



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1917 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** 24TH MAY 2020 YEAR A

Readings Acts 1:12-14 Psalm 26 1 Peter 4:13-16 Gospel John 17:1-11

Reflection

In the first reading this Sunday, we see the Apostles together with Our Lady returning to the Upper Room to pray having just seen Jesus ascend to heaven to his Father. What might their prayer have been? Perhaps we might think of the verse of the well-known hymn to imagine their sentiments:

Alleluia, not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:

Though the cloud from sight received him

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise

'I am with you ever more!'



Last Thursday, we celebrated the solemnity of the Ascension: Jesus has ascended to the Father in heaven, where he shall stand in the living reality of the Resurrection to show him eternally the wounds of his Passion and Death – the pledge of eternal life for us that where he has gone, we shall follow.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the hour has come for the Father to glorify his Son that the Son might glorify him. It is in this mystery of the Redemption that Jesus and the Father are glorified: the ancient sin of Adam which merited the death of all humanity, and all of our personal sins have been redeemed in our Lord's Passion and Death, and his glory and victory are now shown to the Father, the promise of eternal life for us, if we would but follow him.



Let us join Our Lady and the Apostles in the Upper Room to pray, as we ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us and spread his light and his life to all humanity.

May God's blessing come down on you all this week.

Father Tony & Father Jason.

Mass Intentions

This week are for: **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Mick Gavin, Galton Trust, Holy Souls, Frank Curry, People of the Parish

Monday Bob Fish, Harry Nolan **Tuesday** Jack Coombes (a), Ruza Feljan **Wednesday** Kuna Finika, Galton Trust, Holy Souls

Thursday Milan Lukinic, Galton Trust **Friday** Miro Dropulic **Saturday** Iva Markotic, Bridie Meagher (b'day a), People of the Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY Martin Twomey, Thomas Glennon, Fr Bob Wright, Denis Cleary, Galton Trust

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week the lamp burns for the repose of the soul of **FRANK GINTY***

*Next week for the Intentions of the **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week the lamp burns for the **INTENTIONS OF KAREN (RECOVERY)***

*Next week for the Intentions of the **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH***

For the dead ...

*Your prayers are asked for **ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY***

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the Sick ...

*Your prayers are asked for **GERRY BREE, CAROLINE HOLLAND AND FAMILY, BRIAN DIXON, ANITA** in hospital in Poland, 9 month old daughter of Monika, **CAROL SMITH, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH** Alvechurch parishioner*

Daily Rosary Prayer

Don't forget to join the Fathers spiritually in their prayers each evening at 6pm til 7pm when they pray the Rosary for the Parish, its people, living and dead, and its needs, remembering particularly those causes we support.

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon Email:safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Although we cannot join together in Lourdes this year, there is a Lourdes at Home programme with an online series of events. Every day will feature a live streamed Mass from a different location, a live streamed liturgy and then a pre-recorded collaborative Marian procession. Alongside the daily schedule, video reflections will be published. The programme will be updated with links as they become available, and you will be able to download a liturgy booklet to accompany you.



Sunday 24th May

3pm Archbishop Bernard Longley celebrates the opening Mass from St Chads Cathedral
8pm Virtual Marian Procession (Glorious Mysteries)

Monday 25th May

10am Mass from Middlesbrough with Bishop Terry Drainey
5pm Livestreamed Zoom Liturgy :

Service of Healing and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr Tony Rohan

8pm Virtual Marian Procession (Joyful Mysteries)

Tuesday 26th May

10am Mass Our Lady & St Brigid, Northfield with Fr Cecil Rogerson
5pm Livestreamed Zoom Liturgy: Stations of the Cross with Fr Craig Szmidt
8pm Virtual Marian Procession (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Wednesday 27th May

10am Youth Mass St John the Baptist, Alton with Fr Paul Whieldon
8pm Virtual Lourdes Concert with CJM Music

Thursday 28th May

9.30am Mass Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Bulkington with Fr Michael Gamble
5pm Livestreamed Zoom Liturgy: Reconciliation with Mgr Timothy Menezes
8pm Virtual Marian Procession (Luminous Mysteries)

Friday 29th May

9.30am The Rosary followed by: 10.50am Thanksgiving Mass Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley with Canon Sean Grady
5pm Livestreamed Zoom Liturgy : Thanksgiving with Bishop David McGough

All Masses and liturgies will be recorded so you can still watch them if you can't make the scheduled time.

To find out how to join and keep an eye out for the developing online programme, visit the [Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage page](#)

Saints for the Week ...

Monday

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(673-735) St Bede was born in England. As a Benedictine Monk, he was, 'the most observant and the happiest of all monks'. His writings were full of sound doctrine so he was called 'Venerable' while still alive. He wrote commentaries on Holy Scripture and treatises on theology and history. He died at Jarrow, England.

Tuesday

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

(1515-1595) St Philip Neri was born in France, he was ordained a priest in 1551 and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. He is noted for his zeal in converting sinners through the Sacrament of Penance. He was a catechist and a spiritual guide of extraordinary talent. He died at eighty years of age.

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

(+605) St Augustine was sent by St Gregory the Great to England to convert the English people to Christianity. He baptised King Ethelbert of Kent and many of his subjects. At Canterbury, he erected a monastery and there established his Episcopal See.

Fr James F Ward (6th Anniversary)

Friday

The Solemnity of Dedication

In non-consecrated churches Saint Paul VI

Friends of the Holy Land

FHL launched an appeal in March to help those Christians impacted in Bethlehem and further afield because of lack of income from pilgrimages and tourism as a result of the Coronavirus—for many they have no government support or even a health service which can handle this crisis. FHL have secured match funding for the first £100,000 and, with a few days to go to Pentecost are close to reaching the target but are seeking help to get over the line.

If you would like to help, visit : www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge which will direct you to the FHL website where more information is available. You may also wish to visit the news on the diocesan website

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament: body, blood, soul and divinity. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, please spiritually enter more deeply into my heart and mind. I embrace You, trusting in your answer to my prayer, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

News from the Diocese Supporting Your Parish ...

Many have asked how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic. Parishes and charities still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors. We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

If you wish to donate visit the home page on the diocesan website - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk where there is a DONATE button. You can donate via Standing Order or single donation - donations can also be gift aided.

Collections and Donations

If you prefer not to use the above method, cheques made out to Mount Carmel Church, GA envelopes or Cash can be dropped into the Presbytery, the Parish Office or through the letterbox. We thank you all for your continued support.

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