.

Saints for the Week ...

Monday

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

(First or Second Century) St Apollinaris may have been a native of Antioch. He eventually became first bishop of Ravenna, Italy. He was tortured and martyred for the faith and his cult became popular in many places.

Tuesday

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(1559-1619) St Lawrence was Italian and a Capuchin of great culture. A teacher and writer of theology, he preached in many regions of Europe and died in Lisbon.

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

She was one of the few who remained with Christ during His agony on the cross. With two other women she went to His tomb and found it empty. It was to her that Our Lord first appeared after His resurrection. He asked her to announce His resurrection to the apostles.

Thursday

Feast of Saint Bridget, Patron of Europe

(1303-1373) St Bridget was born in Sweden. She was the mother of eight children whom she brought up in a very Christian manner, one of whom was St Catherine of Sweden. After her husband's death, she dedicated herself to an ascetic and contemplative life. As a Franciscan tertiary, she founded a religious order. She wrote many works on ascetical and mystical subjects. She died in Rome.

Friday

Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

St Sharbel Makhlof was the son of a Lebanese farmer. He became a monk and hermit, and he had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He was canonised in the year 1977 and added to the General Roman calendar in 2002.

Saturday

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

He is called the 'Greater' because his vocation to serve Christ preceded that of the other apostle of the same name. He was the son of Zebedee, and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was condemned to death by Herod Agrippa and beheaded in the year 44, the first martyr among the apostles.

Voluntary part-time vacancy at the Cathedral

The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon

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Collections and Donations

If you prefer not to use the donate button on the home page of the diocesan website, www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk, cheques made out to Mount Carmel Church, GA envelopes or Cash can be dropped into the Presbytery, the Parish Office or through the letterbox.

We thank you all for your continued support.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament: body, blood, soul and divinity. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, please spiritually enter more deeply into my heart and mind. I embrace You, trusting in your answer to my prayer, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Daily Rosary Prayer

Don't forget to join the Fathers spiritually in their prayers each evening at 6pm til 7pm when they pray the Rosary for the Parish, its people, living and dead, and its needs, remembering particularly those causes we support.