



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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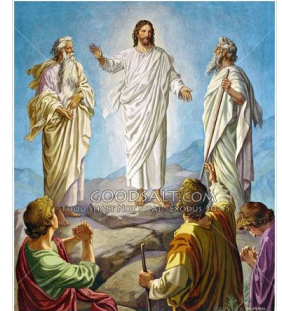
NEWSLETTER 2094 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A** 5TH MARCH 2023

Readings Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm 32 Timothy 1:18-20 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, as we continue on the penitential journey, the liturgy invites us, after presenting the Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert last week to reflect on the extraordinary event of the Transfiguration on the mountain. Considered together, these episodes anticipate the Paschal Mystery: Jesus' struggle with the tempter precludes the great final duel of the Passion, while the light of his transfigured Body anticipates the glory of the Resurrection. This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death, Jesus expresses his glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God.

Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023

Saturday	5pm	Thomas & Mary Butler & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Fr Bob Wright (a) & Percy & Madge Holder
	6pm	Mary Bak (b'day a) (live-streamed)
Monday	5pm	Reception of Body Ingrid Watson
	6pm	Mary Hallahan & Ints of Margaret Brannan
STM School	9.10am	Dec'd Morrissey Family
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Bernadette & Margaret Purcell
	10.15am	Funeral Mass Ingrid Watson
Wednesday	9.30am	Mary Butler (a) & Ints of Breda & family
Thursday	1pm	Funeral Mass Charles Gallagher
	7pm	Owen & Maureen Kelly
STA School	10am	(9ST) Stan Doucette
Friday	9.30am	Winifred & Michael Conboy
	6pm	Stations of the Cross (Keralan)
STB School	2.30pm	Yr 7 Mass M.E. Connelly (Johnson Fund)
Saturday	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Mary Hallahan & Martin

**Flame of Love of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer
Meeting after Mass on Tuesdays 10-11am**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT & CONFESSION
Saturdays 10am—11am
or by appointment**

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023 : THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Sunday	8.15am	Marianna & Bronislaw Kloc
	6pm	People of the Parish (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 **INGRID WATSON** Reception into church 5pm Monday 6th March, **Funeral Mass 10.15am Tuesday 7th March, CHARLES GALLAGHER** Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 9th March, **PETER MCGOLDRICK** relative of parishioners, Funeral at St Mary's, Studley 11am Tuesday 14th March, **ANNE DAVIS** Funeral Service 10.15am Friday 17th March at the Abbey Chapel **SUE ENGLISH** Funeral details not yet known. **LEONARD ROSE** Funeral details not yet known, **RUTH LISMORE** Funeral already taken place. 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, MARGARET GERAGHTY, PAULINE CLARKE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MC RANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, MICK O'CONNOR, FIONA EVANS**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **NIMISHA & NITIN REJI...**

Next week in loving memory of **JAN & CHRIS SREBNIAK**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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

Next week in loving memory of **BRIDIE & PADDY MCINERNEY**

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*

**ALTAR SERVERS
ST STEPHEN'S MEDALS**

We will be arranging a date sometime around Eastertide to present the St Stephen's medals. If you have served for more than a year, could you please let Paul Brewster know. Also if you have served for 10 years you will be eligible for a Silver Medal which we will have to order from the Guild.

**NEARLY-NEW CLOTHES
& UNWANTED GIFTS SALE**
12 noon Saturday 25 March (NB NEW DATE)
in the Parish Hall

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 16TH MARCH
2.30PM IN PARISH HALL

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 4 (Was Team 5)
J Hardcastle, T & B Hughes

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS WANTED

We are short of a team of counters, if you feel you could spare some time on a Sunday evening to count the collection, please phone the parish office 63096 or inform Fr Tony or Fr Jason

**Please put mobile phones on
Silent when at Mass thankyou**

CAFOD Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The **second collection** on **11/12 March** will be for **Cafod**. Envelopes are available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation or donate on line at cafod.org.uk/give.

Laudato Si—Donations to the Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support for the Food Bank in Church Green East. Please look at the website for information about what they need i.e. mean, and nappies—<https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Saints for the week ...

Tuesday Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity, Martyrs

St Perpetua, a young mother of noble 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 new-born 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.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday Saint Frances of Rome

(1384-1440) St Frances was a married woman, and a mother of six children. She was zealous in the performance of every household duty, saying, 'A married woman must often leave God at the altar to find Him in her household care.' She patiently endured many trials, including the death of two of her children, the exile of her husband and the confiscation of their estates. In 1433 she founded the Benedictine Oblates of the Tor de'Specchi to continue her works of charity, and after her husband died in 1436 she became their superior.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For Victims of abuse—We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb—12 March)

Fairtrade Fortnight is promoted by many churches and some supermarkets—look out for the offers. This year the CAFOD/Laudato Si group will be providing a fair trade stall after all masses over the weekend of 11/12 March.

Right to Life Prayer for this week

Let us pray for the grace to see God's glory in our encounters with those on both ends of life's spectrum, including infants and children, and the elderly, as well as all those who care for them. Lord hear us.

Tabor House Launch Event—St Catherine of Siena, Bristol St, Birmingham

Tabor Living, a partnership project with Fr Hudsons Care—in March 2023 they will be moving from the Digbeth site to St Catherine of Siena in the city centre where they have created 9 new emergency rooms, 10 new next-steps rooms and large community areas working in partnership with the local parish.

Wednesday 19 April 2023 12-2pm—welcome talk, tour and lunch

Sunday 23 April 2023 11am Mass led by Archbishop Bernard followed by refreshments

Tours and blessing of the new Tabor living facilities. ALL WELCOME

Vacancies at Mount Carmel First School

Lunchtime Supervisor required ASAP 12.10pm-1.15pm Monday-Friday (term time only) 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 @ olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk by 3pm Friday 3rd March

Grade 2 SEND Teaching Assistant required part time 16.15 hrs per week over 5 mornings. Term time only plus INSET days. Permanent. Please visit www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for an application form and consent for references form, both to be returned to Mrs R Kennedy at olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk Closing date Monday 20 March by 9am and Interview date Monday 27th March 2023

Your support is needed ...

The Birmingham Archdiocese is expressing solidarity with the Bishop and his two priests who have been imprisoned in Nicaragua for their faith. There are some Easter Cards & Postcards in the side porch (presbytery side) and parishioners are requested to sign them and hand in to the office or post through the presbytery letterbox. These will then be sent to the Ministry of Justice in Nicaragua to show our support for the Bishop and his priests.

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

*Saturday 25th March at the Rocklands Social Club
B97 4LN present an Irish Night with the Hurling
Boys 6.30pm, £5 on the door—shared table and if you can
take a raffle prize.*

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig &
Mrs Linda Gordon email: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com

