



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2195 **EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 2ND MARCH 2025**

Readings : Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 27:4-71 Psalm 91 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel Luke 6:39-45 Psalter Wk 4

Reflection for the weekend

The Gospel today says 'no sound tree produces rotten fruit and no rotten tree produces good fruit. People do not pick figs from thorns or grapes from brambles.' Another part of the gospel says 'by their fruits you shall know them.' What it boils down to is that in the end we will be judged not by what we have tried to say but what we have tried to do. Fine words don't make fine deeds and can never take their place. Lastly we are told today that a good man draws from the store of goodness in his heart, and the bad man does the opposite. We are so busy looking out that we forget to look in. Take a leaf out of Our Lord's book — no matter how busy he was, he always found the time for those precious moments of prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 2nd March 2025

Saturday	5pm	Catenian Mass for Vocations (Redditch Circle)
Sunday	8.15am	Derek Barratt (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Joanne Helen Wilcox
	6pm	Sebastian & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Paddy Jo & Bridie McInerney
STM School	9am	Teresita Moriani
Tuesday	9.30am	Jenny McNamee

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday—Day of Fasting & Abstinence

	9.30am	Thyl Gheyselink
	7pm	Fr Bob Wright (a)
STB School	2pm	Whole School Mass Holy Souls
Thursday	7pm	John Doyle
Friday	9.30am	Catherine Walsh
	7pm	Latin Mass Ints of Sam McMahon
STB School	2pm	Adoration (Class 7EPA)
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of Stephanie & family
	5pm	Mary & Thomas Butler



First Sunday of Lent 9th March 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Percy & Madge Holder 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Michael & Winifred Conboy
	6pm	Carol Mount & People of the Parish (live-streamed)

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, PAUL MCCONNELL, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, DAVID CRUISE, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, HEATHER SMITH, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, BILL BARBER, JANE ELLIOTT, SUSAN PORTER, DES CHILTON, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ROGER ALLCOCK** Reception into church, 5pm Thursday 3rd April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 4th April followed by burial at Hadzor, **ANNE QUIRK** friend of parishioner



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for **SHANE JONES**

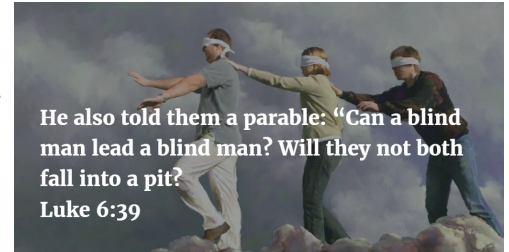
Next week for the intentions of **FR TONY (BIRTHDAY)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **DOHERTY & DUNN FAMILIES**

Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**



He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

Luke 6:39

World Day of Prayer

Service & prayers arranged by the ladies of the Cook Islands

Friday 7th March

2pm Ecumenical Centre

After Mass on Tuesdays Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION

Saturday 10am-11am

or by appointment

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



Cake sale this Sunday in the Parish Hall after 11.15am Mass in aid of making comfort bags for the Alexandra Hospital

Hello! I'm Gabriel, my Girl Guide group are raising money so we can make comfort bags for people in the Alexandra hospital. Many are admitted unexpectedly and don't have any toiletries with them.

Please come and join us, enjoy a drink and make a donation in return for some cake!

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 our 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 the Week

Tuesday Saint Casimir

(1458-1484) He was the son of King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth, monarchs of Poland and Lithuania. In contrast to other members of the royal court, he was a shining example of faith, piety, humility and chastity. He had a great love for the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. He was named Patron Saint of Poland in 1602.

Friday Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs First Friday & World Day of Prayer

St Perpetua, a young mother of novel birth, and St Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave girl, were imprisoned at Carthage in 203 because of their Christian faith. Before they met their death, Felicity gave birth to a girl and Perpetua was still nursing her newborn son. They were thrown to wild beasts in the arena. The passion of St Perpetua provides a particularly vivid account of their martyrdom. They are included in the Roman Canon.

Saturday Saint John of God, Religious

(1495-1550) He heeded the Word of God when he was already forty-two years old and from then on lived at the service of the sick in Granada (Spain). Before that he was successively, a farmer, soldier, and merchant. He founded his Order of Brothers Hospitallers of St John of God, devoting themselves to the infirm in soul and body.

Pre-Easter Fairtrade Sale—

This will be after all Masses on the weekend of 5th/6th April and will once again feature the Real Easter Egg: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 22/23 February 2025
1st Collection £441.72
2nd Collection £208.23 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 423

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

READERS AT MASS

We are extremely short of readers for the 6pm Sunday Mass. If interested, please contact parish office.

NEW TEAMS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 7 J Alen J Paul J Devassy P Joseph

Seniors Next Meeting
2pm Thursday 6th March
in the Parish Hall

Cafod's Big Lent Walk

This annual fundraiser for CAFOD is need more than ever this year. So please join in, individually, as a group or a family. The aim is to be sponsored to walk up to 200 km (120 miles) during the 40 days of Lent. That is just 3 miles per day. Find out more at <http://walk.cafod.org.uk/> or use this link : [The Big Lent Walk 2025](#)

Justice & Peace Forum on Debt Justice—Tuesday 11 March, 7pm on Zoom

Andrea Speranza CAFOD Campaigns Engagement Manager will talk about CAFOD's Campaign for Debt Justice in this Jubilee Year, lead discussion and answer questions. Please follow link to book onto this form: <https://bit.ly/jandPForum2025>

Churches Together in Redditch Worship Together—1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

Trinity Sunday after 15th June at 3.30pm in the Ecumenical Centre (adjoining the Kingfisher Centre).

Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Redditch (Methodist & United Reformed)

Vacancies

Archdiocese of Birmingham is recruiting for the following four positions:

Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer.

Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

Mount Carmel Catholic First School

Teaching Assistant (Level 2) Fixed term position until 31 August 2025.

Part time 18hrs 45mins per week, term time only. Closing date 7th March 2025

Please apply via this link :

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141048/EDV-2025-OLMCCFS-38735>

Teaching Assistant (Level 2) Fixed term position until 31 August 2025.

Part time 16hrs 15mins per week, term time only. Closing date 7th March 2025

Please apply via this link:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141058/EDV-2025-OLMCCFS-34957>

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



Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Questionnaire

Please put completed forms in box in one of the porches by Sunday 2nd March. Completed forms will be removed after each Mass

