



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2194 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 23RD FEBRUARY 2025**

Readings : 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel Luke 6:27-38

## Reflection for the weekend ....

It has been said that no words of Christ have caused so much argument and discussion over the years as the command to love your enemies. One of the difficulties, one would suppose, is that we have only one word for love, and yet it has more than one meaning. St Luke wrote his Gospel in Greek and that language has three different words for love. They have a word for the love of passion between man and woman, another for the love of affection for our near and dear ones, and a third one which is the love which wishes other people well. It is this last one that is used in Christ's sermon. Actually there is a word for it in English, which is not used often in our normal conversation—it is 'benevolence', and means precisely that: wishing well. The first two are very much things of the heart; the third is a matter of will. Something we have to will ourselves to do. We will ourselves to wish well to people we don't even like. Jesus gave us the golden rule, do to others as you would have them do to you.



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 23rd February 2025

**Saturday** 5pm John Doran & Harry Marks, Ints of Aileen & Ray Davis (60th Wedd A)

**Sunday** 8.15am Jim Cummins & Michael Carn (a) 9.45am (Polish)

11.15am Ann Beard & People of the Parish

6pm Frank & Josephine Carr & Mary Shakels (**live-streamed**)

**Monday** 6pm Ints of Hasan & Aly, Lilian Tierney

**MC School** 9am Holy Souls

**Tuesday** 9.30am Theresa Delaney

**Wednesday** 9.30am Elizabeth Loboda & Ints of Eveline Kott (b'day)

**Thursday** 7pm Friar John OCD, Ints of David Daison

**Friday** 9.30am Richard Doyle (b'day a) & Ints of David Daison

**STB School** 2pm Yr 6 Mass in church—Ints of Fr Tony

**Saturday** 9.30am Ints of Jen, Paul & Family

5pm Catenian Mass for Vocations (Redditch Circle)

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'**

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2nd March 2025

**Sunday** 8.15am Derek Barratt (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Joanne Helen Wilcox

6pm Sebastian & People of the Parish (**live-streamed**)

### 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, SUSAN PORTER, DES CHILTON, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN**

### For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARY ANGELA COWEN** Funeral Service 1.15pm Monday 24th February at the Abbey Chapel, **TONY GILLESPIE** Funeral 12 noon at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud followed by short service at the crematorium in Gloucester GL4 4PA, **CATHERINE WALSH** friend of parishioner



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for **DAVID, DEC'D FATHER OF SARA J**  
Next week for **SHANE JONES**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **ANNE FRIEL (A)**  
Next week for **DOHERTY & DUNN FAMILIES**

## Cake sale

### in aid of the Alexandra Hospital

Hello!

I'm Gabriel, my Girl Guide group are raising money so we can make comfort bags for people in the Alexandra hospital. Many are admitted unexpectedly and don't have any toiletries with them. Although the hospital provides basic soap and toothpaste, the comfort bags contain nicer bits like shower gel, deodorant, moisturiser, feminine products etc. My friends and I are holding a cake sale, in the parish hall, straight after the 11.15am Mass **next Sunday 2nd March**. We would love it if you could join us, enjoy a drink and make a donation in return for some cake! Thank you.

## 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 ....

### Thursday Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Gregory was born in Armenia around 950. Educated by his uncle, he entered the monastery of Narek, where he spent the rest of his life. Greatly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he attained the heights of holiness and the mystical life. He composed several theological and mystical works, including ninety-five meditations on the Book of Lamentations. He died about the year 1005.

### Friday Saint Oswald, Bishop

St Oswald was a Benedictine monk of the abbey of Fleury-sur-loire and became the Bishop of Worcester in the year 961. He worked with St Dunstan and St Ethelwold for the restoration of the monastic life. He was renowned for his pleasant character, his meticulous celebration of the sacraments, and his care of the poor. In 972 he was appointed Archbishop of York and administered both dioceses. He died in Worcester on this day in 992.

### Saturday Feast of Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

(+c600) St David was born in south Wales. We know very little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery in Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop. He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claim him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one to Rome. He is the patron saint of Wales.



## Concert of Hope at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham in aid of the Friends of the Holy Land

You are invited to a Concert of Hope at St Chad's Cathedral on 27th February featuring classical, folk and choral music by a range of musicians and singers as well as dance displays. The concert begins at 7pm, with doors open from 6.30pm. Tickets are £25 and can be purchased via the Archdiocese of Birmingham under Latest/Events or visit:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-of-hope-for-the-holy-land-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-of-hope-for-the-holy-land-tickets).

## Pre-Easter Fairtrade Sale—

This will be after all Masses on the weekend of 5th/6th April.

## Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 9/10 February 2025

1st Collection £576.21

2nd Collection £216.57 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 657

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

Weekend 15/16 February 2025

1st Collection £400.31

2nd Collection £203.99 (Racial Justice)

Attendance 445

## Jubilee News

One of the jubilee themes is debt, particularly the injustice of poor country debt, 'If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts' Pope Francis. The CAFOD/Laudato Si group are campaigning on this and had a second meeting with our MP recently. He has submitted written questions in the Commons and we await the results. If you would like to help with this campaign please contact us at: [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me)

## Vacancies

**Archdiocese of Birmingham** is recruiting for the following four positions:

**Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer.**

Full details and closing dates can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs)

If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

## Mount Carmel Catholic First School

**Teaching Assistant (Level 2)** Fixed term position until 31 August 2025.

Part time 18hrs 45mins per week, term time only. Closing date 7th March 2025

Please apply via this link :

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141048/EDV-2025-OLMCCFS-38735>

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.

**NEW TEAMS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND  
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

## Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 6th March  
in the Parish Hall



## Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Questionnaire

Please take the time to respond to the questionnaire available in church.

When completed please put in box in one of the porches by Sunday 2nd March.

Completed forms will be removed after each Mass



