



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2121 **25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

Readings : Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 144 Philipians 1:20-24,27 Gospel Matthew 20:1-6

Reflection for this Sunday ...

This parable is addressed to the Jewish people, whom God called at an early hour, centuries ago. Now the Gentiles are also being called—with an equal right to form part of the new people of God, the Church. In both cases it is a matter of a gratuitous, unmerited, invitation; therefore, those who were the “first” to receive the call have no grounds for complaining when God calls the “last” and gives them the same reward—membership of his people. At first sight the labourers of the first hour seem to have a genuine grievance—because they do not realise that to have a job in the Lord’s vineyard is a divine gift. Jesus leaves us in no doubt that although he calls us to follow different ways, all receive the same reward—heaven.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	Christopher McNamee (b'day a) & Judy Reynolds (a)
Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Div Coyne (Wedd A) 6pm Anne Curry (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Peter Brogan
STM School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Yolande & Derek Skinner
Wednesday	9.30am	Antonina Bobowski (a)
Thursday	7pm	Frances Quigley
STA School	9.40am	Margaret McAteer (Johnson Fund)
Friday	9.30am	Michael McElroy
STB School	2.30pm	Annual Mass for Benefactors (Johnson Fund)
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of Jimmy Purcell
	5pm	Private Intention Brennan Family

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass followed by Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 1ST OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Peter Brogan 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish & Holy Souls 6pm Frances Quigley (live-streamed)
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Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed - Visit our website and click on 'Watch Live'

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **FR EDWIN COWNLEY**, priest of the diocese. Funeral details not yet known. **MICHAEL MCELROY** Funeral Service 2.45pm Thursday 28 September at the Abbey Chapel, **BABY ROBYN JUDITH MAY TRUSCOTT** granddaughter of parishioners, **PETER BROGAN** relative of parishioners, **MIKEY CONNORS** (14 years old) 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, ALICE CAIRNS, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the **INTENTIONS OF NIMISHA REJI**
Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & BRIDIE MEAGHER**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **JAMES, ELLEN & MARY O'BRIEN**
Next week for the **INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE FRIEL**



CARMELITE COMMUNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

The Birmingham Carmelite Community have organised a day of recollection at St Paul’s Convent, Selly Park. The day will be led by a priest and will include a talk, Holy Mass and Confession. The cost is £15 which includes a simple lunch. Payment needs to be made by 2nd September and no refunds will be given after that date. Further information is available from Susan Porter, convenor of Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group via the Parish Office.

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 us*

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now due— If you would like to join the 500 Club which raises money for the parish, it is £12p.a. for one number, £24p.a. for two etc ... 1st Prize £120, 2nd Prize £50 For more information or application form please contact the Parish Office

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

They were brothers from Syria. Cosmas and Damian were martyred during the persecution of Diocletian. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

(1581-1660) St Vincent was born in France. He was a priest who dedicated himself to the evangelisation of the poor, the unfortunate, and the suffering. Together with Louis de Marillac, he founded the congregation of the Daughters of Charity. He also founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, known as Lazarists. His life remained deeply rooted in humility despite his worldwide fame.

Thursday Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr or of Saints Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

(907-930) St Wenceslaus was Duke of Bohemia. He assumed the leadership of his country in the year 925. After many trials in governing and evangelising his people, he suffered martyrdom at the hands of his brother.

In the seventeenth century, Lawrence Ruiz and his companions shed their blood for Christ in Nagasaki, Japan. These martyrs were members of the Order of Saint Dominic. There were nine priests, two religious, two sisters, and three laymen. Among the latter was Lawrence Ruiz, a family man from the Philippines. They abundantly sowed the seed of Christianity with the example of their life and death.

Friday Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(340-420) St Jerome was born in Dalmatia (present day Croatia). He studied in Rome where he was baptised. He chose monastic life and went to Syria where he was ordained a priest. He went back to Rome as secretary to Pope Damasus, who commissioned him to revise the Latin text of the Bible. He went to Bethlehem to work on this project. His work is known as the Vulgate which the Church has adopted as the official version. He also wrote many other works, mostly commentaries on the books of the Bible.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October—For the synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Season of Creation—Extract 3 from the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

'Let us add also to the flow of the mighty river of justice and peace by transforming our lifestyles.' Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our 'ecological sins', as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive—our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well. Let us co-operate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, disposing of and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible. Finally, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an 'ecological debt' that must be paid (cfr. *Laudato Si'*, 51) (5) The world leaders who will gather for the COP28 summit in Dubai from 30 Nov—12 Dec next must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuel, and halt ecological injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change.

Ecumenical Vigil—after 5pm Mass on Saturday 30th September.

We would urge everyone to join us next Saturday to be part of the Worldwide Ecumenical Vigil taking place between 5pm and 7pm in Rome, led by Pope Francis for the Season of Creation. Our local vigil will start following the 5pm Mass and include readings and hymns; please support the senior students of St Augustine's School and the Laudato Si Group in making our Vigil a prayerful and joyful event. There will a Sharing Table in the Parish Hall afterwards to which everyone is invited to bring and share a bite to eat—should you need to refrigerate any food contribution, the Parish Hall will be open between 4.30-5pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Missio—Mill Hill Missionaries (Red Boxes)

The Missio Autumn issue of their magazine is available in the porches this weekend ready for **World Mission Sunday 22 October 2023**. Please take one home with you. Also in the porches you will find some **brown Mission envelopes** for those of you who have a Red Box at home so that when your box is full, you can empty it into the envelope and bring to the parish office so there is no need to leave your box at church.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Redditch Operatic Society present **EVITA** at the Palace Theatre

Tuesday 21—Saturday 25 November Book your tickets via **TICKET HOTLINE 01527 304009** before 31 October and pay no booking fee. Special rates and discounts available for group bookings. Phone ticket hotline for details.

Future events

Saturday October 28th 'Nearly New Sale' in the Parish Hall—*time to be confirmed*

Parish Christmas Meal—*date and time to be confirmed*

Saturday December 9th Bel Canto Christmas Concert in Mount Carmel 7.30pm

Tuesday December 19th Parish Christmas Carol Service in Mount Carmel—*time to be confirmed*

Wednesday January 17th Quiz Night in Parish Hall

Justice & Peace Assembly Saturday 28 October, Grimshaw Room, St Chad's

Cathedral B4 6HJ Registration 10am, Assembly 10.45am to 3pm. Theme : Climate Action in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Speakers : Tom Piotrowski & Fr Robert Taylerson. Book now on : <https://bit.ly/OurAssembly2023>. Find out more on <https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/assnualassemblies.htm>

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: safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding

First Holy Communion

for children in non-Catholic schools

The parish Class begins in January 2024 on Wednesdays at 6pm during termtime

If you have a child in Year 3 and over who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office either in person or by email to enrol your child/children

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP in the Parish Hall

Thursday October 5th
Thursday October 19th
Thursday November 2nd
Thursday November 16th
Thursday November 30th

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