



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 22145 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20TH JULY 2025**

Readings: Genesis 18:1-10 Psalm 14 Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel Luke 10:38-42 Psalter Week 4

## Reflection to the weekend—Prayerful listening ....

In today's Gospel, we again meet the ever-busy Martha and the serene, prayerful Mary who has chosen the 'better part'. As Martha bustles about her kitchen, fretting and angry because her sister is not helping, she reminds us of what is wrong with us—we work and worry much, but pray too little. As a result, our work has no meaning, and our worry is constant. By way of his words to Mary, Christ invites us to be a little less like Martha and a lot more like Mary.



## THANK YOU ....

How lovely was our Patronal Feast Day Mass and Celebration last Wednesday—especially good to see young and old at the Mass and in the parish hall and garden afterwards. A big thank you to all who supported it in any way, and to all who helped with the BBQ, Keralan food and refreshments and to those who tidied everything up at the end of the night. Congratulations to those who were enrolled into the Brown Scapular during the Mass. Raffle Prize winners listed elsewhere on the newsletter.

## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 20th July 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Dec'd members of the Cornyn Family
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Kate Bird & Kit Freeman 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Pat Reardon & People of the Parish
	6pm	Mary McGinn ( <b>live-streamed</b> )
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Brendan & Margaret Geraghty (Wedd A)
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Rappa (a) & Varghese (a)
	5pm	Ints of Fr Tony & People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Iris & Barry Skett Snr & Alan Skett & Ezine Veronica Orji (a)
	6pm	Kay Morton (a) ( <b>Live-streamed</b> )

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Fr Jason will be away from the parish for a few days next week, therefore there will be no Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. The intentions for those Masses will be said by Father on those days while he is away.  
Fr Graham Wilkinson, Mary O'Toole, John & Maura Lawrence (a) & Varghese (a)

### CONFESSION & BENEDICTION SATURDAYS 10AM -11AM

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

## 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, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, ROBERT CARTER, SUSAN PORTER, PAULINE CLARKE, BRIAN MCCRUDDEN, FR PAUL JOHNSON, EVELYN (5YRS OLD)**

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JAMES BROGAN Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 1st August, SHIRLEY TAMPLIN late of Kings Heath & Redditch**



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week **VARGHESE (ANNIV)**

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



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (ANNIV)**

Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

### Fr Tony

Now in nursing home—  
family only visitors.  
Please keep him in your prayers



### THE REVISED WEEKDAY MISSALS

For those of you who have asked for the above, they are on order and were to have been ready for delivery in June, then July. We have, this week, been advised they will not now be available until September.

## 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*

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](mailto:sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

## Saints for the Week ....

### Monday Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

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

### Tuesday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

The Church, both in the East and in the West has always regarded St Mary Magdalene the first witness of the Lord's resurrection and the first evangelist, and with the greatest reverence has always honoured her although in diverse ways. A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. She witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord. She was commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles (John 20:17-18). She was recognised as was called a 'witness of Divine Mercy' by 'St Gregory the Great and an 'apostle of the apostles' by St Thomas Aquinas.

### Wednesday Feast of Saint Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe

(1303-1373) St Bridget was born in Sweden. She was the mother of 8 children whom she brought up in a very Christian manner, one of whom was St Catherine of Sweden. After her husband's death, she dedicated herself to an ascetic and contemplative life. As a Franciscan Tertiary, she founded a religious order. She wrote many works on ascetical and mystical subjects. She died in Rome.

### Thursday Saint Sharbel Makhlef, Priest

St Sharbel Makhlef was the son of a Lebanese farmer. He became a monk and hermit, and he had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He was canonised in 1977 and added to the General Roman Calendar in 2002.

### Friday Feast of Saint James, Apostle

He is called the 'Greater' because his vocation to serve Christ preceded that of the other apostle of the same name. He was the son of Zebedee and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three Apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was condemned to death by Herod Agrippa and beheaded in the year 44, the first martyr among the Apostles.

### Saturday Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

An old tradition going back to the 2nd century gives these names to the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of affection Christians have always professed towards our Blessed Mother.

## Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	12/13 July 2025
1st Collection	£508.55
2nd Collection	£243.24 (Stella Maris)
Attendance	436

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

**Seniors Next Meeting**  
1pm Thursday 7th August  
Shared table in the Parish Hall

**COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND**  
Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro  
**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
Team 4 A Shibu D Davis L Jacob S Jose

## Date for your diary ...

After the great success of the last Family quiz night, another has now been arranged for **Saturday 20th September** in the parish hall—time to be confirmed.

## Grand Raffle Winners—Collect from the parish office

1st Prize £100	Ticket No 00489	G Lawless 450112
2nd Prize £50	Ticket No 00408	Peter Daniel (taken)
3rd Prize Juicer	Ticket No 00512	Mrs M Jones 450167
4th Prize Chocs	Ticket No 01779	Linda Gordon (taken)
5th Prize Baileys	Ticket No 00176	Liz Nasta
6th Prize Brut	Ticket No 01571	Lesley O'Hara
7th Prize Whiskey	Ticket No 01831	Felicity Rixon (taken)
8th Prize Fuzzy Duck Gift Set	Ticket No 00074	Brian & Carolyn Green
9th Prize Pamper Coll	Ticket No 01664	Sudlow Family
10th Prize Baileys	Ticket No 00380	Cathy Kennedy (taken)
11th Prize Place Mats	Ticket No ?	Mrs Joy Glover (taken)
12th Prize Baileys	Ticket No 00254	John Lovett (taken)
13th Prize Lynx Set	Ticket No 01606	Bincy Lizomon (taken)
14th Prize Sweets	Ticket No 00167	Liz Nasta
15th Prize Biscuits	Ticket No 00120	Jenny Thorne c/o Jo Mansell
16th Prize After Eight	Ticket No 00292	K Doherty 07552 046532

## FOODBANK

Our donations continue to be of great benefit to those in need within Redditch and your support is appreciated. However, please do not put any items of clothing or other equipment in the Foodbank collection basket. We can only take food items, anything else results in someone having to go to a charity shop to donate these items. Thank you.

**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.**

## Missio—Mission Today Summer issue available in porches today.

## Global Debt Petition

Pope Francis, when declaring 2025 a Jubilee year, drew attention to poor country debt and asked affluent nations 'to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to pay them' and that 'this is a matter of justice.' The global Church is responding with a petition calling world leaders to : cancel unjust debt; make private lenders take part in debt relief and prevent future debt through a new UN framework. There will be an opportunity to sign this petition after all Masses over the next two weekends.

## March for Life UK—Saturday 6th September—Human Rights For All Humans born and unborn

Morning Events 10am-1pm The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, SW1P 3DW, **MASS** 10.30am Westminster Cathedral, **The March** 1.30pm from The Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square 4.30pm. For more information contact Isabel 07773 501721 or Ben 07885 505116, email info@marchforlife.co.uk

## NIGHTSTOP urgently need volunteers to support their work—can you help

They are a Local Charity who works towards preventing Youth Homelessness for (16-25 year olds) through recruiting volunteer hosts: a person who has a spare room and able to offer a young person, a safe place to stay for the night, a hot meal and breakfast. We do all the checks. Full training and support given. Receive up to £15 per night Monday-Friday and up to £20 per night Saturday/Sunday. **COULD THIS BE YOU.**

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SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU