



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2248 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 15TH MARCH 2026**

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 94 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 Gospel John 4:5-42 (5-15,19-26,39-42) Psalter Wk 3

## Welcome to Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

This 4th Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare Sunday* - *Laetare* meaning 'rejoice.' This theme, along with the rose vestments that lighten the penitential purple mood, speak of the coming feast of the resurrection that draws ever closer. So today's Collect prays that 'with prompt devotion and eager faith we may hasten towards the solemn celebrations to come.'

Today is also known as **Mothering Sunday**, we pray for all those in our parish who are mothers, and for God's blessing on them and their families. We pray also for mothers - and fathers - for whom family life isn't easy, and for whom parenthood has provided its challenges! Of course, we also remember at the altar on this special day those of our mothers who have departed this life, that they may enjoy for ever the happiness and peace of the heavenly Jerusalem our mother!



Today's Gospel  
The healing of the blind man

### MAKING DONATIONS USING OUR CONTACTLESS DONA MACHINES

As we all know, in recent years there has been a huge reduction in the number of day-to-day cash payments in favour of bankcard payments. Many of us no longer routinely carry cash, so following the lead of other Parishes we have introduced an alternative option to make donations. You can continue to put cash into the collection bags if you prefer, but you will also now be able to make donations via the contactless Dona machines which are situated in the church porches. It is very simple to use. Thank you for your offerings.

I wish you a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead. Fr Long

### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 15th March 2026

<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Fr Tony Rohan (b'day a)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Dec'd Srebniak & Duraj Families
	<b>11.15am</b>	Pat Reardon (a) & (b'day a) & People of the Parish
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Baptism of Nuala Kember
	<b>6pm</b>	Allan Trahearn RIP & Dec'd Doherty & Dunne families ( <b>live-streamed</b> )
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass at STM School</b> Holy Souls
	<b>2pm</b>	Funeral Mass of Janet Hulse
	<b>5.30pm</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>6pm</b>	Ints of Eriin & Ebin & Tess Ellicott (b'day a)
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>9.30am</b>	Teresa Gregory RIP & John Whyte RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass at STA School</b> Holy souls
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Induction of Fr Long as Parish Priest of OLMC &amp; 12th Anniversary of his Ordination</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>9.30am</b>	Mary Webb RIP & Rosa Paily (a)
	<b>10am</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Adoration at STB School (Class 7LFR)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ned & Nora Morrissey RIP
	<b>10am</b>	Adoration & Confessions
<b>MASS INTENTIONS for the Fifth Sunday of Lent 22nd March 2026</b>		
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Mary & Thomas Butler (a) & Roger Allcock (a)
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Percy & Madge Holder RIP
	<b>11.15am</b>	Dick Doyle (a) & People of the Parish
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Baptism of Ozzy Andrew Harper, Connie Crum & Ellie Belcher
	<b>6pm</b>	Barbara & Marcin Nowak RIP ( <b>live-streamed</b> )

### For the Sick ...

Please pray for Brian Dixon, Caroline & Bob Holland, Eddie & Geraldine McGroarty, Delia Bree, Fr Michael White, Paul McConnell, Annie Cleary, Julian McRandal, Michael & Maria Yates, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Margaret Williams, Lexi Bradbury, Vilma Willis, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Gary Dallow, Pascale Breyne, Sheila Twist, Ellis Mitchell, Doris Flynn, Bernard Cannon, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Christine Morrissey

### For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JANET HULSE** Funeral Mass 2pm Monday 16th March. **ANN BLUNDELL** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 25th March, Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 26th March, **BILL REARDON** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 9th April, Funeral Mass 9.30am Friday 10th April

### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Pat Reardon (Anniversary & B'day Anniv)**

Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Michael & Winifred Conboy**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **Fr Long (12th Anniversary of Ordination)**

Next week lamp burns in loving memory of **Margaret Whyte**



### Pope's Prayer Intention for March—

**for disarmament and peace**—Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Penitential service will take place on Monday 30th March at 7pm. Some of our deanery priests will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. This is the best way to prepare for Easter, please make time for this.

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

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES AT MOUNT CARMEL

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available before all weekly Masses leading up to Holy week

### PALM SUNDAY—29TH MARCH

5.00pm (Vigil Mass)

8.15am, 11.15am, 6.00pm

### LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 30th March at 7.00pm

### MAUNDY THURSDAY—2ND APRIL

N.B. No Morning Mass

### 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

with watching until midnight  
Night prayer at 11.45pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY—3RD APRIL

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

### 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY—4TH APRIL

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

### 8.00pm EASTER VIGIL

### EASTER SUNDAY—5TH APRIL

8.15am, 11.15am and 6.00pm

### Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord



## Saints for the Week ....

### Tuesday Feast of Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland

(385-461) St Patrick was born into a Christian Romano-British family His first encounter with Ireland was as a slave after he was captured by raiders at the age of sixteen. After escaping, he studied in Gaul and was ordained a priest. Around 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop and succeeded in consolidating the faith in large parts of the country.

### Wednesday Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(c315-386) St Cyril was born near Jerusalem and for many years served as Patriarch of that holy city, although after disputes with Arian heretics, they had him exiled for seventeen years. He is mainly known for his 'Catecheses'. His instructions, which are still present, show conclusively that catholic doctrine is the same then as now. It was his catechetical instructions which led him to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

### Thursday

### Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Happy 12th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood Fr Long!



### Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	7th/8th March 2026
1st Collection	£771.05 + £224 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£305.98 + £15.00 (Dona) (Cathedral Maintenance)
	£30 (Dona) Parish Hall
Attendance	528

These figures do not include Standing Orders

**COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND**  
Team 4 A Jacob D Davis L Jacob S Jose  
**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
Team 5 A Paul A Robin J Joseph S Philip  
S Joseph



### Easter Fairtrade Sale after all Masses 21st/22nd March

It will include a varied range of goods which help those in need around the world. Such as toiletries and food items from Zaytoun including their olive oil which is used by the diocese for chrism oils; Refu juice and plenty of Easter Chocolate including the Real Easter Egg. Also, a selection of hand carved olive wood devotional items made by Mary, Joseph and Elias Glacaman in Bethlehem. **Cash only please.**

### CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Please join other parishioners on Saturday March 28th for a 3 mile walk around Arrow Valley Lake. Even if you haven't signed up for the Big Lent Walk [The Big Lent Walk 2026 (cafod.org.uk)], you can still join the parish walk, sponsored if possible, but if not your miles can be added to our parish total. Please meet outside the church at 2pm for a short, enjoyable, but meaningful stroll. With your effort and sponsorship this Lent, we can change families' lives for good.

**FOODBANK:** Our weekly donations continue to provide essential support to families and so far our donations during Lent have been an amazing 108kgs (in 3 donations). The following items are particularly in short supply: Long Life milk, tinned carrots, tinned sweetcorn and tinned meat. As we are approaching Easter they would appreciate gifts of Easter Eggs, so they can add something special for people. Once again they want to give us a very big **THANK YOU** for our continued support.

### Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner—Friday 24th April

Councillor Joanna Kane (parishioner), the Mayor of Redditch, is holding the Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner in aid of the Primrose Hospice on Friday 24th April 2026 at 7pm at the Abbey Hotel, Hithergreen Lane, Redditch B98 9BE. Dress code : black tie/smart wear. Tickets cost £45 per head. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Susie Lisle at [s.lisle@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:s.lisle@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk) by Tuesday 2nd April if you would like to attend.

### St Augustine's Catholic High School Choirathon 2026!

On Tuesday 30th June, the STA Choir will tour around St Peter's Church, Bromsgrove, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch and St Peter's Church, Crabbs Cross, performing for friends, family, members of the public and parishioners! Anticipated times are:-

\*St Peter's, Bromsgrove 6pm-6.30pm, \*Mount Carmel, Redditch 7pm-7.30pm, \*St Peter's, Crabbs Cross 8pm-8.30pm

Please put the date in your diaries and come and hear their fantastic choir sing!

### Men's Rosary in the City 2026—Saturday March 21st, 12 noon, Chamberlain Square by the fountain.

We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector defender and servant. For more information contact Ben on 07885 505116

**Prayer & Coffee Morning**  
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham  
10am Wednesday 18th March 2026  
Everyone welcome

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. Contact [sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

