



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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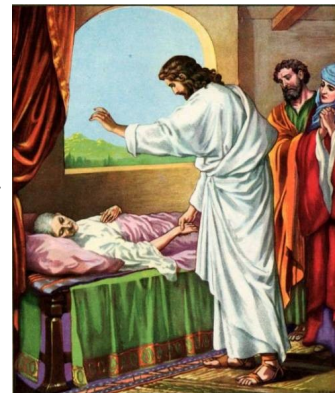
NEWSLETTER 1954 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B** 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

Readings Job 7:1-4 Psalm 146 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Reflection for this weekend

The Book of Job is an attempt, written possibly between 600 & 450 B.C., to deal both rationally and religiously with the problem of evil, posed in its most acute form: 'Why does a good God allow his faithful servants to suffer?'

Even the brief picture provided by today's short reading hardly encourages us to think of Job as a model of religious patience. The point which the author appears to be making is that suffering is a genuine and terrible reality in the life of man, and that it strikes without regard for the moral probity of its victims. The bitterness of Job's words stands in marked contrast with the easy-going optimism of those who, with neither compassion nor comprehension, airily moralise on the problem of evil. This is the attitude personified in Job by his three 'comforting' friends. The whole book is a vivid, powerful and moving statement of this agonising question. It offers, in the end, no solution but concludes with a renewal of commitment to the God to whose hands alone we can trust our ultimate destiny.



WE WISH FR JASON A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR NEXT SATURDAY!!

FUNERALS

Due to stricter Covid instructions from the Diocese, all future Funerals will take place either at the Crematorium or Cemetery until the Covid situation changes. Mass will be offered privately for the deceased on the day of the funeral.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Remember always leave at least one-metre distance if you are wearing a mask and two metres if you are not. In church please follow the guidance of our Stewards. After Mass, go home immediately, please do not mingle in the car park.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

Saturday	5pm	Michael & Catherine Conlon
Sunday	8.15am	Gerry Bree
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Anna Rose Sedgwick (a)
	6pm	Gerry McWilliams
	4.30pm	Live-streamed Mass : People of the Parish
Monday	11am	Funeral Mass Joan Smith
Tuesday	11am	Sally Baker (a)
	12 noon	Funeral Service Tracey Miles
Wednesday	11am	Nora & Clifford Jones
Thursday	11am	Caroline Jones
	1.30pm	Funeral Mass Sarah Walsh
	5pm	Reception of Body Bill Wilson (only six people can attend)
Friday	11am	Funeral Mass Bill Wilson
Saturday	11am	Eddie McKenna

*Mass Intentions to be said privately by the clergy during this coming week
Robina Guy, Joyce Farrington, Maureen Reavey,
Clifford Ojukwu, Tom & Peggy McGillen, Ints of
Mary Cummings, Wallace Maud & Mary Huffer*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Saturday	5pm	John & Elizabeth Morrissey
Sunday	8.15am	Ena Edes
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Dec'd Hallahan & Connolly Families
	6pm	Jessica Peplow
	4.30pm	Live-streamed Mass : People of the Parish

Mount Carmel Live Streamed Mass Sundays at 4.30pm (Church is closed for this 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 **JOAN SMITH** Funeral Mass 11am Monday 8th February, **TRACEY MILES** Funeral Service 12 noon Tuesday 9th February in church, **SARAH WALSH** Funeral Mass 1.30pm Thursday 11th February, **BILL WILSON** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 11th February, Funeral Mass 11.15am Friday 12th February, **KENNETH DANCE** Funeral Service 11am Friday 12th February at the Abbey Chapel, **WANDA MACHNIK** Funeral Service 11.45am Tuesday 16th February at the Abbey Chapel, **GEORGE MILNE KERR** Funeral Service 2.45pm Wednesday 17th February at the Abbey Chapel, **ROBERT 'BOB' TYRELL** Funeral Service 10.15am Thursday 18th February at the Abbey Chapel, **RAE JAMES** Funeral Service 11.45am Wednesday 24th February at the Abbey Chapel, **HENRYK & IRENA KWIATKOWSKI** Funeral service 12.30pm Tuesday 9th March in the Abbey Chapel followed by burial.

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* **BRIAN DIXON, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH, MARY WITHERS, KEN MCARDLE, BERNARD BYRNE, CAROLINE HOLLAND, FATHER KEVIN ALBAN, O.CARM, MICHAEL RUSSELL, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CLIVE MCCOLGAN, CHRISTINE MORRISSEY, JOHN MORRISSEY**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **MARY & JAMES CUMMINS ...**

Next week in loving memory of **ALICE & ALAN GOURLEY (ANNIVERSARY)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **CLIVE MCCOLGAN**

Next week for the intentions of the **DURKAN FAMILY**

Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley with regard to the recent court case concerning a priest of our diocese is available to read on the Parish Website.

Saints for the Week ...

Monday **Saint Jerome Emiliani** *or of* **Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking

(1486-1537) St Jerome was born in Venice and converted to Christianity after a rather dissolute youth. Serving as a soldier, he was taken captive but attributed his liberation to the intercession of Our Lady. Henceforth he dedicated himself to the service of the poor, the sick and abandoned children. He founded a congregation (Somaschi) which looked after the education of children, especially orphans. He died of the plague while serving the afflicted. St Josephine Bakhita was born in the Darfur region of Sudan and spent much of her early life as a slave. She eventually settled in Italy, where she converted to Christianity and entered the Canossian Daughters of Charity at Schio, near Vicenza. Serving quietly as the community's portress, cook and sacristan, she gained a reputation for exceptional piety and holiness.

Wednesday **Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

(480-547) St Scholastica was the twin sister of St Benedict. Following the rule of her brother, she founded the Order of Benedictine nuns. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove.

Thursday **Our Lady of Lourdes**

World Day for the Sick

This day marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen year old Marie Bernarde (St Bernadette) Soubious. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on the 16th July 1858. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity.

Saturday **Our Lady on Saturday**

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Violence against Women : We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Right to Life Prayer for the week

'We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us'

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER WALL

St Augustine's Catholic High School are making a MAC prayer wall in their chapel and would like to ask parishioners to send in any prayer intentions they would like to be added to it. Please email masona@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk with any intentions you would like put on the wall and we will pray for them each week in school.

Homilies by Fr Francis Maple OFM Cap

Fr Francis Maple has written a selection of homilies called FOOD FOR THE SOUL : Year B—Part 1. Many of you may remember him from when he gave a Retreat here at Mount Carmel prior to the Consecration of the Church.

The link is https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08L5XVT6V/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_ADgLFbWGHEDAX

CAFOD's Walk for Water Lenten Challenge

There is still time to dust off the walking boots and sign up to the challenge of walking 10.000 steps each day of Lent to raise funds for CAFOD's Walk for Water. You can also join other parishes by taking part in the BIG walk for water on 20th February. If possible at 2pm when Catholics **around the country will be walking** in solidarity with Abdella and each other. If you feel that you can not achieve 10,000 steps on your own, form virtual walking buddies and combine your steps, just add extra steps to your normal routine to reach the 10.000 target. Money raised will help to provide funds so that the issue of water scarcity can be addressed. Remember Abdella in your prayers as he continues his 10 hour walk each day to collect water for the family, his story can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/usdO1bDFRY> Sign up at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk> this allows you to register via the Just Giving website. However if you do not want to use this website an alternative is to create your own fund raising page at <https://celebration.cafod.org.uk> Together we can make a difference.

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If you are housebound, or shielding and unable to go out, would you like to receive the Parish Newsletter via email? If so, please contact the parish office either by email (office@mtcarmel.co.uk) or phone (01527 63096) and a copy will be emailed to you on a Friday afternoon.

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

Room to let

A parishioner has a spacious room to let in Redditch, anyone who is interested and wishes more information, please contact Julie on 07775 600 598.

Parish Diaries 2021—£1 each available from church porches, please place money in Offertory Baskets. Thank you.

Guild of Saint Stephen Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

Altar Servers you are invited to be part of the celebration which will be livestreamed on Saturday 6th March 2021 at 10am in St Chad's Cathedral. Join in on line to renew your promises with Bishop William Kenney. Send in a photo, holding your Guild Medal to office@vocations.org.uk (By sending your photo, you consent to the Diocesan Vocations Office using your image to create a montage photo (in place of the official photo taken at the Annual Guild Mass))

Join our Jan. 20 planning call for Sacred People, Sacred Earth, the global, multi-faith day of action on March 11.

As you know, speaking out is only the first step toward a compassionate and just future.

That's why, all around the world, the GreenFaith community and allies are organizing a bold grassroots day of climate action. United even in the midst of a pandemic, we'll demonstrate that people of diverse religions want an end to new fossil fuel infrastructure and deforestation, 100% renewable energy for absolutely everyone, and green jobs to fuel a just and sustainable COVID recovery.

These are commitments that an equitable, sustainable future absolutely requires. But they will not happen without much stronger climate leadership by religious communities.

Sacred People, Sacred Earth, on March 11, is the beginning of that new level of religious leadership. **It starts with you.**

On Jan. 20, GreenFaith community members are coming together to build momentum toward hundreds of grassroots actions on March 11. [Join us to plan this coordinated global multi-faith action.](#)

Your local leadership will help make a just future real.

As Dr. King said, **"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle."**

Together, let's spur each other on to compassionate, loving, and just action for the sake of people and planet

<http://greenfaith.org/>