



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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 NEWSLETTER 2036 THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 23RD OCTOBER 2022  
 Readings Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14 Psalm 32 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Gospel Luke 18:9-14

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—Message from Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director Missio **Second Collection today for APF**

Today is **World Mission Sunday** On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The these chosen by the Holy Father is: 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: 'The essence of mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the father and of humanity.' All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the material needs of Catholic communities too young, too small or too poor to support themselves. Donations help them to live out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information visit [mission.org.uk/wms](http://mission.org.uk/wms)

### REFLECTION FOR TODAY ...

Humility is realistic. It is not a 'let's pretend' attitude, but a proper assessment of how we stand before God. We can beat our breasts daily and still be proud. We can use great abilities fully, confidently, yet still be humble. The first reading tells us that God is fair and has no time for favouritism. Yet he accepts the humble man's prayer and rejects the prayer of the proud. This seems to be an invariable law of the spiritual life. Why is this? The proud man is rigid. He himself decides what he wants to do and goes ahead with it without reference to what God wants. The humble man admits his inferiority and lets God guide him, and so he is open to do the will of God. He does not decide everything for himself, so he can work with God and God can work with him. That is why St Paul was so confident at the end of a busy life spent in God's service. He was talented, determined, and full of drive. Yes, but he was not proud in a self-centred sense. He used his great gifts humbly and could look forward to the Kingdom of heaven with unshakable confidence in the power and promises of God.



**PLEASE NOTE** While Fr Jason is away there will be Services of the Word with Holy Communion. The Mass intentions for the week will be said by Fr Tony privately. Masses at the weekend will be as normal with visiting priests.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23RD OCTOBER

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	John Morrissey (b'day a)
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Joan Avern (a) 6pm Bill Norton (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Michael McNamee (a) & Philip Beacham]
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Intentions of Teresita Tedstone & Seamus Cawley]
	6pm	Keralan Rosary
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Veronica Hands & Dec'd McCormack Family]
	5pm	Reception of Body Judy Reynolds
	6pm	Keralan Rosary
<b>Thursday</b>	11.15am	Funeral Mass Judy Reynolds
	7pm	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Nick Cosgriff [Elizabeth Loboda & Kerry Rudge]
	6pm	Keralan Rosary
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion—Jean Hardcastle [Maurice Twigg & Catherine Leavey]
	7pm	Keralan Rosary
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Joseph Paul (2nd A)
	7pm	Keralan Rosary

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSION**  
 Saturdays 10am—11am  
 or by appointment

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY (YEAR C) 30TH OCTOBER

**Sunday** 8.15am Patsy Korzeniowska 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish 6pm Ints of Kevin O'Connor (live-streamed)

**PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass** Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://www.eventcast.uk/live) (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

### For the Dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JUDY REYNOLDS** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 26th October, Funeral Mass 11.15am Thursday 27th October, **MONICA COOK** Funeral Service 1.15pm Wednesday 2nd November in the Abbey Chapel, **HINDA & STANLEY McLARNEY** Funeral Mass 11am Friday 18th November. 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, MARGARET GERAGHTY, PAULINE CLARKE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, JOHN THOMAS O'NEILL (BABY 4 WEEKS OLD)**

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon email:[safeguarding@LMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding@LMC@gmail.com)

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of the **ROHAN FAMILY** ...  
Next week in loving memory of **STANLEY CATER**

## 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 the people of Ukraine and the world*

Keep the date....

**CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA**  
Saturday 3rd December  
Mount Carmel Parish Hall  
Grand Raffle

**PARISH DIARY**  
Monday 7pm Choir Practice

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **TONY DEEHAN (ANNIVERSARY)** ...  
Next week—**free at the moment**

**SENIORS GROUP NEXT MEETING—**  
**2.30PM THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**  
**AGE UK Talk**  
**17TH NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS BINGO**  
**1ST DECEMBER CHRISTMAS TRIP TO**  
**WEBBS & WORCESTER VICTORIAN**  
**MARKETS £10**  
**PARISH HALL (NURSERY BUILDING)**  
**AT BACK OF CHURCH**

## St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

seek donations to help the homeless community in OUR county. Good quality rucksacks, Men's jeans 28"-32" waist & joggers/tracksuit bottoms for men ONLY, size M or L. Please note only these specific items required at present. Thank you. Can be brought to the Parish Office.

## COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Hailes L Kings

## Laudato Si Group

Coffee/Tea and refreshments **after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 13 November** in the Parish Hall plus a Fairtrade stall where a variety of products will be for sale including Christmas Cards.

## Saints for the week ...

**Monday Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

*St Anthony Mary Claret was born at Sallent, Spain in 1807. As a priest he is remembered for his missionary work in Catalonia and the Canary Islands and founding the Claretian Fathers. He was ordained Bishop of Cuba. He spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He died in 1870.*

**Wednesday Saint Cedd, Bishop**

*St Cedd like Chad, was educated at Lindisfarne and was bishop to the East Saxons at Bradwell, with his See at Othona. He died in 664.*

**Friday Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

*St Simon was from Cana in Galilee and known as the Zealot. St Jude, also known in the gospels as Thaddaeus, is the author of a short epistle in the New Testament. They preached in Mesopotamia and Persia and were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.*

**Saturday Our Lady on Saturday**

## Right to Life Prayer for the week

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Pope John Paul II, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us

**March for Life UK Thursday 27 October 12.30pm-2pm in Parliament Square, London** Full details can be found on :  
<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2022/10/27/join-us-on-the-27th-october/>

## CAFOD Fast Day Second Collection last week in aid of CAFOD Family Fast raised £401.87

The following message has been received from CAFOD. Thanks to the support of parishes like yours, our partners in southern Ethiopia are now distributing cash to 700 vulnerable pastoralist households so they can buy healthy food from local markets for themselves. The priority is supporting people with chronic illness, breastfeeding mothers, children under 5 and the elderly—to buy maize flour, cooking oil, vegetables and other essential food supplies. The prolonged drought in the region has caused the death of livestock and major food shortages for families who depended on milk from their cattle as the children's main source of food. The arrival of the rainy season then caused flooding forcing about 36,000 people—pastoralists already affected by the drought—to move. The flooding covered lands used for farming, grazing and destroyed schools, clinics, veterinary centres and water supply projects. The people lost their homes and livelihood. The community is determined to start producing their own food again and restore their livelihoods. Please do thank your parishioners for their generous Family Fast Day donations, which will enable communities like this one in Ethiopia and others affected by the food crisis right now.

## PERUVIAN CRAFTS SALE SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 12 NOON—4PM

The 'Aid for chad & Peru' Charity invites you, your family and friends to a Peruvian Crafts Sale at Ann Smith's home, 3 White House Drive, Barnt Green, B45 8HF, telephone 0121 445 1374 & 07946 366 326, email: Nooey98@gmail.com

## Thank you

We have received a thank you from Fr Hudson's Care for the Second Collection recently which raised £302.92.

## For your information ....

Copies of the notes from the Parish Finance & Parish Council Open Meeting held on Saturday 8 October in the parish hall can be found in the Church Porches.

## Vacancies

### Mount Carmel School :

**Lunchtime Supervisor** Monday to Friday 12.15pm—1.20pm term time only.

Please contact Rita Kennedy on **01527 546398** or email [olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk).

**Birmingham Diocese** are looking to recruit a **Secretary/PA to the Vicar General**. Excellent communications skills required, be proficient in Microsoft Office and ability to work on own initiatives. For an informal discussion and further information, please call the Human Resources Officer on 0121 230 6224. Further information on the diocesan website.

**Maryvale Institute** require a **Registry Assistant**. Further information can be found on the website or for an informal discussion email [interimregistrar@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:interimregistrar@maryvale.ac.uk) or telephone 07979 608496.

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# **MOUNT CARMEL PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022**

The meeting was opened by Fr Jason and approximately 42 parishioners attended.

Lizomon Mapranath (member of the finance committee) read out a prepared statement regarding finance and attendance at Mass in the parish. Currently we are spending more than we are receiving in income and we need to find ways of correcting this.

Andrew Farrell (Chair of the Finance Committee) continued explaining that mass attendance has dropped from approximately 700 per week in 2019 (pre Covid) to 340 per in 2022. Consequently, weekly offerings have also decreased. Mass centres have only re-opened for a short period following Covid and are still closed at present due to Fr Tony's illness.

Andrew Farrell pointed out that copies of income and expenses accounts pre Covid and covering the last eight months were available for parishioners to see. These accounts illustrate that currently we are spending a £1000 per week more than we receive.

He continued with an appeal for more parishioners who pay tax to sign up for Gift Aid as this would increase everyone's offering by 25% at no extra cost.

Liz Hanley (Finance Committee and Chair of the Parish Council) continued that there are three ways to reduce the deficit :

- 1 Increase offerings and donations
- 2 Reduce expenditure
- 3 Fundraising

Fundraising would play an important role in building the community spirit in the church. Since the church re-opened following Covid there has not been any structure put in place for a fundraising group. The Seniors' Group have been volunteering and organising fundraising events but this can't continue, we need help and a structure for a fundraising group. We are asking people who are willing to help to give their names and phone numbers and we will be in contact with them.

We are also appealing for volunteers who would be willing to help with the maintenance of church property thus saving money where we can. If you can help with this, please give your name and phone number.

The refurbishment of the Parish Hall was also discussed as this will play an important role in the rebuilding of the church community—social groups, pastoral care, children's liturgy etc. The hall requires improvement regarding access, safety, repair of heating and toilet facilities. Fr Tony had written to the Bishop explaining the situation regarding finance and our needs as a parish and the go ahead was given for us to make the necessary improvements to the existing building which the parish will have to finance itself.

To conclude we asked for volunteers who might be prepared to join the parish council. The parish council meets approximately six times a year to discuss the mission of the Church within the parish. The council assists and advises the parish priest of any matters relating to the pastoral ministry.