



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1922 **SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL** 28TH JUNE 2020 YEAR A  
Readings Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 33 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

## Reflection .....

Christ chose his Twelve to know his message and preach it (*Gospel*). To their company he later called St. Paul (*Romans 1,1*). Despite human weakness (*impulsiveness, Matthew 22,22-23*), fearful Peter was notable for fidelity to Christ's teaching. Fighting constant interference by human ill-will and his own infirmity (*2 Corinthians 11, 24 – 12,9*), Paul was also outstanding for fidelity to promptings of the Spirit throughout his missionary journeys.

We too are called to fidelity to Christ's teaching and to revealing it, by works of love and as our personal gifts and opportunities enable us (*Matthew 28,19 and John 15,16*). We too frequently find our work hindered by our failings and oppositions from those among whom we labour as well as from Satan, the enemy sowing tares among the wheat (*Matthew 13,24-26*).

*Fr Tony and Fr Jason*



## Opening of Churches for Mass

Lovely news that churches are able to open for worship and we will once again be able to celebrate Mass together. However, as you will be aware, this will mean a lot more preparation has to be put in place before this can happen, therefore the church will **NOT** be open for Mass next weekend 4th/5th July—we are looking at the weekend of 11th/12th July—details will be in next week's Newsletter.

It is important that we continue to abide by the guidance, given by the Government, on appropriate social distancing and the other measures to avoid all unnecessary risk. We have not yet received the detailed guidance from the diocese so that everyone can be confident that they may come to Mass securely and understand the part they are to play in protecting each other from any remaining risk of infection.

## Funeral Services in church

Funeral Services (not Masses at the moment) can now take place in Church adhering to the present guidelines for social distancing etc.

## Mount Carmel Church Open for Individual Prayer

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 10.30am—12.30pm**  
**Saturdays 5pm—7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please **do not** come to the church if you are experiencing any Covid19 symptoms. Please remember to keep your personal possessions to a minimum and don't leave anything behind when you leave. Also bear in mind that in accordance with guidance there will not be any toilet facilities. You are encouraged to wear face masks, you should bring these and any other PPE you require with you.

## Mass Intentions

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL** Michael & Antonina Bobowski (Wedd Anniv), Bronislaw & Wojcech Slobodzian, Galton Trust, Galton Trust, Deceased members of the Boyd & Stanley Families **Monday** Ken McArdle, Galton Trust, Galton Trust  
**Tuesday** Pat Conner, Tony Battle, Fr David Barry **Wednesday** Jimmy Manners (a), Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Timothy Burke  
**Thursday** Mary Deacy, Billy McNamara, Fr Andrew Kenny **Friday** Derek Loosemore, Fr David Duggan **Saturday** Mr W Burrell, Brian Mander (a), People of the Parish **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)** Alan Gourley, Peter McBennett, George, Val, Paddy & Peter Higgins, Galton Trust, Galton Trust

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week the lamp burns in loving memory of* **BRIAN MANDER**  
*Next week for the intentions of* **EMILY & MILLIE AWAITING SURGERY**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week the lamp burns for the repose of the soul of* **ALAN GOURLEY**  
*Next week in loving memory of* **PETER MCBENNETT (ANNIVERSARY)**

## For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **PATRICIA CONNER** Funeral Service 2pm Tuesday 30th June at the Abbey Chapel, **ALAN GOURLEY** Funeral Service 12.30pm Tuesday 7th July in Mount Carmel, Burial in Abbey Cemetery, **AGNES CHRISTINA PHILLIPS** Funeral Service 12.30pm Monday 6th July at the Abbey Chapel, **PATRICK FINN** Funeral details not yet known. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## For the Sick ...

Your prayers are asked for **GERRY BREE, CAROLINE HOLLAND AND FAMILY, BRIAN DIXON, ANITA** in hospital in Poland, 9 month old daughter of Monika, **CAROL SMITH, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH & MARGARET VALE**

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Our Families—we pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### Daily Rosary Prayer

Don't forget to join the Fathers spiritually in their prayers each evening at 6pm til 7pm when they pray the Rosary for the Parish, its people, living and dead, and its needs, remembering particularly those causes we support.



## Saints for the Week ...

### Sunday

#### **Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Apostles**

*St Peter & St Paul are patron saints of Rome. St Peter was the first pope and founder of the Church. He was martyred c.64AD and at his request, was crucified upside down as he did not consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus. St Paul was converted on the road to Damascus and is responsible for much of the New Testament. He was beheaded c.64AD as befitting a Roman Citizen. Both Saints are considered incredibly important foundations of the Church,*

### Tuesday

#### **First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

*The Church celebrates this feast in memory of the martyrs of the persecution under Nero at about 64AD. Many Christians were killed with atrocious tortments. They were people of all professions and levels of society.*

### Wednesday

#### **Saint Oliver Plunkett, Martyr**

*(1629-1681) St Oliver Plunkett was ordained a priest in 1654 after studying at the Irish College, Rome. He stayed on in Rome as a professor and a representative of the Irish bishops. In 1669 he was appointed Arch bishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He did much to reorganise and strengthen the Irish church, despite being forced into hiding for much of his episcopate. He was arrested in 1679 at the time of the Popish Plot, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1 July 1681 the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England.*

### Friday

#### **Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**

*Among the apostles, St Thomas is remembered mainly because of his doubts about the resurrection of Christ. He did not want to admit anything that went beyond the bounds of his experience and reason. Eight days later he made up for that unbelief with a profession of faith, 'My Lord and my God.' (Jn 14:5-6) According to tradition, he preached the Gospel in India where he suffered martyrdom.*

### Saturday

#### **Saint Elizabeth of Portugal or of Our Lady on Saturday**

*(1271-1336) She was the daughter of King Peter III of Aragon and was named after her great aunt, St Elizabeth of Hungary, whose virtues she also inherited. In her married life with King Dennis of Portugal, she endured trials with heroism. On more than one occasion she went to considerable pains to bring peace between her children and their father. After her husband's death she became a Franciscan Tertiary and showed unflinching charity towards the poor.*

## Voluntary part-time vacancy at the Cathedral

The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs)

## Collections and Donations

If you prefer not to use the donate button on the home page of the diocesan website, [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk), cheques made out to Mount Carmel Church, GA envelopes or Cash can be dropped into the Presbytery, the Parish Office or through the letterbox. We thank you all for your continued support.

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- This is only one potential scam. Please be aware of emails, texts or calls purporting to come from your bank or a government agency saying you have a refund or are owed some money. These are almost always a scam. No such organisation will ask you for personal details by this means.
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## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament: body, blood, soul and divinity. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, please spiritually enter more deeply into my heart and mind. I embrace You, trusting in your answer to my prayer, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## **An Act of Contrition**

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

## **Supporting Your Parish ...**

Many have asked how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic. Parishes and charities still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors. We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so. If you wish to donate visit the home page on the diocesan website - [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) where there is a DONATE button. You can donate via Standing Order or single donation - donations can also be gift aided.

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