



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

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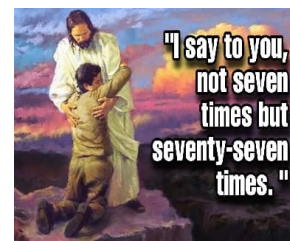


NEWSLETTER 2120 **24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

## Reflection for this Sunday ...

The lesson that runs through the whole of the New Testament is that you must forgive in order to be forgiven. One of the first principles laid down as we saw in the first sermon was 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.' When Christ gave his disciples his own prayer, the Lord's Prayer, in the very next breath he went on to say, 'for if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive them their sins, your Father will not forgive yours.' Later on the apostle James said that if you show no mercy you will be judged without mercy. Divine and human forgiveness seem to go hand in hand.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Michael & Catherine Conlon
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Wm Norton (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls 6pm People of the Parish (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Ints of the Wills Family
<b>MC School</b>	9am	Joyce Mary Lander
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Christopher McNamee (a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Ints of Veronica Griffiths
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Div Coyne (b'day a)
<b>STA School</b>	9.40am	Anne Curry
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Ints of Joanne Shipway
<b>STB School</b>	2.30pm	Galton Trust
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Joyce Mary Lander
	5pm	Christopher McNamee (b'day a) & Judy Reynolds (a)

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 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Div Coyne (Wedd A) 6pm Anne Curry (live-streamed)
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Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed - Visit our website and click on 'Watch Live'

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **FR EDWIN COWNLEY**, priest of the diocese. Funeral details not yet known. **MICHAEL MCELROY** Funeral Service 2.45pm Thursday 28 September at the Abbey Chapel, **BABY ROBYN JUDITH MAY TRUSCOTT** granddaughter of parishioners, **PETER BROGAN** relative of parishioners. **FR PAUL CHAVASSE (CONGORAT)** 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, 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 MC RANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, FIONA EVANS, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the INTENTIONS OF NITIN REJI  
Next week for the INTENTIONS OF NITIN REJI

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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## MOUNT CARMEL 500 CLUB WINNERS

<b>MAY</b>	1st Prize £120	No 174	Sheila Russell	<b>JUNE</b>	1st Prize £120	No 204	Nitin Reji
	2nd Prize £50	No 47	Christine Devlin		2nd Prize £50	No 200	Allie Mason
<b>JULY</b>	1st Prize £120	No 180	Val Sifford	<b>AUGUST</b>	1st Prize £120	No 48	Maureen Stubbings
	2nd Prize £50	No 217	Bernadette Dempsey		2nd Prize £50	No 67	Teresa Shepherd

## CARMELITE COMMUNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

The Birmingham Carmelite Community have organised a day of recollection at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park. The day will be led by a priest and will include a talk, Holy Mass and Confession. The cost is £15 which includes a simple lunch. Payment needs to be made by 2nd September and no refunds will be given after that date. Further information is available from Susan Porter, convenor of Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group via the Parish Office.

## 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

**Sunday**

**Evangelii Gaudium Day**— Anniversaries Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer (1987) Sixth Archbishop of Birmingham & Canon Peter McKenna (2000) former priest of Mount Carmel

**Tuesday**

**Saint Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop or of Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr**

St Theodore was born at Tarsus, Turkey, about 601. 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 bringing unity and organisation to a divided church. St Theodore died in Canterbury on this day in 690.

(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.

**Wednesday**

**Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

(Nineteenth century) The Christian faith was introduced into Korea during the seventeenth century through the zeal of a group of laypersons. But from the very beginning, these Christians suffered under terrible persecutions which, over the course of the nineteenth century, gave the Church many martyrs. Outstanding among these was the first Korean priest and devoted pastor, Andrew Kim of Taegu, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong of Hasang. Among the Korean martyrs who struggled valiantly for Christ were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were laity, men and women, married, single, young and old.

**Thursday**

**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**

Also called Levi, he was the son of Alphaeus. He was a publican, that is, a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him. Matthew is one of the Twelve Apostles. The details of his evangelisation are unknown, as is of his martyrdom which perhaps took place in Persia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges him as the author of the first Gospel. His name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.

**Saturday**

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

(1887-1968) St Pius, better known as Padre Pio, was born in Pietrelcina in Campania, Italy, and joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ's Passion on his body, he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonised in 2002.

### Season of Creation—Extract 2 from the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change has stated that acting now with greater urgency means that we will not miss our chance to create a more sustainable and just world. We can and we must prevent the worst from happening. 'Truly, much can be done', provided we come together like so many streams, brooks and rivulets, merging finally in a mighty river to irrigate the life of our marvellous planet and our human family for generations to come. So let us join hands and take bold steps to 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' throughout our world. How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies. First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that 'ecological conversation' which St John Paul II encouraged us to embrace—the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realise that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships; with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves.

#### Celebrate together in answer to the Pope's call!

Please join our **ecumenical vigil after 5pm Mass on Saturday 30th September**. This is a response to the Pope's invitation to churches around the world to join together at the same time to pray for and celebrate our natural world and marks the end of the Season of Creation. Our vigil has been organised by the parish Laudato Si group and sixth formers from St Augustine's. We will use a participative liturgy based on one created by the Diocesan Climate Action group. It starts shortly after the 5pm mass on Saturday 30th at about 6pm and lasts about 40 minutes. It should be a joyful, prayerful and thoughtful occasion which I hope many parishioners will support. There will be a shared table social afterwards in the parish hall. Please bring some food to share, tea, coffee and soft drinks provided.

**COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND** Team 1 T Craig L Kings D Cruise

**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND** Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE—Stand up for the Right to Life in Birmingham— The Importance of Praying in Public Sunday 24th September, 4pm at St Joseph & St Helen's Church Hall, 84 Northfield Rd, King's Norton, Birmingham B30 1JG—Speaker Rev Calvin Robinson For more information contact Isabel on 07773 501721**

**Redditch Operatic Society present EVITA at the Palace Theatre Tuesday 21—**

**Saturday 25 November** Book your tickets via **TICKET HOTLINE 01527 304009** before 31 October and pay no booking fee. Special rates and discounts available for group bookings. Phone ticket hotline for details.

#### Future events .....

Saturday October 28th 'Nearly New Sale' in the Parish Hall—*time to be confirmed*

Saturday December 9th Bel Canto Christmas Concert in Mount Carmel 7.30pm

Tuesday December 19th Parish Christmas Carol Service in Mount Carmel—*time to be confirmed*

Parish Christmas Meal— *date and time to be confirmed*

#### Vacancies ...

**Lay Chaplain** to Blessed William Howard Catholic High School, Stafford—for further information please visit <http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a **Director of Education**. Details of this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service [www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies) and the Archdiocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) websites. The closing date is Monday 18 September.

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: [safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on [0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](tel:01212306240) if you have any concerns.

#### PARISH SENIORS' GROUP in the Parish Hall

**Thursday September 21st  
Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon  
Boat Trip & Fish & Chips  
Lunch**

**NB no meeting on this day  
Thursday October 5th  
Thursday October 19th  
Thursday November 2nd  
Thursday November 16th**

#### First Holy Communion for children in non-Catholic schools

The parish Class begins in 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

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silent when at Mass thankyou**

