



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 1956 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B** 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

*Readings Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 24 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel Mark 1:12-15*

## Reflection for First Sunday of Lent ....

*Following their Teacher and Lord, Christians also enter the Lenten desert in spirit in order to face with him the 'fight against the spirit of evil'. The image of the desert is a very eloquent metaphor of the human condition. The book of Exodus recounts the experience of the People of Israel who, after leaving Egypt, wandered through the desert of Sinai for forty years before they reached the Promised Land. During that long journey, the Jews experienced the full force and persistence of the tempter, who urged them to lose trust in the Lord and to turn back; but at the same time, thanks to Moses' mediation, they learned to listen to God's voice calling them to become his holy People. In meditating on this biblical passage, we understand that to live life to the full in freedom we must overcome the test that this freedom entails, that is, temptation.*

Pope Benedict XVI



## CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Normally the Second Collection next week would be for Cafod but due the pandemic, the Offertory Collections are not taking place during Mass. We would ask, therefore, that if you wish to make a donation, you put your donation into an envelope marked Cafod and place in the Offertory Basket as you leave church; if you wish to gift aid your donation use the Cafod Envelopes available in church. Alternatively you can give online by visiting [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

## CAFOD'S WALK FOR WATER LENTEN CHALLENGE HAS STARTED

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the walk for water challenge provides the opportunity to do all three. Jim, Bob and Jo from the CAFOD group have signed up and will be undertaking this challenge. If any would like to sponsor them you can do so via their individual celebration page using the following links:

**JIM** <http://mycafod.force.com/celebrations?p=fd&v=a2S4H000001HL6y>

**BOB & JO** <https://celebration.cafod.org.uk/?p=fd&v=a2S4H000001HKTW>

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Frank & Margaret Ginty
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Leokadia & Tadeusz Drzymalski 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Patrick Bradley 6pm Bridie O'Shea
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Live-streamed Mass : People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	11am	Caroline Jones
<b>Tuesday</b>	11am	Ints of Wanda Skett
<b>Wednesday</b>	11am	Tony Gregory
<b>Thursday</b>	11am	Ints of Mick Russell (Seniors Group)
<b>Friday</b>	11am	Int of Eveline Kott
<b>Saturday</b>	11am	Bill Wilson (Seniors Group)

*Mass Intentions to be said privately by the clergy during this coming week*

*Joel Salcedo, Sp Int of Agnieszka, Nina Paz Trenas, Ints of Mairead Hanlon, Marian Rutter (b'day a), In Thanksgiving (Laserna)*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Peter Cornyn
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Dick Doyle (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Frank Curry 6pm Ints of Sheila Deacey
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Live-streamed Mass : People of the Parish</b>

**Mount Carmel Live Streamed Mass Sundays at 4.30pm** (Church is closed for this Mass)

Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://www.eventcast.uk/live) (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

**For the dead ...** Your prayers are asked for **RAE JAMES** Funeral Service 11.45am Wednesday 24th February at the Abbey Chapel, **HENRYK & IRENA KWIATKOWSKI** Funeral Service 12.30pm Tuesday 9th March in the Abbey Chapel followed by burial. **JOHN MORRISSEY** brother of parishioner, **SHAUN MCKEOWN** relative of parishioner  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**For the Sick ...** Your prayers are asked for **BRIAN DIXON, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH, MARY WITHERS, KEN MCARDLE, BERNARD BYRNE, CAROLINE HOLLAND, FATHER KEVIN ALBAN, O.CARM, MICHAEL RUSSELL, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CLIVE MCCOLGAN, CHRISTINE MORRISSEY, MAIREAD HANLON, THOMAS COSGRIFF**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **RAE JAMES ...**  
Next week for the intentions of the **DURKAN FAMILY**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for **DEBRA TOLLEY**  
Next week for **NOEL DOYLE**

### Right to Life Prayer for the week

"As we begin this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the lonely and the unborn. That the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them. Lord hear us"

### Act now and stop 'DIY' abortions being made permanent

As you are likely already aware, the UK Government has temporarily allowed home abortions. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, as has been reported extensively in the media, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger. The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing 'DIY' home abortions. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission.. If you would like to take part and make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2021, you can do so by visiting the link below. It only takes 2 minutes!

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>

### ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER WALL

St Augustine's Catholic High School are making a MAC prayer wall in their chapel and would like to ask parishioners to send in any prayer intentions they would like to be added to it. Please email [masona@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:masona@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk) with any intentions you would like put on the wall and we will pray for them each week in school.

### CAFOD Lenten Intercession for the First Sunday of Lent

We pray for all our sisters and brothers around the world: particularly those without access to the water they need in order to flourish. Through out Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may God renew our resolve to work with them to end poverty and injustice. Lord, in your mercy



**Fairtrade Fortnight** begins tomorrow, (Monday 22nd). It is not possible to sell Traidcraft items at mass centres this year but you can still support the benefits buying fairly traded items brings to poor producer communities around the world by buying items with the Fair Trade mark when shopping or from Traidcraft. Have a look at what they sell at : <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>. To avoid delivery charges you can order Traidcraft items from Jim Quinn by emailing him at: [jq1@hotmail.com](mailto:jq1@hotmail.com) Jo Mansell from the CAFOD Group will contact you when your order is ready and arrange free delivery to your doorstep. Jim needs to receive your order by the end of Fairtrade Fortnight on 7th March and delivery should be within a week.

### Ecumenical Lenten Course 'A Journey through Lent'

As we shall be unable to meet 'face to face' for our usual ecumenical Lent Course, Rev Barbara Wheatley is offering the opportunity to come together each Monday evening throughout Lent within the context of Night Prayer (Compline) for a short Lenten Reading and Reflection beginning **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Our service will begin at **8.45pm** for **9.00pm** and we will finish at around 9.30pm. In addition, suggestions for further reflection and prayers will be circulated each week throughout the season of Lent & Holy Week. If you would like to be part of this Lenten journey, please contact Revd Barbara Wheatley either by email [barbarawheatley@btinternet.com](mailto:barbarawheatley@btinternet.com) or by phone 01527 892969

### Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news) to sign up.

### You may be interested in ...

The Secretary of Pope Francis' Covid Commission is speaking via Zoom from Rome. He is very keen to engage with the laity of England and Wales. Details of both events are given below.

**Ask a theologian anything you like!** Sunday February 28th 1.45pm.

Prof. Tom O'Loughlin, Dr Jordan Pullicino, David McLoughlin. Email [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com)

**A New Imagination of the Possible:** An Update on the Covid 19 Commission from Fr Augusto Zampini-Davies, Adjunct Secretary to the Commission Wednesday 3rd March at 19.00. Register via the national ACTA website, <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/>

**Awaken with Hope** 'tears at night, joy at dawn' (Psalm 30:5)

A virtual day of recollection for women organised by Women of Birmingham Archdiocese and facilitated by Jo Boyce (CJM Music) An opportunity to pray, reflect and share on how God is calling us today—locked in, socially isolated but awakening to the future with hope and new vision. Saturday 20 March 9.45am-2.30pm Tickets £10 (£5 unwaged). To register to reserve a place go to: <http://bit.ly/awakenwithhope> or [www.threeparishespartnership](http://www.threeparishespartnership) or telephone 07586 521502

### Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If you are housebound, or shielding and unable to go out, would you like to receive the Parish Newsletter via email? If so, please contact the parish office either by email ([office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)) or phone (01527 63096) and a copy will be emailed to you on a Friday afternoon.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon [mail:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com)

## **Room to let**

A parishioner has a spacious room to let in Redditch, anyone who is interested and wishes more information, please contact Julie on 07775 600 598.

**Parish Diaries 2021—£1 each** available from church porches, please place money in Offertory Baskets. Thank you.

## **Guild of Saint Stephen Annual Mass of Thanksgiving**

Altar Servers you are invited to be part of the celebration which will be livestreamed on Saturday 6th March 2021 at 10am in St Chad's Cathedral. Join in on line to renew your promises with Bishop William Kenney. Send in a photo, holding your Guild Medal to [office@vocations.org.uk](mailto:office@vocations.org.uk) *(By sending your photo, you consent to the Diocesan Vocations Office using your image to create a montage photo (in place of the official photo taken at the Annual Guild Mass))*

World Day of Prayer: Friday 5 March

Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service. People of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity.

[Resources are available to download...](#)