



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1933 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Readings Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7, Psalm 102, Romans 14:7-9, Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Reflection

Forgiveness is a very hard thing. 'Forgive and forget', we are told. If only we could forget, forgiveness would come easy. But the scars of old hurts fester on, refusing to heal. And our resentment grows each time we remember the rejection, the insult, the injury. Our resentment wells up again as if it was only yesterday. Bygones refuse to be bygones. The closer the friendship, the deeper the hurt. The only forgiveness we can muster, is usually reserved for strangers. Our lives are strewn with broken friendships. And all because we couldn't find it in ourselves to forgive. 'Shake hands and make up' we were told, when we fought as little boys in the school playground. That lesson seems to have disappeared with our schooldays. No wonder we ascribe forgiveness to God alone. 'To err is human, to forgive is divine.'



Coming to Mass

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

MORNING MASS

Please note As from **Monday 21st September** there will be Morning Mass **every** day at **11am** (Monday to Saturday). Sunday Masses remain as normal.

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS All Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms will take place in Mount Carmel Church

Mass Intentions

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Saturday	5pm	Jimmy & Maggie Evans (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Dr P C Varghese, 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Fr Dominic Round (a) 6pm Jason Fitzpatrick
Monday	11am	Christine Norton
Tuesday	11am	FUNERAL MASS Mary Morisy <i>Clergy only</i> Intentions of Ivan Parke. Intentions of Anne Curry (B'day)
Wednesday	11am	John & Anna Karbi
Thursday		<i>Clergy only</i> Agnes Hastings
Friday	11am	Derek Skinner
Saturday	11am	Bill Norton

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Saturday	5pm	Dec'd Cornyn & Darcy Families
Sunday	8.15am	Bridget Wynne, 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Maggie Gavin (a) & Peter Gavin, 6pm George, Valerie, Paddy & Peter Higgins

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **MARY MORISY (MORRISSEY)** Funeral Mass Tuesday 15th September at 11am, **HILARY POWELL (HADZOR)** Funeral Service 2pm Friday 18th September at The Vale Crematorium, **CHRISTOPHER RYDON** Funeral Service 11am Tuesday 22nd September at the Abbey Chapel, **PETER CORNYN** in Ireland, brother of parishioner, **SANDRA MANOGUE** 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 BYRNE**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DURR FAMILY**
Next week for the **SEASON OF CREATION**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the **SEASON OF CREATION**
Next week is **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2021

This will commence in January next year. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or if you would like to know more about the Faith, please contact one of the priests or the parish office on 01527 63096.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN IN THIS YEAR'S PARISH CLASS

Classes have now resumed—next one **Wednesday 16th September at 6pm**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY IN MOUNT CARMEL

We have provisionally booked two dates—**11am Saturday 26th September/11am Saturday 3rd October**

NB this would be for immediate family only attending.



Forthcoming Ordinations

On Sunday 12 September Reverend Clive Dytor & Reverend Alex Taylor will be ordained and on Sunday 20 September Reverend Sean Gough and Reverend Benedict Skipper will be ordained in St Chad's Cathedral at 3pm. Although the Masses will be closed to all but family, both ordinations can be watched via the Cathedral's Live Stream. Many of you will remember Benedict Skipper from when he was on placement here in 2017/2018 from Oscott College.

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

Next meeting by zoom at 11am next Saturday 19th September. As usual they will be praying the Lectio Divina but there will also be some input from John Berry TOC, who will be speaking on 'Contemplation and the Carmelite Charism'. All are welcome, please contact Susan Porter by email on ingeva@btinternet.com or mobile 07789 741900 who will send out the link the day before.

SEASON OF CREATION 1st September—4th October

Much has happened since the last Season of Creation—we have had the Synod on the Amazon and Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation 'Querida Amazona' following the Synod. It is worth studying. Pope Francis has also declared a special Year of Laudato Si, from 24 May 2020 to 24 May 2021. The United Nations talks on Climate, COP26, have been postponed until November 2021. Our country will still chair these proceedings. These will be the most significant talks since Paris 2015. The whole world has been in the grip of the pandemic caused by Covid 19. Some parts have coped in a better way than others but this pandemic has shone a spotlight on the inequalities which exist in our own country and its various communities and also the huge inequalities in the world between rich and poor. We hope you will use the Season of Creation to reflect, to pray, and to act, so that we do achieve that ecological conversion that the Holy Father calls us to. During the Season of Creation the Birmingham Justice & Peace Commission will host its annual Assembly on line.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no-one. O God of the poor, help us rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey upon it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

Saints for the Week ...

Monday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

(Third century) Pope Cornelius defended the faith against the Novatian heretics and, helped by St Cyprian, confirmed his authority. He died in exile.

St Cyprian was born in Carthage and became its bishop. He was a staunch defender of the faith and ecclesiastical discipline. He suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Valerian. Their names are included in the Roman Canon.

Thursday Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(1542–1621) St Robert Bellarmine was born at Montepulciano, Italy, and joined the Society of Jesus. He was later created a Cardinal and was briefly Archbishop of Capua, although his greatest legacy is as a theologian and controversialist, especially in defending the Church from its protestant critics. He was canonised only in 1930, and declared a Doctor of the Church the following year.

Anniversary of Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Sixth Archbishop of Birmingham 1987

Anniversary of Canon Peter McKenna (Assistant Priest at Mount Carmel) 2000

Friday Saint Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop, Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr, or of Our Lady on Saturday

St Theodore was born at Tarsus, Turkey, about 601. St Theodore died in Canterbury on this day in 690.

He was a monk in Italy who was not ordained priest until he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Pope Vitalian in 666 at the age of 65. He arrived in England in 669, and for the rest of his life reorganised and reformed the life of the Church throughout the country, holding visitations and synods, establishing new dioceses and a great school at Canterbury, and reconciling divisions between those of the Celtic and those of the Roman tradition. He is remembered for his scholarship and for his bringing unity and organisation to a divided church.

(Fourth century) St Januarius was bishop of Benevento, Italy. He died a martyr in Naples during the persecution of Diocletian. His dried blood contained in a phial liquefies several times each year.

Saturday Our Lady on Saturday

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