



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2113 **16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 23RD JULY 2023**

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

Reflection for this Sunday...

Christ's parable originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Christ didn't agree, as this parable shows. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil. Later the parable was applied to the problem of sinners in the Church. Like the Kingdom, the Church is also a mixed bag. It must not play God by trying to purify itself completely through purges and inquisitions. The definite separation must be left to the last judgement. In the meantime the Church must be patient; it must preach repentance and practice leniency. Mercy and leniency are an expression not of weakness but of strength.

Thank you ...

A big thank you to all who helped organise the social gathering after the Feast Day Mass last Saturday—thankyou to those parishioners and members of the Keralan community who brought food and deserts—it was a lovely evening enjoyed by all who attended. Also a special thankyou to the following Polish shops who supported the parish by donating bread for the occasion. It was very much appreciated. The shops were **CHATA POLSKA EXPRESS, MAXI GROSIK and POLMARKET.**



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023

Saturday	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda & Eileen Mundy
Sunday	8.15am	Eilish Crehan & Eleanor Quigley
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Julia Loughran & People of the Parish
	6pm	Brendan & Margaret Geraghty (Wedd A) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Varghese (a)
Tuesday	9.30am	Helen Kane
Wednesday	9.30am	Intentions of Terry & Lena
Thursday	7pm	Michael Hegarty
Friday	9.30am	Paddy Conlon & Peter Briggs
Saturday	9.30am	Mary Hickey
	5pm	Eileen & Michael Mundy & People of the Parish

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 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 30TH JULY 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Gwen & Judy Duffy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Mary Morton (a)
	6pm	Biddy Ryan & Molly & Gerald Harris (live-streamed)

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **BRIDGIT HATTON** Funeral Mass 10.30am Wednesday 9th August. May her soul 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**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the Intentions of **BABY GLEETAR**

Next week for the Intentions of **HELEN BAXTER**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of the **NITIN REJI**

Next week for the deceased of the **MOLLOY FAMILY**



CASHLESS GIVING

At the three entrances to Mount Carmel there are pedestal mounted card readers to allow parishioners and visitors to the church to make cashless donations. There is also a poster with instructions by each card reader.

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*

COUNTERS

We would like to add another team to our rota of Counting Teams. Counters can choose to count on a Sunday evening or a Monday morning. If this is something you feel you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office or one of the clergy.

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

St Sharbel Makhluf 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.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

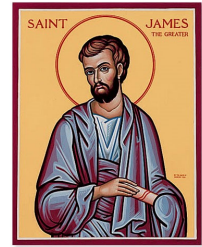
An old tradition going back to the 2nd century gives these names to the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of affection Christians have always professed towards our Blessed Mother.

Thursday Blessed Robert Sutton, Priest, Martyr

(+1588) Blessed Robert Sutton was born at Burton-on-Trent in 1547. As a clergyman of the Established Church he was Rector of Lutterworth. He was converted to Catholicism through the influence of his younger brother, and they were ordained as priests with a third brother. He was arrested in Stafford in 1588 and executed there.

Saturday Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Martha, her brother Lazarus, and her sister Mary received Our Lord into their home at Bethany and took loving care of Him.



FOODBANK Thank you for your ongoing support of the Redditch Foodbank, they continue to see demand rising so our donations are essential, consider picking up an extra item when you shop and leave in the box at the back of church. If anyone would like to assist to take donations, less than one hour every few weeks, please contact bob.mansell@me.com

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.

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP in the Parish Hall

Thursday July 27th
2.30pm Bingo

Thursday August 10th
2.30pm

Thursday August 24th

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

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 Szmidt has asked that we let the Guild know by Monday 18th September if you wish to attend. 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.

The Tablet

In church there are some complimentary copies of the Tablet, which you can take home or look at in church. If you would like to receive a copy of the Tablet, (cost £4.50) please contact the parish office on 01527 63096.

Parish Class First Holy Communion Certificates

If your child made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th June this year and you haven't received their Certificate, please call at the Parish Office to collect it.

Vacancy at Mount Carmel School require an **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ASAP** Part time 10 hrs per week, Permanent Contract Monday-Friday 1.15pm-3.15pm, term time only to include 5 INSET days. Salary £10.78-£10.98 per hr Please visit www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for an application form, recruitment monitoring form and consent for references form, all to be completed and returned to Mrs R Kennedy at : olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk

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

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or by email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

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.

