



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1928 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)** 9TH AUGUST 2020

Readings 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Psalm 84 Romans 9:1-5 Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Reflection I

Thomas Merton once said: 'Contemplation is essentially a listening in silence.' As the prophet Elijah discovered in his cave on the mountain, God is not in the wind or the earthquake or in the fire but in the silence of a gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:11-13). Or, as Meister Eckhart would have it, 'Nothing is more like God than silence.'

We do not know how Jesus prayed and meditated when he went off to a desert or place of solitude. What we do know is that his behaviour points to an inner life of perfect calm and tranquillity. He showed no sign of emotional restlessness or uncontrollable feelings and thoughts. He was at peace with himself—and with God and the world. Anything that would help us, even partially, to find such calm and tranquillity would be a valuable contribution toward living as he did.



Coming to Mass

Face Coverings: It is mandatory that **FACE COVERINGS ARE WORN THROUGHOUT MASS** please bring your own face covering with you.

Mass Intentions

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Saturday	5pm	Intentions of Mary Withers, People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Carol Walker 11.15am Gerard Porter (b'day a), 6pm Greg Parchello
Monday	11am	James & Theresa Evans (a)
Tuesday		<i>Clergy only</i> Brother John O'Driscoll (b'day a)
Wednesday	11am	Maggie Bennett, nee Gavin (a)
Thursday		<i>Clergy only</i> Fallen away family members
Friday	11am	Wojciech Slobodzian (b'day a)
Saturday	11am	Michael Young

Please note :

There will be no morning Mass on **Monday 17th August** at 11am as we have a funeral at 11.30am

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday	5pm	Colman Burke
Sunday	8.15am	Marie Ryan, 11.15am Deacon Doug Taylor (a), 6pm Pat Finn

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the **HARDCASTLE & EVANS FAMILIES**

Next week in loving memory of **ANNIE SMITH (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the **HARDCASTLE & EVANS FAMILIES**

Next week for the intentions of **JACK ALLEN**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JOYCE 'ANNIE' SHIELDS** Funeral Mass Monday 17th August at 11.30am, **DENNIS MENEZES** father of Fr Timothy. 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 **GERRY BREE, BRIAN DIXON, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH, MARY WITHERS, KEN MCARDLE, BERNARD & JANET BYRNE**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August

The Maritime World—We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

More Volunteers required for Stewarding and Cleaning before and after Mass

Stewards and Cleaners are required for all the Masses, Funerals and Baptisms, if you feel this is something you could volunteer to help with, please contact Maggie Barratt at the parish office, on 01527 63096 or email finance@mtcarmel.co.uk Thank you.

Baptisms

If you attended a baptism course recently and your child's baptism was cancelled due to Covid 19, you can now rebook a baptism by contacting the parish office on 01527 63096 bearing in mind that only one Baptism can take place at any time and a maximum of 30 guests can attend. Also as at the moment the Baptism Course is not taking place, if you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the parish office.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

On Saturday 15th August at 11am they will have a zoom gathering to pray with Lectio Divina. Anyone is welcome to join them. Please contact Susan Porter by email if you wish to join in : ingeva@btinternet.com

NOVENA FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 8TH—16TH AUGUST

Loving God,

You have revealed the beauty of your power by exalting the lowly maiden of Nazareth and making her the Mother of Our Saviour. May the prayers of this woman, clothed with the sun and with the moon beneath her feet, bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the hearts of all with the presence of her Child, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

ECUMENICAL CREATION CELEBRATION/PICNIC - Sunday 6 September at 3.00pm

In the spirit of Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si' the CAFOD group wish to invite you to this outdoor event in a private garden. There will be a celebratory liturgy followed by picnic. Please bring your own chairs/picnic mat and refreshments. Due to Covid 19 restrictions numbers will be strictly limited, so please apply in advance by phone 07789 741900/01527 872300 or email ingeva@btinternet.com

Saints for the Week ...

Monday **Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr**

(Third century) St Lawrence was a Roman deacon. He died four days after Pope Sixtus II, during the persecution of Valerian. Arrested by the prefect and called on to deliver up the property of the church, his answer was to point to a crowd of poor people. 'Here are the true treasures of the Church,' he said. He was roasted to death on the gridiron.

Tuesday **Saint Clare, Virgin**

(1193-1253) She imitated Saint Francis of Assisi in the virtue of poverty and was remarkable for her penitent life. She founded the Order of Poor Clares.

Wednesday **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

(1572-1641) St Jane Chantal was born in Dijon, France. She was happily married and had four children. Her husband was killed in a hunting accident. Nine years later with the help of her spiritual director, St Francis de Sales, she founded the Order of the Visitation, which was dedicated to the works of Charity among the sick and the poor.

Thursday **Blessed William Freeman, Priest, Martyr (Warwickshire & Worcestershire) or of Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**

Blessed William Freeman was born in Yorkshire. He was ordained a priest at Rheims in the year 1589. He worked secretly as a priest for six years in Worcestershire and Warwickshire. He was martyred at Warwick on this day in 1595.

(Third century) St Pontian became Pope in 231. St Pontian and St Hippolytus were exiled to Sardinia in 235, where St Pontian abdicated the papacy. They suffered martyrdom under Emperor Maximus Thrax.

Friday **Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr**

(1894-1941) St Maximilian Mary Kolbe was born in Poland. He consecrated himself to the Lord in the Franciscan Order. Filled with the love for the Virgin Mary, he founded the Militia of the Immaculate Mary, and with preaching and writing, undertook an immense apostolic mission in Europe and Asia. Interned in Auschwitz during the Second World War, he offered himself in exchange for the father of a large family who was to be executed. He died of hunger in the concentration camp. St John Paul II proclaimed him the patron of Our suffering Century. His life reminds us of the many problems of our time: hunger, peace, reconciliation among men, and the need to give meaning to life.

Saturday **Our Lady on Saturday**

Mass Intentions ...

Due to Covid 19 and the lockdown, your clergy are now running very low on Mass Intentions and are at the moment relying on the Galton Trust Masses. If you would like to book a Mass you can phone the parish office on 01527 63096 and arrange it, put your stipend in an envelope and post it through the letterbox or you can call at the parish office as before (social distancing restrictions etc are in place) where someone will be able to help you.

Collections and Donations

If you prefer not to use the donate button on the home page of the diocesan website, www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk, cheques made out to Mount Carmel Church, GA envelopes or Cash can be dropped into the Collection baskets after Mass, or into the Presbytery, the Parish Office or through the letterbox. Thank you all for your continued support.

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

