



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2122 **26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 1ST OCTOBER 2023**

Readings : Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 24 Philipians 2:1-11 Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Reflection for this Sunday ...

Many of the greatest saints in the history of the Church were sinners who initially said 'No' to God, and who later changed their minds and said 'Yes'. St Augustine is perhaps the most obvious example, but there are many others. A person will be judged, not by a single act or stage in his life, but by his whole life. God has given us the freedom to say 'Yes' or 'No' - our 'Yes' would have no value unless we were free to say 'No'. However, we may say 'Yes' to God with our words, and 'No' to God with our deeds. We profess to believe, but fail to translate our belief into active obedience. Words are no substitute for deeds. We must, therefore, constantly examine ourselves. We must try to turn our promises into fulfilment, and our words into deeds. Every day we can turn one of yesterday's 'Nos' into one of today's 'Yeses'.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	Private Intention of the Brennan Family
Sunday	8.15am	Peter Brogan 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish & Holy Souls 6pm Frances Quigley (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Peter McGoldrick
MC School	9am	Canon Garry Byrne
Tuesday	9.30am	Jacqueline O'Brien
Wednesday	9.30am	Intentions of Ann Duffy (sick)
Thursday	7pm	Michael McNamee (b'day a)
STA School	9.40am	Fr Ian Ker
Friday	9.30am	Intentions of Zuzana's Parents
	6pm	Latin Mass Bishop David McGough
STB School	2.30pm	Intention of Noreen Winhall & Family
Saturday	9.30am	Michael & Winifred Conboy
	5pm	Judy Reynolds

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 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 8TH OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 8.15am Eileen Mundy 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Harriet Griffiths 6pm 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 **FR EDWIN COWNLEY** Reception of Body 7pm Wednesday 11 October at Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Gregory the Great, Bearwood, Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 12 October, **MAUREEN STUBBINGS** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 16th October, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 17th October. 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, 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, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **THOMAS & BRIDIE MEAGHER**
Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE FRIEL**
Next week for the **INTENTIONS OF JIM FRIEL**



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

This weekend at Mass, members of Cafod will be giving a talk in readiness for Family Fast Day on Friday. The second collection next weekend will be for CAFOD—if you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please take one of the envelopes available in the porches this weekend ready for the second collection next week.

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*

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now due— If you would like to join the 500 Club which raises money for the parish, it is £12p.a. for one number, £24p.a. for two etc ... 1st Prize £120, 2nd Prize £50 For more information or application form please contact the Parish Office

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Holy Guardian Angels

This celebration was placed in the Roman Calendar in 1615. Sacred Scripture is full of stories of angels coming to help Patriarchs and all. Each person has his or her Guardian Angel. Angels are God's messengers whose mission is to take care of us, to protect our way on earth, and to share with Christians the apostolic zeal to get souls closer to God. St Peter was liberated from gaol by an angel. Our Lord spoke of the angels of children who constantly behold His heavenly Father's face. Our Guardian Angels are our friends.

Tuesday Saint Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop

St Thomas Cantilupe was born of a noble family and educated at Oxford. As a priest he lectured at Oxford University and served two terms as Chancellor of the University. In 1275 he became the bishop of Hereford.

Wednesday Saint Francis of Assisi

St Francis was born at Assisi in the year 1182. He renounced his privileged family life and bound himself to God by embracing a simple lifestyle. With St Clare he laid the foundations for the establishment of the Franciscan Order. He famously said, 'Preach the gospel at all times, and, if necessary, use words.' He died in 1226.

Thursday Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin

Born in the village of Glogowiec, near Łódź, in Poland in 1905, and dying in Krakow in 1938, St Faustina spent her short life amongst the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In the Diary of her soul, the sanctuary of her encounter with the Lord Jesus, she herself recounts what the Lord worked in her for the benefit of all; listening to Him who is Love and Mercy she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. Canonised in 2000 by St John Paul II, the name of Faustina quickly became known around the world, thereby promoting in all the parts of the People of God, Pastors and lay faithful alike, the invocation of Divine Mercy and its credible witness in the conduct of the lives of believers.

Friday Saint Bruno, Priest First Friday, Harvest Fast Day

St Bruno was born in Cologne about 1035. Following his studies in Paris and priestly ordination, he wanted to live a life of solitude and founded the monastery of La Grande Chartreuse and the Carthusian Order of absolute contemplative life. Pope Urban II called upon his wise advice and counsel. He died in 1101.

Saturday Our Lady of the Rosary

Today's celebration was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the battle of Lepanto in the 16th century. Today, the celebration encourages us to know the mysteries of Christ's life and the life of Our Lady by reciting the Holy Rosary, which is a powerful tool in the fight against evil.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October—For the synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Season of Creation—Extract 4 from the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

This year, the closing of the Season of Creation on 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, will coincide with the opening the Synod on Synodality. Like rivers in nature, fed by myriad tiny brooks and larger streams and rivulets, the synodal process that began in October 2021 invites all those who take part on a person or community level, to coalesce in a majestic river of reflection and renewal. The entire People of God is being invited to an immersive journey of synodal dialogue and conversion. So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. In this Season of Creation, as follows of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to 'renew the face of the earth'. Rome, St John Lateran, 13 May 2023 Francis

Ecumenical Vigil after 5pm Mass this Saturday—Shared Table & Tea, Coffee & Biscuits in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Right to Life Prayer

The Church commemorates our Guardian Angels this week. Let us ask Our Lord to direct our Guardian Angels to watch over and care for all of us, and particularly those who are in need of special protection like little babies and children, and the unborn. Lord hear us.

Missio—Mill Hill Missionaries (Red Boxes)

The Missio Autumn issue of their magazine is available in the porches this weekend ready for **World Mission Sunday 22 October 2023**. Please take one home with you. Also in the porches you will find some **brown Mission envelopes** for those of you who have a Red Box at home so that when your box is full, you can empty it into the envelope and bring to the parish office so there is no need to leave your box church.

Justice & Peace Assembly Saturday 28 October, Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral B4 6HJ

Registration 10am, Assembly 10.45am to 3pm. Theme : Climate Action in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Speakers : Tom Piotrowski & Fr Robert Taylerson. Book now on : <https://bit.ly/OurAssembly2023>. Find out more on : <https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/annual-assemblies.htm>

Future events

Saturday October 28th 'Nearly New Sale' in the Parish Hall—time tbc

Saturday November 11th **Parish Kerala 3 course Buffet Meal** in Parish Hall after 5pm Mass Tickets available soon, Adults £15, children £7.50

Parish **Christmas Meal**— date and time to be confirmed

Saturday December 9th **Bel Canto Christmas Concert** in Mount Carmel 7.30pm

Tuesday December 19th **Parish Christmas Carol Service 7pm** in Mount Carmel

Wednesday January 17th **Quiz Night** in Parish Hall

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 4 T & B Hughes J Hardcastle

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

First Holy Communion

for children in non-Catholic schools

The parish Class begins in January 2024 on

Wednesdays at 6pm during termtime

If you have a child in Year 3 and over who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office either in person or by email to enrol your child/children

Foodbank Donations

The Cafod/Laudato Si' Group would like to thank you for your continued donations to the Redditch Food Bank. Please remember **we can only take Food items, do not leave alcohol** or any other articles as they cannot be used—the alcohol left in during the week has been donated to the Parish for future tombola

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday October 5th

Thursday October 19th

Thursday November 2nd

Thursday November 16th

Thursday November 30th

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

