



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2117 **20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 20TH AUGUST 2023**

Readings : Isaiah 56:1,67 Psalm 66 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Reflection for this Sunday...

Christ brought not only mercy but forgiveness of sin, Original and actual. He came to Gentiles and Jews, building one fold for all sheep (Jn 10:16). He asks only that all coming to his kingdom should believe he is God as well as man, the Mediator and only way to God for all (Jn 14:6), the humble 'outsiders' like the Canaanite woman as well as souls born within his Church. Many non-Catholics give us enviable examples of loving service, and the faith praised by Christ in this woman as in the centurion a year earlier (Luke 7:1-10). Foster this faith in yourself, that it may lead all to unity of prayer, worship, and sacramental life.



Welcome—this weekend we welcome Fr Van back to the parish to celebrate the 8.15am & 11.15am Mass as Fr Jason is away on leave.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023

Saturday	5pm	Mick Mundy & Biddy Ryan
Sunday	8.15am	Ints of Delwin Jose 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish & John Lavery
	6pm	Frances Quigley (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Frances Beryl Hiles (a) & P.V.George (a)
Tuesday	9.30am	Allison Whittaker
Wednesday	9.30am	Christine Morrissey & Ints of Michelle Friel
Thursday	12.30pm	Funeral Mass Robert Battye
	7pm	Ints of Christine Hutchinson
Friday	9.30am	Jane Doyle (b'day a)
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of Terry Jones & M.M. Richardson
	5pm	Pat Thompson & Gareth Harris (a)

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 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 27TH AUGUST 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Ints of Paul & Barbara Holder (Diamond Wedding) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Carol Hewitt
	6pm	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 **ROBERT BATTYE** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 24th August. 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, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the INTENTIONS OF NIMISHA

Next week for FREE AT THE MOMENT

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the INTENTIONS OF NIMISHA

Next week for JAMES, CHRISTINA & MARY O'BRIEN



Foodbank Donations

The Cafod/Laudato Si' Group would like to thank you for your continued donations to the Redditch Food Bank, so far we have provided 263.6 kg of produce.

Please remember **we can only take Food items**, do not leave any other articles as they cannot be used

CARMELITE COMMUNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

The Birmingham Carmelite Community have organised a day of recollection at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park. The day will be led by a priest and will include a talk, Holy Mass and Confession. The cost is £15 which includes a simple lunch. Payment needs to be made by 2nd September and no refunds will be given after that date. Further information is available from Susan Porter, convenor of Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group via the Parish Office.

CAFOD/LAUDATO SI' GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the group is Tuesday 29 August at 10am in the parish hall, anyone is most welcome to come along and join us. At this meeting we will be preparing for 'The Season of Creation' which starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available

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*

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Saint Pius X, Pope

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

(1835-1914) St Pius X was born near Venice to a very humble family. He was distinguished for his continuous service to the Church and to all souls: first as a priest, later as a bishop and Patriarch Archbishop of Venice, and finally as Roman Pontiff. He strongly defended the purity of Catholic doctrine against modern heretics. He instilled dignity to sacred liturgy, and he extended the practice of frequent communion.

Tuesday Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary : *Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi*

Wednesday Feast of Saint John Wall, Priest, Martyr : *Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi*

(+1679) St John Wall was born in Preston, Lancashire. He was educated at Douai and in Rome. In Rome, he joined the Friars Minor with the new name, Fr Joachim of St Anne. In 1656 he joined the Worcester Mission which he served until the year of his martyrdom for his priesthood at Worcester. He was beatified in 1929.

Thursday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle : *Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi*

St Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the Gospel as one of the twelve Apostles, he is identified with Nathanael who was brought to Jesus by his friend, the Apostle Philip. According to tradition, St Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and Armenia where he died as a martyr.

Friday Saint Louis or of Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest : *Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi*

(1214-1270) St Louis was born in Poissy, France. He was brought up by his mother Blanche de Castille, who from Louis' tenderest infancy, inspired him with a love for Our Lord. He became King of France, and father of eleven children whom he educated in an exemplary manner. He lived in a great spirit of penance and prayer and showed great love for peace and the temporal as well as spiritual common good of his countrymen. He died near Tunis during his second crusade for the deliverance of the Holy Places.

(1557-1648) St Joseph Calasanz was born in Aragon, Spain. He was ordained a priest, went to Rome and founded the Piarist Congregation dedicated to poor children. He suffered trials, slander and persecution silently and serenely.

Saturday Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious

(1792-1849) Blessed Dominic Barberi was born near Viterbo, Italy. He entered the Passionists and was ordained a priest in 1818. He taught theology in Rome and served as a Provincial. He had long believed that he had been called to be an instrument for the conversion of England and in his final years he was given the opportunity of labouring tirelessly in this country, despite facing much opposition. On 8 October 1845 he received Blessed John Henry Newman into the Church at Littlemore.

Right to Life Prayer for this week

Let us pray for all those who work for the protection and enrichment of human life, that they might maintain a positive approach to lending their support in difficult situations. Lord hear us.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
in the Parish Hall

Thursday August 24th
2.30pm

Thursday September 7th
2.30pm

Thursday September 21st
Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon
Boat Trip & Fish & Chips
Lunch

Please don't forget Salina's Letter to the World Bank

If you didn't get to sign it there is still chance. Until the end of August one of the letters will be on a table near the door on the Sacred Heart side. Please sign if you haven't already done so.

Together we can make a difference for small scale farmers like Salina.

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now.

It only takes 30 seconds.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2 SEPTEMBER IN LONDON

Morning Events : The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, SW1P 3DW 10.30am-1pm, Mass 10.30am Westminster Cathedral

The March from the Emmanuel Centre, ending at Parliament Square 4.30pm. More information visit INFO@MARCHFORLIFE.CO.UK or contact Isabel 07773501721 or Ben 07885505116

Altar Servers

The Guild of St Stephen's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th October 2023 at 12 noon** celebrated by Bishop David Evans at St Chad's Cathedral—Fr Craig Szmids has asked that we let the Guild know by Monday 18th September if we are going. Please let Paul Brewster know if you would like to attend. All servers are to wear their cassocks and cottas and make their way to the crypt, where they can vest and await the procession into the Cathedral.

Redditch Operatic Society present **EVITA** at the Palace Theatre Tuesday 21—Saturday 25 November

Book your tickets via **TICKET HOTLINE 01527 304009** before 31 October and pay no booking fee. Special rates and discounts available for group bookings. Phone ticket hotline for details.

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: safeguarding@dlmc@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.

