



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2197 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 16TH MARCH 2025**

Readings : Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Psalm 26 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel Luke 9:28-36 Psalter Wk 2

## Reflection for the weekend ....

Another detail proper to St Luke's narrative deserves emphasis: the mention of the topic of Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside him when he was transfigured. As the Evangelist tells us, they 'talked with him ... and spoke of his departure' (in Greek, exodus), 'which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem'. Therefore, Jesus listens to the Law and the dialogue with the Father, he did not depart from history, he did not flee the mission for which he came into the world, although he knew that to attain glory he would have to pass through the Cross. On the contrary, Christ enters more deeply into this mission, adhering with all his being to the Father's will; he shows us that true prayer consists precisely in uniting our will with that of God. For a Christian, therefore, to pray is not to evade reality and the responsibilities it brings, but rather, fully to assume them, trusting in the faithful and inexhaustible love of the Lord.

Pope Benedict XVI



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 16th March 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Thyl Gheyselinc
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Emilia, Emmanuel & Holy Souls
	6pm	In Thanksgiving (b'day) (Trono-Reyes Family) <b>(live-streamed)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feast Day of Saint Patrick</b>	
	6pm	Pat Reardon (b'day a) & Tess Elliott (b'day a)
<b>STM School</b>	9am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Ints of Stephen Fereday & Rosa Paily (a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Deceased family & friends
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Ints of J.D. & Family
<b>STB School</b>	2pm	Adoration (Class 7ABR)
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Richard Doyle

Happy Feast Day to all our  
Irish Parishioners

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

**CONFESSION & BENEDICTION**  
Saturday 10am-11am  
or by appointment

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

## Second Sunday of Lent 23rd March 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Dec'd Darcy Family
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Helena Booth & People of the Parish
	6pm	Marge McElroy (a) <b>(live-streamed)</b>

## 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, HEATHER SMITH, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, BILL BARBER, JANE ELLIOTT, DES CHILTON, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN**

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ROGER ALLCOCK** Reception into church, 5pm Thursday 3rd April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 4th April followed by burial at Hadzor



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY**

Next week in loving memory of **ELIZABETH LOBODA**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOHN BEARD**

Next week in loving memory of **ZOFIA, JAN & CHRISTOPHER SREBNIAC**

**PARISH OPEN  
FUNDRAISING MEETING**  
6pm Tuesday 18 March in Parish Hall  
to discuss fundraising for the coming year  
New ideas always welcome

## CAFOD LENTEN APPEAL

This weekend members of the CAFOD group will be giving the short talk at the end of the 5pm Saturday and Sunday 8.15am Mass. There are Family Fast Day envelopes available in church to use if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. The **Second Collection this weekend will be for CAFOD** or you can donate on line by visiting [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

## 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*

## Pope's Prayer Intention for March—for families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Saints for the Week ....

### Monday Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop, 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.

### Tuesday 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.

### Wednesday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope—Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that completed and returned the Jubilee 2025 Questionnaire which are now being looked at to identify potential activities to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the year. We have lots of ideas and suggestions to consider if you would like to help with the planning of activities please come to our next meeting in the parish hall at **11am Friday 21 March**, everyone most welcome. If you were unable to complete the questionnaire by the deadline, you can still let us know your thoughts by emailing the Cafod/Laudato Si group at : [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me)

## Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 8/9 March 2025

1st Collection £468.49

2nd Collection £240.90(Parish Hall)

Attendance 328 (No count for 8.15am Mass)

*These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments*

## Redditch Foodbank

Thank you for your continued donations to our Foodbank collections, this week we donated 17 kilo of goods which was very welcome and will be distributed to those in need in our local community. Also thank you to our team of volunteers who ensure that the donations are taken every week.

## Cafod's Big Lent Walk

This annual fundraiser for CAFOD is need more than ever this year. So please join in, individually, as a group or a family. The aim is to be sponsored to walk up to 200 km (120 miles) during the 40 days of Lent. That is just 3 miles per day. Find out more at:

<http://walk.cafod.org.uk/> or use this link : [The Big Lent Walk 2025](http://The Big Lent Walk 2025)

## Fairtrade Sale after all Masses weekend of 5/6 April

Once again this will feature the Real Easter Egg. The only chocolate egg which includes the real story of Easter. There will be some on sale but the only way to secure one is to order in advance. They are not available in supermarkets. Milk chocolate £6.20, dark chocolate £7.50. If you wish to order one or more for collection on weekend of 5/6th April please email the CAFOD group on : [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me). Orders must be received by Sunday 23 March.

## Churches Together in Redditch Worship Together— 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

Trinity Sunday after 15th June at 3.30pm in the Ecumenical Centre (adjoining the Kingfisher Centre).

*Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Redditch (Methodist & United Reformed)*

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@dlmc@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding@dlmc@gmail.com) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.



## Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 20th March  
in the Parish Hall

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

Volunteers urgently needed for the following:  
Cleaning SS John Fisher & Thomas More Church,  
Flower Arrangers, BBQ

Refreshments (approx. 10 people for teas)  
If you can help with any of the above, please  
contact the parish office 01527 63096 or email:



[office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)  
in aid of Mount Carmel Parish

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON  
SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

## COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 8 G Antony J Chacko M Gonsalves M Johnson

## COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 9 J Joseph L Mapranath M Vincent S Thomas

## 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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025  
"Pilgrims of Hope"



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