



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2200 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 6TH APRIL 2025**

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 125 Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel John Luke 15:1-3 Psalter Wk 4

Reflection for the weekend

We have reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which the liturgy this year presents to us the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves an adulterous woman condemned to death. St John the Evangelist highlights one detail: while his accusers are insistently interrogating him, Jesus bends down and starts writing with his finger on the ground. St Augustine notes that this gesture portrays Christ as the divine legislator: in fact, God wrote the law with his finger on tablets of stone. Thus Jesus is the Legislator, he is Justice in person. And what is his sentence? 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens consciences to a greater justice, that of love, in which consists the fulfilment of every precept. Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 6th April 2025

Saturday	5pm	Pattie Coombes (10th A) & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Thanksgiving 50th Wedd Anniv 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am David Thomas Hopkins
	6pm	In Thanksgiving (b'day) (Trono-Reyes Family) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Vincent Walsh & Celine Philip (a)
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Adam Bobowski (a) & Michael Purcell (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	Robert Stack (a) & Chacko Ooroth (1st A)
Thursday	1.15pm	Funeral Mass Bernard Chadwick
	6pm	Jubilee Year Holy Hour with Benediction
	7pm	Ints of Zaynoon
Friday	9.30am	Ints of Reji (50th B'day)
	7pm	Latin Mass Hasan Ahmed
Saturday	9.30am	Paddy Jo & Bridie McInerney
	5pm	Paily Ouseph (a) & Davis Mathew (a)



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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 10am-11am
or by appointment
Please note there will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday

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

Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Stan & Stasia Duraj 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Luke Chamberlain & People of the Parish
	6pm	Brendan Geraghty (a) (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, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, JANE ELLIOTT, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **BERNARD CHADWICK Funeral Mass 1.15pm Thursday 10th April, CASIMIRO 'VITO' CITO FELLINO Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 15th April**



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **PADDY JOE LIZABETH LOBODA**

Next week in loving memory of **THOMAS & BRIDIE MEAGHER**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (B'DAY A)**

Next week in loving memory of **ADAM BOBOWSKI (A)**

Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes

For those of you who use the Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes, the new boxes are in the Sacristy. Please take yours home with you. There is a list with them, please tick off your name and take the box with the **same number as by your name**. Thank you

Masses & Services for the Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday
Keralan Service 3pm
Mass of the Last Supper 7pm

Good Friday
Keralan Service 11am
Liturgy of the Cross 3pm

Confessions after the Liturgy of the Cross
Stations of the Cross 7pm

Easter Vigil 8pm
Keralan Mass 11pm
Easter Sunday
8.15am, 11.15am & 6pm

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

Monday Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

(1651-1719) St John was born in Rheims, France. He was known as the Father of Modern Pedagogy. He opened free schools for the poor children, introducing new teaching methods. He organised the congregation called the Brothers of Christian Schools, which made great contributions to popular education.

Friday Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

(1030-1079) St Stanislaus was the Bishop of Krakow, Poland. A champion of the liberty of the Church and of the dignity of man, he defended the lonely and the poor. When he reproached King Boleslaw II for his immoral life, the king himself killed him whilst St Stanislaus was celebrating Holy Mass. Devotion to St Stanislaus grew at once, and he was canonised in 1253. He is the Patron Saint of Poland.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	29/30 March 2025
1st Collection	£498.07
2nd Collection	£246.63 (Parish Hall)
Attendance	467

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON
SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

Fairtrade Sale after all Masses this weekend

After all Masses this weekend in St Joseph's Chapel at the back of church. Please support this way of helping community producers. On sale are : toiletries, foodstuffs, Easter Eggs and other chocolate goodies. Cash only please.

Seniors Next Meeting

1pm Thursday 10th April
Shared Table in the Parish Hall

Foodbank—Thank you for your generous donations to the foodbank this week, which resulted in 9 kilo being taken for distribution to those in need. During Lent, almsgiving, along with prayer and fasting, is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice. Approximately 735 million people worldwide face hunger on a daily basis, 2.4 billion people face food insecurity meaning they lack access to enough safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and an active and healthy life.

March for Life UK Prayer Vigil

Join the Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on Sunday 27th April. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection with speeches from Christian leaders as we recall the lives lost and wounded from the legalisation of abortion. No need to bring posters of candles. For more information to marchforlife.co.uk

Holy Hour—The responses to the recent parish Jubilee Year questionnaire included having a Holy Hour on the theme of Forgiveness. This will take place at **6pm on Thursday 10 April 2025**, followed by Mass at 7pm. It will include Benediction, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, readings, reflections and closing prayers. This Lenten Holy Hour is a parish event to which all are welcome. It is a tangible way of prayerfully celebrating the Jubilee Year and focusing on the meaning of Forgiveness in our lives.

Please vote against the Assisted Dying Bill at Third Reading.

There are cards in church for you to sign and send to your MP at the House of Commons. Please take one home after Mass.

Oscott College— the Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's museum, and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter, as well as early access to the annual 'Oscottian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.

'We believe Festival of Catholic Life' 25-28 July at Oscott College

A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees and many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com/tickets.

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.
Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

Pray
for
Vocations



Jubilee Year 2025 Feckenham Flower Festival Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May Refreshments & BBQ

If you can help in any way, please contact the parish office 01527 63096 or email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

in aid of Mount Carmel Parish

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help

CTS New Daily Missal— Available 30 April 2025

Contains complete Sunday & Daily cycles in a single volume

Cost £69.99 or Daily Missal (weekdays) £55.00

If you would like a copy of this, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or email : office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Will definitely be placing our order on Monday.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL WHO USE THE PARISH HALL

When you leave, please make sure all lights are switched off, toilets flushed and the hall is left in a clean and tidy state Thank you

