

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

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Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

OLMC Redditch

Newsletter 2137 Third Sunday of the Year (B) 21st January 2024

Readings : Jonah 3:1-5 Psalm 24 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gospel Mark 1:14-20 Psalter Wk 3



Reflection for this Sunday ...

Today we are in danger of being drowned in bad news. Jesus began his ministry by announcing good news. What was this good news? That the kingdom of heaven had come. The kingdom stands for the fulfilment of the promises, the fullness of God's blessings, in short the new order of things. Forgiveness is available. Recovery is possible. God's love is unconditional and is available to us in Christ. All we have to do is recognise our need, and seek his help with humility and sincerity. Unless we repent we can't hear the good news.



FACEBOOK

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on

Tuesdays followed by Flame of Love of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION

Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 21st January 2024

Saturday 5pm Dec'd of the Morrissey Family

Sunday 8.15am Frances Quigley (a) & People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Gleetar & Baby

6pm Paul Crilly (live-streamed)

Monday 12 noon Funeral Mass Evelyn Aylward

6pm Mariamma Chummar (a)

MC School 9am M E Connelly (Johnson Fund)

Tuesday9.30amMercy Abraham (a)Wednesday9.30amInts of Rita Ryan

Thursday 12 noon Funeral Mass Maria Fusco

7pm Jack Allen & Christopher McNamee (a)

St Mary's Alve 12 noon Funeral Mass James 'Frank' Molloy

STA School9.40 amHoly SoulsFriday9.30amFrank EushellSTB School2.30pmGalton TrustSaturday9.30amLovely Varghese (a)

5pm Sean McArdle

MASS INTENTIONS for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 28th January 2024

Sunday 8.15am Robina Guy (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Steve Flanagan & People of the Parish

Spm Teresa Gregory (b'day a) (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for Evelyn Aylward Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 22nd January, Maria Fusco Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 25th January, James 'Frank' Molloy Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 25th January at St Mary's, Alvechurch, Frederick Seaman Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 1st February, Fr Sandy Brown, Fr Christopher Greaney, both former curates at Mount Carmel, Christina Border Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 9th February, Mary Dyson Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, Bertie McHugh in Ireland, relative of parishioners. 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, Michael Martin father of parishioner

Belated Congratulations to the following servers who recently received their St Stephen's Guild Medals

Nitin Reji, Oscar Lizomon, Nana Kusi-Yeboah & Gabriel Sampays were enrolled into St Stephen's Guild receiving their Bronze Medal, Daniel Mundackal received his Silver Medal (10 years service) and Paul Brewster received his Gold Medal (50 years service)

Sacrament of Confirmation

for children in Year 7 or over attending non catholic schools who would like to be confirmed, please call at the Parish Office or contact us by phone or email. Also if you are a student at High School and missed making your confirmation and would like to do so, please contact us

Email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Choir

We are looking for **NEW MEMBERS** to join us as soon as possible. The choir has played an important part in parish life for well over 50 years and has always pre-

and sang music for Easter, Christmas and the Parish Feast Day. It is a small friendly choir and having fun is our ethos. We rehearse every Monday evening from September to July, 7pm—8.30pm and in general choir members fit in as many rehearsals as is practical for them. The only requirement is that you enjoy singing! We would be delighted to welcome anyone who wishes to come along and meet us on any Monday evening. If anyone would like to discuss this or feels they need more information I would be very happy for you to call me on 01527 456246

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of MICHELLE EDMONDS (B'DAY A) Next week for the Intentions of Reji & Manju

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of IOYCE FARRINGTON Next week in loving memory of TOMMY PURCELL





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 ...

Monday Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

(c.304) St Vincent was a deacon of the Church at Saragossa. He was put to death at Valencia, in Spain, during the persecution of Diocletian,

Tuesday Saint Nicholas Owen, Religious

St Nicholas Owen was born in 1550. He was a Jesuit lay brother. As a skilled carpenter, he built numerous priest holes during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England. After his final arrest, he died as a result of torture by prison authorities in the Tower of London in 1606.

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Wednesday

(1567-1622) Born in Thorens, Savoy (France). With apostolic zeal, St Francis de Sales fought Calvinism. He was Bishop of Geneva. With St Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation. He wrote the 'Introduction to the Devout Life', a classic of spiritual direction. He died in Lyons and was canonised in 1655. In 1877, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church.

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle **Thursday Friday** Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

(+97) St Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a Hebrew-Christian mother, Eunice. He was a disciple of St Paul and accompanied him in the evangelisation of many cities. St Paul consecrated him bishop of Ephesus. According to a fourth century story, he was beaten to death by a mob, when he opposed the observance of a pagan festival.

St Titus was also a friend and disciple of St Paul who ordained him bishop of Crete. St Paul wrote to these two disciples three pastoral letters, which gave glimpses of the structure of the Church.

Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Priest, Martyr or of Saint Angela Merici, virgin Saturday or of Our Lady on Saturday

Blessed Edward Oldcorne was born in York in 1561 and was ordained a priest in 1587 and became a Jesuit the following year. He worked in Worcestershire. He was arrested on 27 January 1606, and although his involvement in the gun powder plot was unclear, he was executed at Red Hill, Worcester on 7 April 1606. He was beatified in 1929.

(1470-1540) St Angela was born in Northern Italy. In 1516, she founded the order of the Ursulines, the first teaching Order for women approved by the Church. Italy then was rife with violence and open immorality. St Angela believed that the formation of Christian women was society's greatest need.

Prayer for Right to Life UK

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us.

Mount Carmel 500 Club Winners

November 1st Prize £120 No 109 Veronica Taylor 2nd Prize £50 No 161 Robert Mansell **December** 1st Prize £120 No 12 Jane Craig 2nd Prize £50 No 211 Des & Kath Chilton **PARISH SENIORS' GROUP** 2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting Thursday 8th February 2024

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

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Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

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 or to come to the Kick-Off event on Sunday 11th February and meet Dr Calum Miller who will speak on 'Abortion and Mental Health'.

2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This started last Thursday, Every year Churches Together in Britain and Ireland produce daily prayers and reflections. This year's theme is **You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'** (Luke 10:27), the beginning of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the local Chemin Neuf community in Burkina Faso collaborated in drafting the prayers and reflections. They can be found at:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 (ctbi.org.uk)



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office@mtcarmel.co.uk



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

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

Paid Private Tuition required for Maths, Chemistry and Biology (6th Form) Please contact the Presbytery on 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

