



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 1927 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)** 2ND AUGUST 2020

Readings *Isaiah 55:1-3 Psalm 144 Romans 8:35,37-39 Gospel Matthew 14:13-21*

**Reflection** ..... It happened in Christ's time and it has happened often since. When Jesus asked the disciples to feed the hungry crowd, their first reaction was to point out the difficulties. The little food they had would make so little difference to the throngs that there was no point in even making a start. Their answer was to send the people away and let others care for them. Jesus would not accept that viewpoint. He prodded them into sharing even the little they had and he multiplied it a thousand fold.

In our time, the hungry of the Third World or the homeless of our own country, the increased number of emigrants and refugees or the number of unemployed, the growth of alcoholism and drug abuse among the young or the disintegration of family life, the decline in religious practice or the undermining of moral values, all present situations so discouraging that we may fail to make whatever little contribution we can to building a better world, making God's kingdom come.

Such paralysis is unworthy of a follower of Jesus.

Today's gospel is a call to be especially aware of the little opportunities where we can enrich even one of our brothers and sisters and to realise that God will bless our efforts beyond all our expectations. Trust him and let him prod you into action.



## Coming to Mass

We are instructed by the HSE of the Diocese that we can only have a Congregational Celebration of Mass if we have Stewards to manage this process on our behalf. Therefore, I ask you please be guided by the Stewards in order to manage the numbers allowed in the Church at any one time and the necessity to clean and sanitise after each Mass.

Unless there are special circumstances please take the next available seat allocated to you by the Stewards.

Face Coverings: It is mandatory that **FACE COVERINGS ARE WORN THROUGHOUT MASS** please bring your own face covering with you.

## Mass Intentions

### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Galton Trust
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Bernadette Sampays, 11.15am People of the Parish, 6pm Pat Finn
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11am</b>	Intentions of Redditch Catenian Circle Brothers & their wives, Johnson Benefactors, People of the Parish
Tuesday		<i>Clergy only</i> Annie Shields, Johnson Benefactors, Sick People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11am</b>	Intentions of Clare Tremaine (b'day), Alan Gourley
Thursday		<i>Clergy only</i> Alan Gourley, Galton Trust, Galton Trust
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11am</b>	Ints of Mary Withers, Galton Trust, Galton Trust
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11am</b>	Colton Bryan

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Ints of Mary Withers
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Carol Walker, 11.15am Gerard Porter (b'day a), 6pm Greg Parchello

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **MARY WITHERS**

Next week in loving memory of **DEACON DOUG TAYLOR**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **ANNE CURRY**

Next week for the intentions of **MOUNT CARMEL STEWARDS & CLEANERS**

### 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

## For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JOYCE 'ANNIE' SHIELDS** Funeral Mass Monday 17th August at 11.30am, **FR JOSEPH TYNAN**, Priest of the diocese, **DEACON FRANK LOCKETT** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## For the Sick ...

Your prayers are asked for **GERRY BREE, BRIAN DIXON, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH, MARY WITHERS, KEN MCARDLE**

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for August

The Maritime World—We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

## St Benedict's, Rowan Road, Batchley

We have been granted Planning Permission to build on the St. Benedict's Site, therefore the site is in the process of being sold for development.

## More Volunteers required for Stewarding and Cleaning before and after Mass

Stewards and Cleaners are required for all the Masses, Funerals and Baptisms, if you feel this is something you could volunteer to help with, please contact Maggie Barratt at the parish office, on 01527 63096 or email [finance@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:finance@mtcarmel.co.uk) Thank you.

## Baptisms

If you attended a baptism course recently and your child's baptism was cancelled due to Covid 19, you can now rebook a baptism by contacting the parish office on 01527 63096 bearing in mind that only one Baptism can take place at any time and a maximum of 30 guests can attend. Also as at the moment the Baptism Course is not taking place, if you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the parish office.

## ECUMENICAL CREATION CELEBRATION/PICNIC - Sunday 6 September at 3.00pm

In the spirit of Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si' the CAFOD group wish to invite you to this outdoor event in a private garden. There will be a celebratory liturgy followed by picnic. Please bring your own chairs/picnic mat and refreshments. Due to Covid 19 restrictions numbers will be strictly limited, so please apply in advance by phone 07789 741900/01527 872300 or email [ingeva@btinternet.com](mailto:ingeva@btinternet.com)

## Saints for the Week ...

### Tuesday

#### **Saint John Mary Vianney**

*(1786-1859) He was born near Lyons, France, and ordained a priest in Grenoble. He was assigned to the parish of Ars-sur-Froman where he spent forty two years. He was outstanding for his steadfast care of souls, for his spirit of prayer and mortification, but above all, for his tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He spent most of his life in the confessional, drawing energy from his intimate and constant friendship with our Lord in the Eucharist. Pope Pius XI declared him Patron of the Universal Clergy.*

### Wednesday

#### **Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary**

*After the declaration of the dogma of the divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin in the Council of Ephesus (431), Pope Sixtus III dedicated this Basilica in Rome in honour of the Mother of God. It was later called 'St Mary Major'. It is considered the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

### Thursday

#### **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

### Friday

#### **Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs or of Saint Cajetan, Priest**

##### **First Friday**

*(+258) St Sixtus was persecuted by the Emperor Valerian. While he was celebrating Mass, he was taken prisoner and put to death with four of his deacons. His name is included in the Roman Canon. (1480-1547) St Cajetan was remarkable for his spirit of prayer and charity. His great zeal in seeking the salvation of souls earned him the title, 'Hunter of Souls'. He is founder of the Congregation of Clerks regular, the Theatines.*

### Saturday

#### **Saint Dominic, Priest**

*(1170-1221) St Dominic was born in Calahorra, Spain. He worked tirelessly to uproot the Albigensian heresy. He was outstanding for his learning and love of poverty. He is the founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).*

## Mass Intentions ...

Due to Covid 19 and the lockdown, your clergy are now running very low on Mass Intentions and are at the moment relying on the Galton Trust Masses. If you would like to book a Mass you can phone the parish office on 01527 63096 and arrange it, put your stipend in an envelope and post it through the letterbox or you can call at the parish office as before (social distancing restrictions etc are in place) where someone will be able to help you.

## Collections and Donations

If you prefer not to use the donate button on the home page of the diocesan website, [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk), cheques made out to Mount Carmel Church, GA envelopes or Cash can be dropped into the Collection baskets after Mass, or into the Presbytery, the Parish Office or through the letterbox. Thank you all for your continued support.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon Email:[safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com)**

