



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2196 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 9TH MARCH 2025**

Readings : Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 90 Romans 10:8-13 Gospel Luke 4:1-13 Psalter Wk 1

Reflection for the weekend

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



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 9th March 2025

Saturday	5pm	Mary & Thomas Butler
Sunday	8.15am	Percy & Madge Holder
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Michael & Winifred Conboy
	6pm	Carol Mount & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Phyllis McGeown
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Julie Purcell
Wednesday	9.30am	Tony Gregory
Thursday	7pm	Ints of Somma Juwah (b'day)
Friday	9.30am	Ints of Emilia, Emmanuel & Holy Souls
STB School	2pm	Adoration (Class 7SEV)
Saturday	9.30am	Paddy, Jo & Bridie McInerney
	5pm	Thyl Gheyselink

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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 10am-11am
or by appointment

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

Second Sunday of Lent 16th March 2025

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Emilia, Emmanuel & Holy Souls
	6pm	In Thanksgiving (b'day) (Trono-Reyes Family) (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, HEATHER SMITH, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, BILL BARBER, JANE ELLIOTT, DES CHILTON, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ROGER ALLCOCK** Reception into church, 5pm Thursday 3rd April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 4th April followed by burial at Hadzor, **JANINA ZAGWOJSKA** Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 14th March,



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **FR TONY (75TH BIRTHDAY)**

Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY**



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 **JOHN BEARD**

PARISH OPEN FUNDRAISING MEETING
6pm Tuesday 18 March in Parish Hall
to discuss fundraising for the coming year
New ideas always welcome

CAFOD FAMILY FAST

This weekend members of the CAFOD group will be giving the short talk at the end of all Masses. **Family Fast Day is Friday 14th March** and there are Family Fast Day envelopes available in church to use if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. If you do not wish to Gift Aid, the Second Collection next weekend (15th/16th March) will be for CAFOD or you can donate on line by visiting cafod.org.uk/envelope

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for March—for families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope—Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that completed and returned the Jubilee 2025 Questionnaire which are now being looked at to identify potential activities to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the year. We have lots of ideas and suggestions to consider if you would like to help with the planning of activities please come to our next meeting in the parish hall at **11am Friday 21 March**, everyone most welcome. If you were unable to complete the questionnaire by the deadline, you can still let us know your thoughts by emailing the Cafod/Laudato Si group at : laudatesiolmc@proton.me

Fairtrade Sale weekend of 5/6 April

Once again this will feature the Real Easter Egg. The only chocolate egg which includes the real story of Easter. There will be some on sale but the only way to secure one is to order in advance. They are not available in supermarkets. Milk chocolate £6.20, dark £7.50. If you wish to order one or more for collection on weekend of 5/6th April please email the CAFOD group on : laudatesiolmc@proton.me. Orders must be received by Sunday 23 March.

Redditch Foodbank

During Lent we focus on Prayer, abstinence, fasting and almsgiving. Consider giving regularly your Redditch Foodbank basket in the main porch as part of almsgiving.

Cafod's Big Lent Walk

This annual fundraiser for CAFOD is needed more than ever this year. So please join in, individually, as a group or a family. The aim is to be sponsored to walk up to 200 km (120 miles) during the 40 days of Lent. That is just 3 miles per day. Find out more at <http://walk.cafod.org.uk/> or use this link : [The Big Lent Walk 2025](#)

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 1/2 March 2025

1st Collection £643.43

2nd Collection £273.08(Cathedral Maintenance)

Attendance 511

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Justice & Peace Forum on Debt Justice— Tuesday 11 March, 7pm on Zoom

Andrea Speranza CAFOD Campaigns Engagement Manager will talk about CAFOD's Campaign for Debt Justice in this Jubilee Year, lead discussion and answer questions. Please follow link to book onto this form:
<https://bit.ly/JandPForum2025>

Churches Together in Redditch Worship Together— 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

Trinity Sunday after 15th June at 3.30pm in the Ecumenical Centre (adjoining the Kingfisher Centre).

Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Redditch (Methodist & United Reformed)

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to attend their meeting on Saturday 15th March at The Bridge Church Community Centre, Headless Cross. The meeting starts at 11am and will include a talk on Carmelite Prayer by Jane Yeomans, as well as Lectio Divina (meditation based on Scripture), as well as a shared meal and fellowship. All welcome to all or part of the meeting.

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via mail? If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or by email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

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, they can be contacted at: safeguarding@olmc@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 7 J Alen J Paul J Devassy P Joseph

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 8 G Antony J Chacko M Gonsalves
M Johnson

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 20th March
in the Parish Hall

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

Volunteers urgently needed for the following:
Cleaning SS John Fisher & Thomas More Church,
Flower Arrangers, BBQ
Refreshments (approx. 10 people for teas)
If you can help with any of the above, please
contact the parish office 01527 63096 or email:
office@mtcarmel.co.uk
in aid of Mount Carmel Parish



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



Our Lady
of Mount Carmel
pray for us

JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

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SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU**