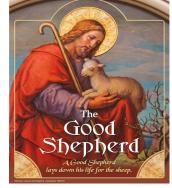


Beoley Road West, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8LT (01527) 63096 Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk Website: www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216 Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney FACEBOOK Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton OLMC Redditch NEWSLETTER 2150 FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER 21ST APRIL 2024—VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 117 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel John 10:11-18

# Reflection for this Sunday ...

'I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep'. How can we fail to see in these words an implicit reference to the mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection? 'I lay down my life that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord, and I have power to take it up again' (John 10:17-18). Christ freely offered himself on the Cross and rose by virtue of his own divine power. Therefore the allegory of the good shepherd has a strongly paschal character and for this reason the church proposes it for our reflection during this Easter season. Christ's pastoral mission is a universal mission, which is not limited to the sons and daughters of Israel, but, by virtue of his sacrifice on the Cross, embraces all men and all peoples. Saint John Paul II



### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 21st April 2024

Saturday Sunday	5pm 8.15am 6pm				
Monday <i>MC School</i> Tuesday Wednesday	6pm 9am 9.30am 9.30am	Intentions of Parishioner, Holy Family, Maidstone Intentions of Fr Tony Richard Whyte (a) John O'Malley & Adam Bobowski	Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on Tuesdays followed by Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting		
Thursday STA School Friday STB School Saturday	9.30am	Margaret McGilloway Holy Souls Elias Gonsalves Yr 7 Mass in Mount Carmel : Daniel Osborne & Ints of Rose Anne Friel (a) Sean McArdle & People of the Parish	e & family	Confession & Benediction Saturdays 10am—11am or by	
	5pm	Sean MicArdie & People of the Parish		appointment	

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28th April 2024

Sunday 8.15am Ints of Paul Skinner 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Michael Mundy (a) 6pm Pat Reardon (Live-Streamed)

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

### For the Dead ...

Please pray for **PATRICIA BLAKENEY** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 22nd April at the Abbey Chapel **PAT REARDON** Reception of Body. 5pm Thursday 25th April, Funeral Mass 11am Friday 26th April, **ZOFIA SREBNIAK** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Wednesday 24th April, **BRIGID BURKE** Mother of Emma Sampays, Funeral Mass 1.15pm Tuesday 7th May, JOHN CAMPBELL Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 9th May, **DANIEL OSBORNE** Memorial Mass 12 noon Friday 7th June here at Mount Carmel. 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, 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, Tracy Hawthorn, Pius McDermott, Clive McColgan, Jane-Christina Thomson, Helen Horvath, Jean Maitland

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **RICHARD WHYTE (A) & INTS OF JAMES WHYTE** Next week in loving memory of **DANIEL OSBORNE & INTS OF ROSE & FAMILY** 

### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in **THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED** Next week in loving memory of **DAVID (A)** 

### FUND RAISING OPEN MEETING 6pm this Tuesday 23 April in the Parish Hall

To discuss forthcoming social fundraising events including a Summer Fayre and the Patronal Feast New ideas always welcome

# 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

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2pm in the Parish Hall

> Next Meeting Thursday 2nd May Bingo

> > DONA MACHINES Please DO NOT SWITCH OFF THE DONA MACHINES!

# 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 ....

#### Tuesday Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England

Popular tradition presents St George as the knight who killed the dragon, making him a symbol of a triumph of faith against the forces of evil. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia and at a young age was raised to the ministry during the Emperor Diocletian's reign. When the Emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. During the crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector of England. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel.

#### Wednesday Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr or of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

(c956-997) St Adalbert belonged to a noble Bohemian family and was appointed Bishop of Prague while still young. Twice he retired to Rome due to oppression and he eventually turned his attentions to missionary work in Poland, Hungary and Pomerania. He was killed by the pagan Prussians in 997.

(1578-1622) St Fidelis was born in Germany. He belonged to the Capuchin Order and led a life of deep contemplation. As an evangelist and catechist, he was known as the advocate of the poor. Considered the apostle of Switzerland, he was martyred in that country.

#### Thursday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

He was the son of Mary in whose house Peter sought refuge after being freed from jail. He aided St Paul and St Barnabas in the evangelisation of Cyprus. Later, St Mark became the companion and secretary of St Peter in Rome. He wrote the second Gospel which emphasises the miraculous power of the Saviour.

### We have received the following letters of thanks from the various charities supported recently... St Patrick's Missionary Society-

### we have received the following letter from Fr Stephen Kimani Kariuki, Director of Promotion (England & Wales)

"It is with a heart full of gratitude and love as I write to thank you for your great support. On behalf of St Patrick's Missionary Society, I acknowledge the receipt of a cheque amounting to £667.01. This will go far in the support of the mission of Christ. Please pass on our appreciation to the people of the parish for this great generosity. As a missionary congregation we promise them of our prayers. May the love of Christ which compels us reign in your hearts."

### **Friends of the Holy Land**

"Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for the church collection of £1,180.50 for Christians in the Holy Land. Your donation will help us to support the most vulnerable at this very challenging time. Please continue to pray for the Holy Land and a peaceful resolution."

### Cafod

"Thank you to all parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for your generous support of CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £535.85 which we received on 31 March 2024. Thank you so much for being there for our global family."

### Take a virtual tour with Elena Curti' 3pm Saturday 15 June

An event hosted by the Droitwich & District Catenians. Venue : The Sacred Heart & St Catherine of Alexandria Church, Droitwich Elena Curti will take you on a journey of discovery exploring churches featured in her books, including the Sacred Heart in Droitwich. Presentation, Ouestion & Answer, Meet the Author and Book Signing. Books will be on sale at £12 (rrp £14.99) £2 will be donated to the 'Aid to the Church in Need Holy Land Appeal'

Tickets £10—to buy tickets scan the QR code on the poster or leaflets in the porches or visit https://bit.ly/3vGYbRn

### Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage : Saturday 4 May at 12 noon

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our Annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4 May at 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. If you wish to attend please visit https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass



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/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass, thankyou

**COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND** Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings **COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND** Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

### PARISH TOILETS

During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it. PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER TOWELS OR NAPPIES IN THE TOILET—THANKYOU



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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## **CAN YOU HELP?**

You may recall that the Parish SVP have been supporting a young mother with 3 children for the last 12 months. More visits are desperately needed to help this young family. Are you able to offer as little as one hour weekly or monthly? Also, we have been asked to visit a 97 year old gentleman at his home in Redditch—are you able to help? Contact Steve Martin on 07956 474302

