



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2201 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 13TH APRIL 2025**

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21 Philipians 2:6-11 Gospel John Luke 22:14-23 :56 Psalter Wk 2

Reflection for the weekend

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 13th April 2025

Saturday	5pm	Paily Ouseph (a) & Davis Mathew (a)
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)
Monday	5pm	Stations of the Cross
	6pm	With gratitude to Our Lady
Tuesday	9.30am	Michael Walsh
	11am	Funeral Mass Vito Fellino
Wednesday	9.30am	Deacon Doug Taylor (b'day a) & Michelle Kirby (a)
	10am	Stations of the Cross

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday	3pm	Keralan Service
		Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of Feet
	7pm	Liam Boyd (a)
		Watching at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday	11am	Keralan Service
	3pm	Liturgy of the Cross—Day of Abstinence & Fasting
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday		Easter Vigil
	8pm	Conway Brewster (a) & Pat Reardon (a)
	11pm	Keralan Mass

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord 20th April 2025

Sunday	8.15am	John, Elizabeth & Chris Morrissey 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Geevar P Kott (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Sonny Whyte (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 **CASIMIRO VITO FELLINO Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 15th April**
DEIDRE McBRIDE Funeral Mass 1.30pm 2nd May



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **STAN & STASIA DURAJ**
Next week for the intentions of **REJI (BIRTHDAY)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **DEC'D DURAJ & SREBNIAC FAMILY**
Next week for the intentions of **REJI (BIRTHDAY)**

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

Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday
We need 12 male volunteers to have their feet washed—if you are willing to do this, please contact the parish office or Fr Jason. Thank you

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 10am-11am
or by appointment
After 3pm Liturgy of the Cross
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'

READERS for the Easter Triduum
If you are able to read on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or at the Easter Vigil, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Altar Servers Practices for Holy Week
Maundy Thursday 6.30pm
Good Friday 2.30pm
Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Jubilee Year 2025 Feckenham Flower Festival
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May
Meeting for all volunteers and anyone else who would like to help on TUESDAY 29 APRIL at 6pm in the Parish Hall
Also needed are four or five 3m x 3m Gazebos, if you can help with this please let the parish office know. Donations towards the cost of the flowers would be gratefully received and can be handed into the parish office.

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*

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 5/6 April 2025
1st Collection £508.21
2nd Collection £253.00 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 425

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON
SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

NO COUNTERS THIS WEEKEND, TRADITIONAL
EASTER OFFERINGS TO THE CLERGY

Pope's Prayer Intention for April—for the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

10am Service outside of Mount Carmel Church, walking to Walter Stranz Square, onto the Kingfisher Centre and concluding 12 noon at St Stephen's Church with light refreshments.

Good Friday Messy Church for families 10-12 noon at the Ecumenical Centre.

Cafod Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, Cafod is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Please give to Cafod's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/Myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

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

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 3rd May at 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass or scan the QR code to confirm your attendance by 13th April.

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 'Oscotian 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.welievefestival.com/tickets.



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

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 24th April
in the Parish Hall

HOLY WEEK & EASTER COLLECTIONS

MAUNDY THURSDAY : FOR THE PARISH
GOOD FRIDAY : HOLY PLACES
HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER SUNDAY
(TRADITIONAL OFFERINGS TO THE CLERGY)

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

1.30pm Saturday & Sunday there will be
a choir performing
Sunday 10.15am there will be Mass
celebrated by Fr Van

Easter Flowers

Donations towards the Easter Flowers
would be gratefully received—please
place in an envelope and hand in to the
parish office

PARISH TOILETS

During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it. **Please do not put paper towels or nappies in the toilet—thank you.**

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

