



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2219 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 24TH AUGUST 2025**

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 116 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Gospel Luke 13:22-30 Psalter Week 1

Fr Tony

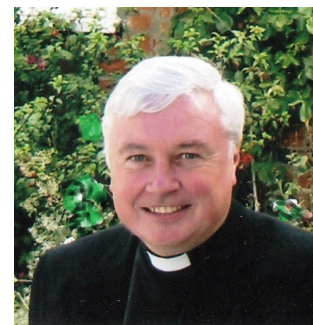
What a beautiful and moving goodbye to our lovely parish priest, Fr Tony—may he rest in peace. The church was full on Monday evening for his reception and Mass and on Tuesday, full church overflowing into the parish hall and garden for his funeral Mass—and all his brother priests who came—a true testimony to how much he was loved by all of us and parishioners from other parishes where he served as a curate and parish priest. We shall miss him.

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed in any way to make the two

days run so smoothly, Fr Jason, Altar servers, choir, flowers, wardens, Monday

night's buffet—and a special thankyou to our Keralan community who organised the marquees, tv screens in the parish hall and marquee, car parking and food in the garden—apologies if we have forgotten anyone—but it was lovely to see everyone working together to make it truly memorable.

Many thanks for all your hard work.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 24th August 2025

Saturday	5pm	Mr & Mrs Stack (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Judy Spittle 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Fr Tony Rohan & People of the Parish
	6pm	Jimmy Brogan (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Jane Doyle (b'day a)
Tuesday	9.30am	Eddie McGrath
Wednesday	9.30am	NB NO PUBLIC MASS Holy Souls
	5pm	Reception into church David Cruise
Thursday	1.15pm	Funeral Mass David Cruise
Friday	9.30am	Ian Donegan
Saturday	9.30am	Annie May Devlin
	5pm	Gareth Harris (a) & Pat Thompson (a)

Sunday Twenty-second of the Year 31st August 2025

	8.15am	Fr Tony Rohan & Patrick Ellicott 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Winifreda Olga Hall (b'day a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Ita Conway (live-streamed)

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, DELIA BREE, PAUL MCCONNELL, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS MCDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY HAWTHORNE, JANE ELLIOTT, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, ROBERT CARTER, SUSAN PORTER, BRIAN MCCRUDDEN, EVELYN (5 YRS OLD)**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **SHIRLEY CARR** Funeral 11.45am Thursday 28th August in the Abbey Chapel, **DAVID CRUISE** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 27 August, Funeral Mass 1.15pm Thursday 28th August, **MARGARET PRICE-WARD** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 15th September, Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 16th September, **PETER WALSH** Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 8th September



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **MICHAEL BOBOWSKI (B'DAY A)**

Next week in thanksgiving for **SAFE ARRIVAL OF BABY WILLOW EMILIA**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **DOREEN TAYLOR**

Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL BOBOWSKI (A)**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed Monday—Thursday of next week.
Open again as normal
Friday 29th August.

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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
SATURDAYS 10AM - 11AM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

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 g.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

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 Louis or of Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

(1214-1270) St Louis was born in Poissy, France. He was brought up by his mother Blanche de Castille, who from Louis tenderest infancy, inspired him with a love for Our Lord. He became King of France, and father of eleven children whom he educated in an exemplary manner. He lived in a great spirit of penance and prayer and showed great love for peace and the temporal as well as spiritual common good of his countrymen. He died near Tunis during his second crusade for the deliverance of the Holy Places.

(1557-1648) St Joseph Calasanz was born in Aragon, Spain., He was ordained a priest, went to Rome and founded the Piarist Congregation dedicated to poor children. He suffered trials, slander and persecution silently and serenely.

Tuesday **Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious**

(1792-1849) Blessed Dominic Barberi was born near Viterbo, Italy. He entered the Passionists and was ordained a priest in 1818. He taught theology in Rome and served as a Provincial. He had long believed that he had been called to be an instrument for the conversion of England and in his final years he was given the opportunity of labouring tirelessly in this country, despite facing much opposition. On 8 October 1845 he received Blessed John Henry Newman into the Church at Littlemore. St John Eudes was born in France. He was a great apostle and preached and encouraged devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He founded an association of priests and the religious congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity.

Wednesday **Saint Monica**

(331-387) St Monica was born at Tagaste in Africa. Mother of St Augustine, she prayed and suffered for the conversion of her son and was unceasing in her prayers for him. He is an example of a mother with great faith in prayer.

Thursday **Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

(354-430) St Born in Tagaste, Africa. At First, he followed his mother's example, but later fell into a licentious way of life. 'My sins increased like a rolling snowball,' he wrote in his 'Confessions'. His mother, St Monica, constantly prayed for his conversion. He converted at the age of thirty-three in Milan, where he was baptised by St Ambrose. He went to Africa and was elected Bishop of Hippo. There, he undertook an enormous activity of preaching and writing in defence of the Faith. He is one of the greatest doctors of the church.

Friday **The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr**

Saturday **Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Virgin, Martyrs or of Our Lady on Saturday**

This day commemorates the three canonised female martyrs of the English Reformation: St Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), a native of York and convert to Catholicism, who sheltered priests and was pressed to death in her home town on 25 March 1587. St Anne Line (1567-1601) from Dumow, Essex, who also harboured priests was hanged at Tyburn on 27 February 1601. St Margaret Ward (+1588) born in Congleton, Cheshire, who worked in London and attempted to help a priest escape from prison. She was hanged at Tyburn on 30 August 1588. All three were canonised in 1970 amongst the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

Fr Brendan O'Malley (16th Anniversary—buried the Abbey Cemetery, Redditch)

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	16/17 August 2025
1st Collection	£536.70
2nd Collection	£251.12 (Parish Hall)
Attendance	411

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Date for your diary ...

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

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

FOODBANK

School holidays are a particularly difficult time for families using the services of the foodbank due to the fact that no free school meals are available. So when you are out shopping if you can put an extra item into your basket and donate this to our Foodbank collection would be a great help. These small acts have a great impact on families and help provide nutrition for their children.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 8 G Antony J Chacko Mgt Gonsalves M Johnson

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 9 J Joseph L Mapranath M Vincent S Thomas

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 21st August
Bingo in the Parish Hall



Journey in Faith (RCIA)

This year's Journey in Faith course takes place on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in the parish hall starting in September. It is the programme for those who wish to join the Catholic Church and for parishioners who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. For more information please contact the parish office 01527 63096

