



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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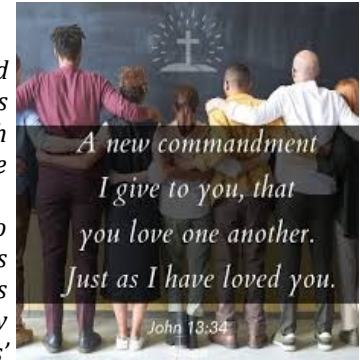
NEWSLETTER 2206 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 18TH MAY 2025**

Readings: Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 144 Apocalypse 21:1-5 Gospel John 13:31-35 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this weekend

'I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God'. The splendid vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, which today's Liturgy of the Word presents to us again, closes the book of Revelation and the whole series of sacred books which comprise the Bible. With this magnificent description of the city of God the author of Revelation indicates the definitive defeat of evil and the achievement of perfect communion between God and men. From the beginning, the history of salvation aims at this goal. Before the community of believers, who are also called to proclaim the Gospel and to witness to their own faith in Christ amid various trials, the supreme goal shines forth: the heavenly Jerusalem! We are all advancing towards that goal, where the saints and martyrs have preceded us down the centuries. On our earthly pilgrimage, these brethren of ours, who have passed victoriously through 'great tribulations' serve as an example, incentive and encouragement to us.

Saint Pope John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 18th May 2025

Saturday	5pm	John Doran (a) & Carmel Russell-McGann
Sunday	8.15am	Mary O'Dowd 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Mgt Geraghty (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Anna McGoldrick (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Ints of Evina Benny (16th B'day)
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Nora Moorrissey (b'day a) & Mary Morrissey
Wednesday	9.30am	Ints of Wanda Skett
Thursday	7pm	Ints of Niall Allinson
Friday	9.30am	Ints of Christine Conboy (b'day) & Adam Bobowski (b'day a)
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of John Joy (18th B'day)
	5pm	Lady Jeanne Hunt & Alfonso Garofano

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

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter 25th May 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Mary McGlynn & for the work of the Laudato Si Group
	9.45am	(Polish) 11.15am Margaret Evans & People of the Parish
	6pm	Deirdre McBride (live-streamed)

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

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, DELIA BREE, PAUL MCCONNELL, JULIAN MCRANDAL, DAVID CRUISE, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS MCDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, JANE ELLIOTT, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, ROBERT CARTER, DAVID BUTCHER, SUSAN PORTER, EMMA MARTIN**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARC VON VICKERTON** Graveside Service 2pm 20th May at Edgioake Lane Cemetery, Astwood Bank, **EUNICE 'LYN' BAYLEY** Funeral Service at the Abbey Chapel 2.45pm Thursday 22nd May, **MARY 'MAURA' HEATH** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 4th June, Funeral Mass 10.30am Thursday 5th June, **MICHAEL RYAN** Reception into church 5pm Monday 9th June, Funeral Mass 1pm Tuesday 10th June, **BETTY TONGUE** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 16th June



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **CHRISTINE CONBOY**
Next week for the intentions of the **BREWSTER FAMILY**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **ADAM BOBOWSKI (B'DAY A)**
Next week for the intentions of **ROB CARTER**

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

PARISH FINANCES

LETTER FROM FR JASON TO ALL PARISHIONERS

This letter should have been distributed last week at the same time as the Income & Expenditure yellow sheet. They are available at the back of church and in the porches, please take one home with you and make a note of the meeting next

**SATURDAY 24 MAY AFTER THE 5PM MASS
IN THE PARISH HALL**

when a more detailed presentation will be given.

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*

Saints for the Week

Monday Saint Dunstan, Bishop

Tuesday Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary

Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Wednesday Saints Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

This feast recalls the martyrdom of twenty-two priests and three laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937. These witnesses include St Christopher Magallanes (1869-1927) who as a priest, founded a seminary in his home town of Totatiche and ministered zealously in the face of persecution. He was heard to shout from his cell, 'I am innocent and I will die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico.'

Thursday Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

(1381-1457) St Rita of Cascia was born near Spoleto and, despite wanting to enter religious life, spent nearly twenty two years in a difficult marriage. After the deaths of her husband and her two sons, she joined the Augustinian House in Cascia, Umbria. She is known as the 'Saint of the impossible'.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	10/11 May 2025
1st Collection	£656.77
2nd Collection	£227.62 (Clergy Training Fund)
Attendance	616

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON
SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 5 A Paul J Joseph S Philip S Joseph

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

Please vote against the Assisted Dying Bill at Third Reading.

There are cards in church for you to sign and send to your MP at the House of Commons. Please take one home after Mass.

Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Retreat

This will be held on 31st May at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham. A day of reflection for the Jubilee year and how it calls us to rest, renew our faith and commit to building a fairer world where all may flourish. There will be reflection on how different themes from Luke 4:16-21 can guide and inspire us to be pilgrims of hope in today's world. For more details please see poster in church porches or go to <https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/retreat.html>

Laudato Si Week

This begins this coming Saturday (24th), the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' groundbreaking social and environmental encyclical Laudato Si (Praise Be). The 8.15am next Sunday will be offered for the work of the parish Laudato Si Group. <https://laudatosiweek.org>

Faith in Action Volunteer Opportunity

Are you passionate about faith, justice, and making a difference in the world? The Columban Missionaries are recruiting for their 2025/26 Faith in Action Volunteer Programme, a transformative year long opportunity to put your faith into action! A unique opportunity for young adults (aged 21-30) to dedicate a year to mission and social justice work. Based in Birmingham, volunteers engage in projects connected to refugees and asylum seekers, interfaith initiatives, and justice and peace education. More information at :

<https://columbans.co.uk/justice-peace/16040/faith-in-action-volunteer-programme-2025-26-applications-now-open/>

Archdiocese of Birmingham—Safeguarding Voluntary Position

The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. We would welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role—Further details available at [Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding) or visit

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding

Redditch Choral Society present Bach's St John's Passion

Saturday 7th June at Ss Matthias & George Church, Astwood Bank, B96 6EH.

The powerful re-telling of the days leading to Christ's Crucifixion set to music, sung in English. Professional Orchestra and directed by Emily Tyrell (parishioner).

Tickets £15, £10 (Students) available from Ticket Source (Scan QR code to book)

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 22nd May
in the Parish Hall

Pilgrimage to Evesham

Saturday 12th July

**Mass at St Egwins, Walk to the Abbey
concluding with Benediction**

If you are interested in going, please register with the parish office so we have an idea of how many would like to go.

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

PARISH TOILETS During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it. **Please do not put paper towels or nappies in the toilet—thank you.**

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

Trinity Sunday 15th June at 3.30pm in the Ecumenical Centre (adjoining the Kingfisher Centre). Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Redditch (Methodist & United Reform)



