



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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 Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney  
 Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton  
 NEWSLETTER 2097 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A** 26TH MARCH 2023  
 Readings : Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 129 Romans:8:8-11 Gospel John 11:1-45

## Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent ....

*There are only two weeks to go until Easter and the Bible Readings of this Sunday all speak about resurrection. It is not yet that of Jesus, which bursts in as an absolute innovation, but our own resurrection, to which we aspire and which Christ himself gave to us, in rising from the dead. Indeed, death represents a wall as it were, which prevents us from seeing beyond it; yet our hearts reach out beyond this wall and even though we cannot understand what is concealed, we nevertheless think about it and imagine it; expressing with symbols our desire for eternity. Christ pulls down the wall of death and in him dwells all the fullness of God, who is life, eternal life.*

*Pope Benedict XVI*



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Judy Reynolds & Paddy Conlon
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Stan & Stasia Duraj (Wedd A) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Mary Hallahan
	6pm	People of the Parish & Marjorie McElroy (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Div Coyne (a) & Josie Fitzgerald
<b>MC School</b>	9am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Wojciech & Bronislaw Slobodzian (a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Vincent Walsh (a) & Elizabeth Loboda (a)
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Mark Williams & Jim Friel (sick)
<b>STA School</b>	10am	Whole School Mass
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Joe Donaghey & With Gratitude to Our Lady
	10am	Stations of the Cross
	6pm	Stations of the Cross (Keralan)
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	James & Agnes McColgan
	5pm	Conway Brewster (a) & Special Intention

**Parish Rosary after Mass on Tuesdays**  
**10am followed by**  
**Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart**  
**of Mary Prayer Meeting**

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

## SUNDAY 2ND APRIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Derek Barratt (a) & Barry & Bernadette Rugen (a) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Seamus Fitzpatrick (a) & People of the Parish 6pm Michael & Winifred Conboy (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 ...

*Please pray for* **EILEEN MUNDY** Reception into church 5pm Monday 10th April, Funeral Mass 10.30am Tuesday 11th April, **THOMAS STRONG** Funeral Service 11am Thursday 13th April at the Abbey Chapel, **LES CROW** Funeral details not yet known, **JOHN O'CARROLL** in Ireland, cousin of parishioner  
*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, MICHAEL ROHAN, 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 MC RANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, MICK O'CONNOR, FIONA EVANS, LEONARD ROSE, MICK & ANNIE CLEARY**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week in loving memory of* **MARIANNA & BRONISLAW KLOC**  
*Next week in loving memory of* **MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week in loving memory of* **MICK, SARAH & DEC'D DURKAN FAMILY**  
*Next week in loving memory of* **ELIZABETH LOBODA (A)**

## 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*



**Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**  
**email:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com**

## Laudato Si—Donations to the Foodbank

Many thanks for your continued support for the Redditch Food Bank. All donations of tinned meat and vegetables are much appreciated. Please look at the website for information about what they need — <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>  
**Please only leave food items, we cannot take anything else to the Foodbank, thank you.**

## Pope's Prayer Intention for April :

### For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Right to Life Prayer for this week ....

Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the day we commemorate when the Lord Jesus took on human flesh. Let us pray that all expectant mothers and fathers will be given the grace of God and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lord hear us.

## Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group Meeting 15th April

A rare and golden opportunity to see the Sacred icon of **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**, and be guided in prayer by the Iconographer Rosie Bradshaw, followed by an opportunity to share any thoughts and inspirations, plus time for Q&A. The meeting will begin with refreshments at 11am and the prayer will begin around 11.30am. Each attendee will receive an A5 print of the Icon, and will be invited to sign the witness book. You are also most welcome to join the Lay Carmelites for a shared lunch. (Please bring a little something for the shared table). There is no charge but donations will be accepted. For further information please contact Susan Porter by email on [ingeva@btinternet.com](mailto:ingeva@btinternet.com)

## Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 29 April at 12 noon, celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass) to confirm your attendance.

## Tabor House is moving!

Birmingham's only 24/7 centre for homeless men is moving next month to a new purpose designed centre to help those sleeping on the streets of Birmingham. This is an Archdiocese project which started with the help of our Parish SVP group. It is not only doubling its capacity of beds but also inviting external agencies in to offer additional support to clients. They are asking companies to consider sponsoring a bed for a calendar year to help with the running costs of this very worthwhile project—can you help?

**Open Day Wednesday 19 April 2023 12-2pm**—welcome talk, tour and lunch

**Sunday 23 April 2023** 11am Mass at St Catherine's, Horsefair, led by Archbishop Bernard followed by refreshments, Tours and blessing of the new Tabor living facilities. ALL WELCOME

## Love the Stranger

This is the title of a new teaching document issued last week by the Bishop's conference of England and Wales. Bishops Declan Lang and Paul McAleenan write in the introduction 'How many have died in our own waters without their names or stories ever being known? We should not reduce people to statistics or to a political problem to be solved.' The document can be read free online at :

[CBCEW-Love-the-Stranger-A4.pdf](#)

## New Group for Autistic Catholic Adults

**Parish Centre, Our Lady and St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Weoley Castle 7pm on Thursday 23 March**

Deacon Mark Paine is setting up this group for Autistic Catholics in the Birmingham Diocese. It will provide a safe-space to talk, share ideas and discuss how to play a full and active role in our parish communities. All Catholics welcome whether practising or not. If you or anyone you know is Catholic and either diagnosed as non-neurotypical or think that you/they may be, please think about attending. All conversations will be treated in the strictest confidence. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Paine either via Facebook or at : [dcn.mark.paine@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.mark.paine@rcaob.org.uk)

## 40 Days for Life—help save lives in Birmingham

To find out more or to get involved in this campaign of peaceful, legal prayer near an abortion centre contact Isabel : 07773 501721. Vigil location : outside St Joseph & St Helen's Catholic Church, Station Road, Kings Norton B30 1JG Vigil hours : 8am—8pm daily until April 2nd) You will need to sign a Statement of Peace before attending. Please get in touch for any questions. If you are struggling after an abortion, please contact **Rachel** from Rachel's Vineyard on 07734 059080

## Vacancy—St Augustines High School

Our Lady of the Magnificat MAC are looking to recruit a **LAY CHAPLAIN** based at St Augustine's but may be required to work across other sites within the wider MAC. The applicant should be a practising Catholic and support & develop the Catholic ethos of the school. Please visit: [www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies) for an application form and consent for references form, both to be returned to Stacey McGoldrick at [sta-hr@sta.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:sta-hr@sta.magnificat.org.uk) Closing date 12 noon 27 March 2023



Catholic lady looking for rented single occupancy accommodation  
Please contact Fr Tony if you can help  
01527 63096

## Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone (01527 63096) or by email: [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)

## COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2

J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

Please put mobile phones on Silent when at Mass thank you

## LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5

If you wish to contact the SVP, please telephone 07531 818731 (the SVP Tesco phone) and leave a message with your contact details so we can return your call.

