



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

OLMC Redditch

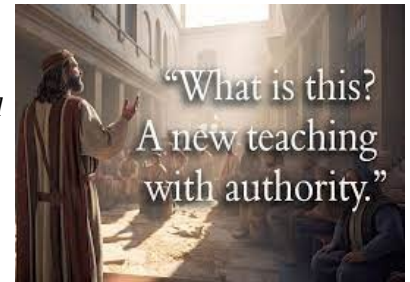


NEWSLETTER 2138 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 28TH JANUARY 2024**

Readings : Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 94 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Gospel Mark 1:21-28 Psalter Wk 4

## Reflection for this Sunday ...

Deuteronomy presents Moses as the ideal prophet (First reading). The prophet can never speak on his own authority, but speaks on behalf of God. The Jews believed that God would raise up in the last days a prophet like Moses. The early Christians regarded Jesus as the awaited prophet. His teaching was given with authority and confirmed by miracles, the sign that God was with him. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus spoke with authority, and how the ordinary people recognised this.



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 27th January 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Sean McArdle
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Robina Guy (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Steve Flanagan & People of the Parish
	6pm	Teresa Gregory (b'day a) <b>(live-streamed)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Ints of Reji & Manju (Wedding A)
<b>STM School</b>	9am	Annual Mass for Parish (Johnson Fund)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Brendan McInerney
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Ints of Ann Kennedy & Liz
<b>Thursday</b>	12.30pm	Funeral Service Fred Seaman
	7pm	Holy Souls
<b>STA School</b>	9.40 am	Holy Souls
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Suni Abraham (a)
	6pm	Latin Mass Holy Souls
<b>STB School</b>	2.30pm	Galton Trust
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Francis Keaney
	5pm	Mary Ryan & Peter McGoldrick (a)

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on Tuesdays 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 4th February 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Abraham Dowling (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls
	6pm	Wm Hughes (Bill) & 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 **FREDERICK SEAMAN** Funeral Service 12 noon Thursday 1st February, **FR SANDY BROWN** Reception of Body into Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford WS12 1DB 6pm Thursday 15th February, Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, **CHRISTINA BORDER** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 9th February, **MARY DYSON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 16th February, **PHILIP SLATER** Funeral details not yet known. 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

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the Intentions of **REJI & MANJU (WEDD A)**  
Next week in **THANKSGIVING & INTENTIONS OF NIMI**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **TOMMY PURCELL**  
Next week in loving memory of **LILY PAUL (A)**



## Mount Carmel Parish Hall Renovation 31 December 2023

On the church notice boards in all the porches there is a notice which shows the renovation work completed during 2023—new toilets, new windows, Wi-fi installed and main room repainted. The work is proceeding in instalments as sufficient funds are raised.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GROUPS USING Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall

We have received complaints regarding the way the hall and toilets are left by groups using the hall. Presently we do not have a cleaner or caretaker so it is the responsibility of those using the hall to leave it how they would expect to find it. Before leaving **PLEASE CHECK TOILETS ARE FLUSHED AND CLEAN AND THE HALL IS TIDY READY FOR WHOEVER USES IT NEXT.**

**This is especially important where children are involved.**

**Thank you**

## 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 ...

### Wednesday Saint John Bosco, Priest

(1815-1888) *St John Bosco founded the Salesian society, named in honour of St Francis de Sales, and the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. His lifework was the welfare of young boys and girls, hence the title, 'Apostle of Youth'. He had no formal system or theory of education. His methods centred on persuasion, authentic religiosity, and love for young people. He was an enlightened educator and innovator.*

### Friday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

*World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life & First Friday*

### Saturday Saint Werburg, Abbess or of Saint Blaise, bishop, Martyr or of Saint Ansgar, bishop or of Our Lady on Saturday

*St Werburg was born in Staffordshire in the seventh century. She was tutored by her great aunt, St Etheldreda, and joined the monastic community at Ely where she later became fourth abbess. She was an influential figure in the renewal of the religious life and convent reform across England.*

*(Fourth century) St Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him.*

*According to tradition, he was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius (320-324).*

*(801-865) St Ansgar was born in Bremen, Germany. He became known as the 'Apostle of the North' for his great evangelical work in Denmark and Sweden. He was bishop of Hamburg and then of Bremen. Pope Gregory IV appointed him as his delegate to Denmark and Sweden.*

## Pope's Prayer Intention for February :

**For the terminally ill**—We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

## Prayer for Right to Life UK

We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us.

## 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 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](https://www.ctbi.org.uk)

## The Real Easter Egg

In time for Easter we will be promoting sales of The Real Easter Egg made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. This fairtrade chocolate egg is the only one available which actually promotes the true meaning of Easter, sales of which also help others both here (food banks) and overseas through the fairtrade premium. It is not available in supermarkets. Each egg contains an illustrated Easter story—activity book. They will on sale after all masses on the weekend of 16/17 March. It will also be possible to order in advance—details coming soon. You can view the eggs at : <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

## World Day of Prayer : Friday 1st March at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church— more details to follow

### Thank you

A BIG THANKYOU to Our Lady of Mount Carmel for supporting Redditch Foodbank in 2023. We donated a total weight of 441.0kgs. Your donation really makes a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

## Knock Pilgrimages—Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo - 14 April 2024

Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on 3 days.

All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and Ashford Castle.

Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175 557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

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## McCarron School of Irish Dance Lessons

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Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

For more information please contact us on 07429 019367

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## COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

## COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

## PARISH SENIORS' GROUP

2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024



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

**Paid Private Tuition required for Maths,  
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Classes beginning  
Tuesday 16th January 2024