



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2112 **15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 16TH JULY 2023**

Readings : Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 64 Romans 8:18-23 Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

Reflection for Our Lady of Mount Carmel...

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as 'Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel'. They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honour of Mary. In 1726 it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception. The title of 'Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel' suggests that they saw Mary not only as 'mother' but also as 'sister'. The word sister is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realisation that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.



MISSIO MISSION RED BOX APPEAL 8/9 July 2023

Fr Dermot Byrne wishes to thank the parish for the welcome and generous response to the Red Box appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit Form, please speak to your Missio volunteer (Steve Hindson) or one of the clergy. You can also find more information at : www.missio.org.uk. Fr Tony has received a personal letter from Fr Dermot thanking him for his hospitality and to say what a very enjoyable experience it was being with the parish for the weekend. He will remember Mount Carmel Parish in his prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16TH JULY 2023

Saturday	5pm	Patronal Feast Day Mass Eileen Mundy & Eleanor Quigley
Sunday	8.15am	Kate Bird & Kit Freeman 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish
	6pm	Eileen Mundy (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Frances Quigley
STM School	9am	Leavers' Mass Galton Trust
Tuesday	9.30am	Tony & Theresa Gregory & Ints of Margaret Lavan
Wednesday	9.30am	Biddy Ryan
Thursday	7pm	Josie Mander & Peter Gavin
STA School	10am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Mary Hickey
MC School	9.15am	Leavers' Mass Anne Curry
STB School	2.30pm	Leavers' Mass Bishop David McGough
Saturday	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda & Eileen Mundy

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 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 23RD JULY 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Eilish Crehan & Eleanor Quigley 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Julia Loughran & People of the Parish
	6pm	Brendan & Margaret Geraghty (live-streamed)

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

Link : www.eventcast.uk/live (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **BRIDGIT HATTON** Funeral Mass 10.30am Wednesday 9th August. May her soul 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, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, ALICE CAIRNS, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, FIONA EVANS, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, SEAN LANIGAN, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **MARY HICKEY**
Next week for the Intentions of **BABY GLEETAR**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of the **BAKER FAMILY**
Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**



CASHLESS GIVING

At the three entrances to Mount Carmel there are pedestal mounted card readers to allow parishioners and visitors to the church to make cashless donations. There is also a poster with instructions by each card reader.

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*

COUNTERS

We would like to add another team to our rota of Counting Teams. Counters can choose to count on a Sunday evening or a Monday morning. If this is something you feel you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office or one of the clergy.

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Blessed John Sugar, Priest and Robert Grissold, Layman, Martyrs
Saint Kenelm, Prince of Mercia

(821) St Kenelm was said to have been a Mercian prince, who at the age of seven succeeded to the throne of his father, King Kenulph. He was murdered in the forest of Clent by order of his sister, Cynefrith. In medieval England he was universally venerated as a saint and martyr.

John Sugar studied at the English College in Douai and was ordained a priest in 1601. Having returned to England, he travelled on foot throughout Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire, where he ministered to the poorer Catholics. St Robert Grissold accompanied Fr John Sugar, and one day whilst returning after celebrating Holy Mass, they encountered a search party, and they were arrested. They were martyred for their faith. St John Paul II beatified them in 1987.

Thursday Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

(First or second century) St Apollinaris may have been a native of Antioch. He eventually became first bishop of Ravenna, Italy. He was tortured and martyred for the faith and his cult became popular in many places.

Friday Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(1559-1619) St Lawrence was Italian and a Capuchin of great culture. A teacher and writer of theology, he preached in many regions of Europe and died in Lisbon.

Saturday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Second Collection last weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea raised £304.69 for their work with seafarers and fishermen in need. Thank you.

CAFOD—your signature is required to support small-scale farmers

Today there is an opportunity after all Masses to add your signature to those of Archbishop Bernard and Bishop David Evans to a letter calling on the World Bank to stop making life very difficult for farmers in developing countries. Salina, a small-scale farmer in Bangladesh, has written a letter to the world Bank calling for support for farmers like her and to stop preventing them from using their own seeds. With CAFOD's help Salina is asking Catholics here to support her by adding their signature. The bishops have already signed. Please take moment after Mass to add your signature.

CAFOD/LAUDATO SI' Group –Screening of 'The Letter' film

Following this viewing and subsequent discussion on how can we all develop the ideas raised. These ideas support efforts to combat the climate crisis and its negative impacts on the world. They are ideal activities to put our faith into action: **lobby local councillors and MP's about the crisis; consider how vacant parish land could be used, e.g. plant trees; continue supporting fairtrade products; car share our journeys to Mass; work towards becoming a 'live simply' parish and learn more about and promote recycling.** We also welcome other ideas from parishioners. Please send ideas to bob.mansell@me.com

HELP NEEDED!

On Thursday 20 July at 10am the Cafod/'Laudato Si' Group and students from St Augustine's High School will be holding a 'Community Litter Pick' in the area surrounding the Church. This is an initiative by the 6th Form in support of 'Caring for our Common Home'. All are welcome to come and help for about 30 minutes. Keep Redditch Tidy will be supplying equipment, so could you let the office know by Monday 17 July if you are coming so we can ensure we have enough equipment for everyone. We will meet outside church and refreshments will be available afterwards in the Parish Hall.

FOODBANK Thank you for your ongoing support of the Redditch Foodbank, they continue to see demand rising so our donations are essential, consider picking up an extra item when you shop and leave in the box at the back of church. If anyone would like to assist to take donations, less than one hour every few weeks, please contact bob.mansell@me.com

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thank you



Vacancy at Mount Carmel School require an OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ASAP Part time 10 hrs per week, Permanent Contract Monday-Friday 1.15pm-3.15pm, term time only to include 5 INSET days. Salary £10.78-£10.98 per hr Please visit www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for an application form, recruitment monitoring form and consent for references form, all to be completed and returned to Mrs R Kennedy at: olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk

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

