



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2203 **2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025 YR C**

Readings: Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 117 Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19 Gospel John 20:19-31

Pope Francis Requiescat in Pace

Archbishop Bernard Langley said ... 'As the remarkable pontificate of Pope Francis comes to a close all the faithful, Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese join in praying for the repose of his soul. We recall with gratitude the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman, Birmingham's saint, in 2019 by Pope Francis and the late Holy Father's appreciation for Cardinal Newman's teachings on the development of doctrine. The Holy Spirit inspired Pope Francis to lead the Church along the Synodal Pathway in fidelity to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and this will undoubtedly remain an important part of his abiding legacy. We also remember Pope Francis' many ecumenical and inter-religious initiatives as he prayed and worked for the unity of the Church and of mankind and for the respect due to God's creation We pray that the good Shepherd will now welcome the Successor of Peter into the company of saints. May he rest in peace.'



Divine Mercy Sunday

'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore'. They invite us to turn our gaze to Christ, to experience his reassuring presence. To each person, whatever his condition, even if it were the most complicated and dramatic, the Risen One repeats: 'Fear not!'; I died on the Cross but now 'I am alive for evermore'; 'I am the first and the last, and the living one'. Saint John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 27th April 2025

Saturday	5pm	Mick Russell (a)
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Nora O'Leary & People of the Parish
	3pm	Divine Mercy Service
	6pm	Ints of Christine Morrissey & Ints of Ayana Elso (18th b'day) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	John Morrissey
Tuesday	9.30am	Paulose Raphael (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	Kitty Fanning (a) & Roger Allcock
Thursday	7pm	Joy Varghese (a)
Friday	9.30am	Bernard Chadwick & Lil Maguire
	1.30pm	Funeral Mass Deirdre McBride
	7pm	Latin Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of Fr Tony
	5pm	Roger Allcock

3pm Feast of the Divine Mercy Service

An hour of Prayer, readings, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction

Prayer Cards for Pope Francis available at the back of church and in the side porches. Please take one home with you.

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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 10am-11am
or by appointment

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

Third Sunday of Easter 4th May 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Kathleen McDonald 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Hugh Keaney & People of the Parish
	6pm	Ints of May Dunne (108th b'day) (live-streamed)

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, PAUL MCCONNELL, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, DAVID CRUISE, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, JANE ELLIOTT, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, ROBERT CARTER, DAVID BUTCHER, SUSAN PORTER**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **DEIDRE McBRIDE** Funeral Mass 1.30pm Friday 2nd May, **PAMELA NOONAN** Reception into Church 5pm Thursday 15th May, Funeral Mass 10.30am Friday 16th May, **ROSEMARY HEGARTY** Funeral details not yet known



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **SUSAN, CHARLIE DOHERTY & FAMILY**
Next week for the intentions of **JOSEPH SREBNIAK (FHC)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **DECEASED DUNN & DOHERTY FAMILIES**
Next week for the **DECEASED MOLLOY FAMILY**

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 sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

Jubilee Year 2025 Feckenham Flower Festival

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May

PLANNING MEETING

6PM TUESDAY 29TH APRIL

SS John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

for all volunteers and anyone else
who would like to help, please join us

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Also needed are four or five 3m x 3m Gazebos, if you can help with this please let the parish office know. Donations towards the cost of the flowers would be gratefully received (mark envelope Flowers Feckenham) and can be handed into the parish office.

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 Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England (transferred from 23rd April)

Popular tradition presents St George as the knight who killed the dragon, making him a symbol of a triumph of faith against the forces of evil. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia and at a young age was raised to the ministry during the Emperor Diocletian's reign. When the Emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. During the crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector England. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel.

Tuesday Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

(1347-1380) St Catherine was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's Church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage: the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. Imprinted with the sacred stigmata, she died in Rome at 33 years of age. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18 June 1939. In 1970, Pope St Paul VI proclaimed her Doctor of the Church.

Wednesday St Pius V, Pope, Religious

(1504-1572) Michael Ghislieri was of a poor though noble family. He was taken in by the Dominicans of Voghera, where he received a good education and was trained in the way of solid austere piety. He was ordained in 1528, and taught theology and philosophy for 16 years. He was elected Pope in 1566, and his pontificate was one of the most glorious in the 16th century. He enforced the decrees of the Council of Trent, published the Roman Catechism, and revised the Missal and Breviary.

Thursday Saint Joseph the Worker

Friday Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(295-373) St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, became the champion of the faith against Arianism at the Council of Nicea. He suffered persecution and was exiled for 17 years for resisting compromise in essentials of the Faith. He wrote many works on apologetics.

Saturday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Like St Peter and St Andrew, St Philip was from Bethsaida. He was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St Bartholomew to Christ. Christ declared to St Philip, 'He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father I am in the Father and the Father in me' (John 14:8-9)

St James was a cousin of Our Lord. He is called James the Less, to distinguish him from the other James. As bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St James was thrown down the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death. The names of Philip and James are mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May—for working conditions

Let us pray that, through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity, and that society may be humanised.

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone for the generous donations to our Foodbank collection during the season of Lent. The latest figures from The Joseph Rowntree Foundation state that the West Midlands has the highest percentage of people below the poverty line in the UK at 27%. Our donations continue to be welcomed and benefit those in need in our local community. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

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 3rd May at 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass or scan the QR code to confirm your attendance by 13th April.

Please vote against the Assisted Dying Bill at Third Reading.

There are cards in church for you to sign and send to your MP at the House of Commons. Please take one home after Mass.

Redditch Choral Society present Bach's St John's Passion

Saturday 7th June at Ss Matthias & George Church, Astwood Bank, B96 6EH.

The powerful re-telling of the days leading to Christ's Crucifixion set to music, sung in English. Professional Orchestra and directed by Emily Tyrell (parishioner). Tickets £15, £10 (Students) available from Ticket Source (Scan QR code to book)

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 1st May
in the Parish Hall

Pilgrimage to Evesham

Saturday 12th July

Mass at St Egwins, Walk to the Abbey
concluding with Benediction

If you are interested in going, please register
with the parish office so we have an idea of
how many would like to go.

PARISH TOILETS

During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it. **Please do not put paper towels or nappies in the toilet—thank you.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL WHO USE THE PARISH HALL

When you leave, please make sure all lights are switched off, toilets flushed and the hall is left in a clean and tidy state **Thank you**

Churches Together in Redditch

Worship Together—1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

Trinity Sunday 15th June at 3.30pm
in the Ecumenical Centre (adjoining the Kingfisher Centre).

Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Redditch
(Methodist & United Reformed)

Jubilee Year 2025 Feckenham Flower Festival Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May Refreshments & BBQ

1.30pm Saturday & Sunday
there will be a choir performing
10.15am Sunday Mass
celebrated by Fr Van



