



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2005 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C** 6TH MARCH 2022

Readings Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 90 Romans 10:8-13 Gospel Luke 4:39-45

REFLECTION FOR TODAY ...

St Luke recounts that after receiving Baptism from John, 'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil'. There is a clear insistence on the fact that the temptations were not just an incident on the way, but rather the consequence of Jesus' decision to carry out the mission entrusted to him by the Father: to live, to the very end, his reality as the beloved son who trusts totally in him. Christ came into the world to set us free from sin and from the ambiguous fascination of planning our life while leaving God out. He did not do so with loud proclamations but rather by fighting the tempter himself, until the Cross. This example applies to everyone: the world is improved by starting with oneself, changing, with God's grace, everything in one's life that is not going well. (Pope Benedict XVI)



PRAYER FOR PEACE

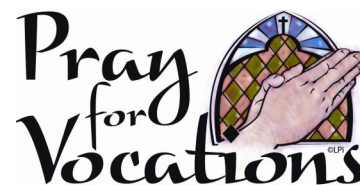
O God, from whom are holy desires, right counsels and just deeds, give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that we may serve you with our whole hearts, and live quiet lives under your protection, free from the fear of our enemies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for the people of Ukraine

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK *Psalter Week 1 of Lent*

Saturday	5pm	Fr Bob Wright (a)
<i>Hadzor</i>	5pm	John Williams
Sunday	8.15am	Michael & Winifred Conboy 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish
	6pm	Mary Bak (b'day a) & Ints of Maureen & David Stubbings 50th Wedd A (live-streamed)
<i>Alvechurch</i>	9.45am	Redditch Catenians Mass for Vocations
<i>Feckenham</i>	10.15am	Mary Morton (a)
Monday	9.30am	Mary Brauders
<i>STM School</i>	9.10am	School Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Fr Bob Wright (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	Christopher & Jenny McNamee
	12 noon	Funeral Mass Michael Carn
Thursday	9.30am	Teresa Gregory
	7pm	Tom, Peggy & John McGillen
<i>STA School</i>	10 am	School Mass
Friday	9.30am	Peter Morney
	6pm	Keralan Stations of the Cross
<i>STB School</i>	2pm	School Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Anne Curry
	5pm	Mary & Thomas Butler
<i>Hadzor</i>	5pm	People of the Parish

COFFEE MORNING after Mass at St Mary's, Alvechurch this Sunday



CONFESSION

Saturdays 10am—11am
or by appointment

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 13TH MARCH 2022

Sunday	8.15am	Frank & Margaret Ginty 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ann Pollard & Ints of Summa Juwah (b'day)
	6pm	Brendan (Bennie) McGilloway (a) (live-streamed)
<i>Alvechurch</i>	9.45am	Bridie O'Boyle
<i>Feckenham</i>	10.15am	Bernadette & Barry Rugen (a)

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 ...

Your prayers are asked for **MICHAEL CARN** Funeral Mass 12 noon Wednesday 9th March, **DARYL BARBER** Funeral Service 3.30pm Wednesday 9th March at the Abbey Chapel, **ANNE HAVAS** Funeral Service 12.30pm Wednesday 16th March at the Abbey Chapel, **JAMES CUMMINS** Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 17th March, **PAULINE SAUNDERS** Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 28th March at the Abbey Chapel. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the Sick ...

Your prayers are asked for **BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, MARGARET GERAGHTY, MARY LYNCH, DESMOND WARD, PAULINE CLARKE, ASHLEY MOONEY, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, EILEEN GIBBON, JONATHAN CALDICOTT, ANNIE COX, MEYE JOSEPH (Fr Cornelius' Father), JOHN HEATLEY (father of parishioner) BRIDIE MCCONNELL**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (B'DAY A)** Next week in loving memory of **JAN & CHRIS SREBNIAK (B'DAY A)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **DEREK BARRATT** Next week in loving memory of **EDDIE & MICHAEL PURCELL**

Saints for the Week...

Monday Saints Perpetua and 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 newborn son. They were thrown to the 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.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

(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 1426 she became their superior.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges : We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th March 2022 Counting Team 4

Liz Hanley, Peter & Judith Reynolds

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Mondays after 9.30am Mass

Rosary, Divine Mercy

All Welcome

Parish Diary for the week

Monday 7pm Choir practice

Wednesday 6pm FHC Class

Thursday 7.30pm JIF

St Augustine's School and Laudato Si Group

On Wednesday 16 February, 10 students from Yrs 9,11 & 12 joined 3 members of the Mount Carmel Laudato Si group to start creating a Chaplaincy Garden. Between us all we planted approximately 30 trees, including silver birch, rowan and wild cherry, Susan showed the students how to plant trees using the slip method. Students used our extensive grounds to find items for our bug houses that we are making including bark, moss, twigs, leaves etc. Our Memorial Garden was given a spruce up including using fresh horse manure and bulbs were planted, kindly donated by Tesco & Asda. Mark, our Site Manager, put together our raised beds which are made out of recycled plastic and we filled them with top soil kindly donated by Redditch Skip Hire. We will be planting vegetables, flowers and herbs over the coming months. We are looking forward to reaping the rewards of our hard work. At break time, students, Jim, Anika & Susan enjoyed homemade cakes and chatting and learning from each other. It was a pleasant morning and we look forward to working with the Laudato Si group in the future.

Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February—6th March

The CAFOD group is promoting this around the parish with a sale of Traidcraft items, (all below catalogue prices) at each Mass centre. This Sunday it will be at Alvechurch.

CAFOD's Walk against Hunger Lenten Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To talk part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support families around the world with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Listen to Lombeh's story this weekend in the short talk at the end of Mass. Your generosity this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and malnutrition. The **second collection next Sunday** will be for CAFOD, **please only use the CAFOD envelopes if you can Gift Aid your donation**, or you can donate by visiting the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/lent

Right to Life Prayer to the week

We pray for Peers in Parliament as they are faced with increased pressure to make at-home abortions permanent; that they would have the strength to resist these pressures, and instead prioritise the safety and wellbeing of women, and the lives of unborn babies, by ending this dangerous policy. Lord hear us.

VOLUNTEERS needed ...

Help is needed for cleaning the church, at the moment we have only one team thanks to the Keralan community. It would ease the pressure on them if we could form another team or two. If you feel this is something you could help with please contact the parish office on 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

If there are any pupils in Year 7 and upwards attending non-Catholic schools who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please contact Fr Jason or the parish office.

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

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



A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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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.

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