



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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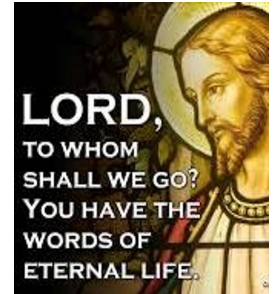


NEWSLETTER 2167 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B 25TH AUGUST 2024**

Readings : Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 Psalm 33 Ephesians 5:21-32 Gospel John 6:60-69 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday

Faith is like a fragile seedling. It may grow to blossom or it may so easily die. It was so from Jesus' own time, as we read in today's gospel. The crowds had seen his miracles but when they heard the promise of the Eucharist, they turned away. They just could not take on board such a reality. It offered too much and demanded too much. The offer was a sharing in the life of God himself. The demand was to live out the love and the values of the God who comes to change us. The offer and the demand were inextricably linked so the crowds rejected them both and walk away. Under the leadership of Peter, the seedling faith of the core disciples was protected. It grew and eventually blossomed into full commitment in the infant church. In our time, many young adults and some not so young, are voting with their feet. They no longer come to the Eucharist. The incipient faith of the young is quickly crushed unless it is protected and nurtured. Who will speak the word of encouragement like Peter that will enable them to stay in the church and to blossom to full disciples? Can you do so? Will you?



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 25th August 2024

Saturday	5pm	Pat Reardon & Mike O'Connor
Sunday	8.15am	Sr Carmel Wragg & Mary Shanley (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Jane Doyle (b'day a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Gareth Harris (a) & Pat Thompson (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Hughie Martin (a)
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiana Thomas
Wednesday	9.30am	Michael Bobowski (b'day a)
Thursday	7pm	James (a) & Kathleen McCallion & Ints of family & friends for Masses & Messages
Friday	9.30am	Ceralita Moralde
Saturday	9.30am	Winifreda Olga Hall (b'day a)
	5pm	Eileen Hughes (a)

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS for the Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year 1st September 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Sydney Byrne & Peter Cassidy 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Daniel Osborne & People of the Parish
	6pm	Sausa Potozen Family (live-streamed)

Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed - Visit our website and click on 'Watch Live'

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **RONALD HOWARTH GUNNELL** Funeral Service 12.30pm Friday 6th September in the Abbey Chapel followed by burial at Waseley Hills Burial Ground, **MATTHEW COLE**, nephew of the late Margaret Cole

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, TOMMY CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATH WILLIAMS, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS MCDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, HEATHER SMITH, FRANCES EDMONDS, JOHN HAWTHORN, MARTIN THOMPSON**



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the **INTS OF BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL**
Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL BOBOWSKI (A)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **MICHAEL BOBOWSKI (B'DAY A)**
Next week in loving memory of **ELEN CHRISTINA O'BRIEN**

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 your 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*

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@olmc@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns

Ronnie's Coffee & Cake in aid of MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

12.30pm Sunday 1 September
in the parish hall after 11.15am Mass

If you can't make it, please consider making a donation.
Donations of cakes would be gratefully received.

Harvest Supper & Quiz

Saturday 28 September

6.30pm in Parish Hall

Tickets £7 each available next week

Ticket all inclusive

If you wish alcohol, please bring your own

All proceeds to Parish Hall Fund

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday **Blessed Dominic Barberi, 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.

Tuesday **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. She is an example of a mother with great faith in prayer.

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

(354-430) 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 33 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.

Thursday **Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr**

Friday **Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, virgin, Martyrs**

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 who was pressed to death in her home town on 25 March 1586, St Anne Line (1567-1601) from Dunmow, 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 (15th Anniversary) late of this parish buried in the Abbey Cemetery

Saturday **Saint Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne or Our Lady on Saturday**

(+651) St Aidan was an Irish monk who joined the community of Iona and went to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. He was consecrated bishop and settled on the Island of Lindisfarne with the support of King St Oswald and his successor St Oswin. After St Aidan's death in 651, the 'Holy Island' of Lindisfarne continued to produce many Saints instrumental in the evangelisation of northern England, until the monastery was devastated by Vikings. These Saints include the bishops St Finian, St Colman, St Eata, St Eadfrith and St Cuthbert.

Weekly Statistics

Weekend 17/18 August 2024

1st Collection £521.84

2nd Collection £252.48 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 421

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

**PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
in the Parish Hall**

**Next Meeting
2pm Thursday 5th September
Bingo**

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle M Barratt

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

New Counting Teams needed to count the weekend collections either on a Sunday evening or Monday morning

If this is something you feel you could do, please get in touch with one of the clergy or the parish office—thankyou

Fairtrade Sale

Fairtrade Fortnight is now in September and the sale of fairly traded goods will be at the back of church after all masses on the weekend of **14/15 September**. There will also be free refreshments in the parish hall after the 5pm Mass that Saturday. Buying fair trade helps community producers in developing countries and is good for people and the environment. It is an easy way of putting our faith into action.

Laudato Si/Cafod

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. The 2024 theme is 'To hope and act with Creation' and the 'Celebration' begins on 1 September, the Feast of Creation and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Please use the following link to see a short video from Archbishop Bernard Longley, inviting you to participate in this year's celebration : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation>; or go to [SeasonOfCreation.org](https://www.seasonofcreation.org) to find the Faith Leaders Invitation video calling us to join in the Season of Creation Opening Prayer Service together with global faith leaders on 1 September.

Journey in Faith (RCIA) begins Thursday 12 September

This year's Journey in Faith course takes place on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the parish hall beginning Thursday 12th September. It is the programme for those who wish to join the Catholic Church and also for parishioners who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information please contact the parish office.



Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs Sunday 1st September at Harvington Hall

Principal Celebrant will be The Right Rev Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass is at 3pm with Confessions from 1.45pm-2.30pm. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day.

Annual March for Life

This happens in London Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass of Thanksgiving—Saturday 5 October 2024 12 noon

at St Chad's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley



Dates for your diary

Saturday 28 September Harvest Supper & Quiz
Saturday 30 November Christmas Lunch
December Parish Carol Service

McCarron School of Irish Dance Lessons



for boys & girls age 3 & upwards

4pm-5pm Tuesdays

Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

Please note: No classes during August

**Please put mobile phones
on silent when at Mass,
thankyou.**

Mount Carmel Choir

The choir is now on a break throughout August, resuming again on 9th September. New members always welcome. We meet every Monday evenings at 7pm



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BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 3 +**

TUESDAYS 4-5 PM

LOCATION
Mount Carmel Parish Hall
Beoley Road West
Redditch
B98 8LT

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Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024