



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2124 **28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 15TH OCTOBER 2023**

Readings : Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 22 Philipians 4:12-14,19-20 Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Reflection for this Sunday ...

God's call comes to us in many ways and at many different levels.

However, his call is not so much a voice as a tug at our hearts,

which we feel at quiet and reflective moments in our lives.

He is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life.

He is calling us into intimacy with himself.

He is calling us into community with others. And at death he will call us into eternal life.

To accept means to admit our need. Jesus said, 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. But blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.'

A sense of something missing in our lives is not a curse but a blessing.

A spiritual hunger is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

**"For many are called,
but few are chosen."**

Matthew 22:14

NEARLY NEW SALE
Saturday October 28th
in the Parish Hall

12 noon

Wanted nearly new clothes
& shoes in good

condition

(adults & children)

Bric a Brac

All proceeds to the

Parish Hall Fund

CLOTHES RAILS & COAT

HANGERS NEEDED

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Lou & Gladys Watson 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Peter Butler (a) & Ints of Anne Duffy (sick)
	6pm	N U Kunjachen (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	5pm	Reception of Body Maureen Stubbings
	6pm	Christopher McNamee (b'day a)
MC School	9am	Anne Curry
Tuesday	9.30am	Michael McElroy (CHF)
	11am	Funeral Mass Maureen Stubbings
Wednesday	9.30am	Joyce Mary Lander & Intentions of Josephine Norton
Thursday	11am	Funeral Mass Dorothy Kelly
	7pm	Intentions of Brigid Burke (Grace)
Friday	9.30am	Tony & Theresa Gregory
STA School	9.40am	Holy Souls
STB School	2.30pm	M E Connelly (Johnson Fund)
Saturday	9.30am	Josie Mander
	5pm	John Morrissey (b'day a)

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday October 19th

Thursday November 2nd

Thursday November 16th

Thursday November 30th

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass
followed by Flame of Love of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturdays 10am—11am
or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 22ND OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Boyd & Shanley Families 9.45am (Polish)	11.15am	Joan Avern (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Myrtle Wilson (b'day a) (live-streamed)		

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MAUREN STUBBINGS** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 16th October, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 17th October, **DOROTHY KELLY** Funeral Mass 11am Thursday 19th October, **FRANCIS KEANEY** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 30th October, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 31st October, **TOM CONLON** in Ireland, relative of parishioner, **JOHN ALLINSON** relative of parishioner. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATHLEEN MOYSEY, JOSEPHINE NORTON, KATH WILLIAMS, BERTIE MCHUGH**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **NIMISHA & NITIN REJI**
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Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **NIMISHA & NITIN REJI**
Next week in loving memory of **TONY DEEHAN (A)**



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, 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 your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen. *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us*

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday **Saint Hedwig, Religious** or of **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

St Hedwig was born in Bavaria in 1174. She married the Duke of Silesia and together they had three children. She was renowned for her care of the sick. Following her husband's death, she entered a Cistercian monastery where she died in 1243.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born at Versvres in Burgundy, France, and joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. She received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, with the help of her Jesuit confessor, St Claude de la Colombière, spread this devotion throughout the world. She was canonised in 1920.

Tuesday **Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**

St Ignatius was the successor to Saint Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He suffered martyrdom in Rome during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to the Eternal City, he wrote several letters concerning the Person of Christ, the Constitution of the Church, and Christian Life. In these letters, he expressed his great love for the Lord and His ardent desire for martyrdom. His name appears in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday **Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist**

A physician from Antioch, he was converted to the Christian Faith. He was a disciple of Saint Paul and a faithful companion in all his journeys. He was the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was the evangelist who wrote about the childhood of Our Lord and has told us some of the most moving parables—such as the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. In his gospel, he highlights the universality of salvation.

Thursday **Saint Frideswide, Abbess** or of **Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest and Companions, Martyrs** or of **Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**

(c735) St Frideswide was the daughter of Didan, prince of a district bordering the Upper Thames. She was abbess and foundress of the nunnery of St Mary's under the rule of St Benedict on the site of what is now October. It is said that from her childhood she took for her maxim: 'Whatsoever is not God is nothing'. She is the patroness of the city and university of Oxford.

(1593-1649) St John (Jean) de Brébeuf, St Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) and their six companions were Jesuit missionaries, originally from France, who dedicated their lives to preaching the Gospel among the indigenous people of North America. St John de Brébeuf was captured by the Iroquois, fastened to a stake and tortured to death. St Isaac Jogues had already suffered slavery and mutilation during his missionary work but returned to Canada from France. He was seized by the Mohawks, who thought he was a sorcerer and was killed in 1646.

(1694-1775) St Paul of the Cross was born in Piedmont, Italy, and following a spiritual conversion, founded a congregation of missionaries with a special devotion to the Lord's Passion and Death (The Passionists). The first house was founded on Monte Argentario and, despite facing many problems, there were twelve Passionist 'Retreats' (Community Houses) by the time of his death, as well a community of nuns. He had a special interest in England and regularly prayed for its conversion.

Saturday **Our Lady on Saturday**

Right to Life Prayer

Let us pray for politicians and other decision makers, that they would work to safeguard and increase provisions available to all vulnerable groups, including expectant mothers, newborns and the unborn. Lord hear us.

3 COURSE CHARITY BUFFET MEAL SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER AFTER 5PM MASS IN THE PARISH HALL MENU

Homemade Mushroom Soup with fresh selection of breads/bread rolls
Sweet Chilli Pork cooked in Oyster & Soya Sauce with Jasmine Rice
Beef Stroganoff served with potato wedges
Palak Paneer Cottage Cheese cooked in young Spinach & Naan Bread
Bacon, Cauliflower & Broccoli bake with Garlic Bread
Bakewell Tart with flaked almonds served with custard and ice cream
Tickets available soon ADULTS £15, CHILDREN £7.50

First Holy Communion

for children in non-Catholic schools

The parish Class begins 10th January 2024 on Wednesdays at 6pm during termtime
If you have a child in Year 3 and over who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office either in person or by email to enrol your child/children

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

What is the Diocese doing about the Climate Crisis?

Come and hear Fr Rob Taylerson, (Archbishop's Advisor & Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott) and Tom Piotrowski (Diocesan Trustee, and member of Climate Action Group) speaking at the Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly, Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday, 28 October, 10am-3pm. Opportunities for discussion and questions. The assembly is open to all. Given the importance of this year's topic it is hoped that laity, religious and clergy will attend from around the diocese. Refreshments are provided but please bring a packed lunch. Details, programme and booking link is at: <https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/annual-assemblies.html>
St Chad's is easy to get to by train from Redditch and is just a 10-15 minutes walk from New Street Station.

Future events

Saturday November 18th **Parish Christmas Meal + Raffle** 12 noon in Parish Hall
Saturday December 9th **Bel Canto Christmas Concert** in Mt Carmel 7.30pm
Tuesday December 19th **Parish Christmas Carol Service** 7pm in Mount Carmel
Wednesday January 17th 2024 **Quiz Night** in Parish Hall

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group Meeting Saturday 21 October

You are invited to join us at The Bridge Community Centre, Headless Cross.
Refreshments around 11am followed by a reflection on St Teresa Avila (Feast Day 15th Oct).
Prayer & Shared Lunch—All Welcome

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now due—

If you would like to join the 500 Club which raises money for the parish, it is £12 per annum for one number, £24 per annum for two etc ... 1st Prize £120, 2nd Prize £50 For more info or application form please contact the Parish Office

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



