



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2199 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 30TH MARCH 2025**

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 33 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Gospel Luke 15:1-3 Psalter Wk 4

## Reflection for the weekend ....

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the father and the two sons better known as the Parable of the 'Prodigal son' is proclaimed. This passage of St Luke constitutes one of the peaks of the spirituality and literature of all time. After Jesus has told us of the merciful Father, things are no longer as they were before. We now know God; he is our Father who out of love created us to be free and endowed us with a conscience, who suffers when we get lost and rejoices when we return. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognising one is loved with a freely given love, a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit, do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

Pope Benedict XVI



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Hope all mothers are being spoiled today!!

### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 30th March 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Michael & Eileen Mundy (a)
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Teresa Gregory
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Mary Teresa Bird (a)
	6pm	Josie Walsh & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Kaiser Karl Gebetsliga
<b>STM School</b>	9am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Mick Russell
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Ints of Parys
<b>Thursday</b>	5pm	Reception of Body Roger Allcock
	7pm	Ints of Aiden (7th B'day)
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Fr Bob Wright
	12.30pm	Funeral Mass Roger Allcock
<b>STB School</b>	2pm	Adoration (Class 7PMU)
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Gleetar Kott Paul (b'day)
	5pm	Pattie Coombes (10th A)

### Fifth Sunday of Lent 6th April 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Thanksgiving 50th Wedding Anniversary
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	David Thomas Hopkins & People of the Parish
	6pm	In Thanksgiving (b'day) (Trono-Reyes Family) (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,**

### For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ROGER ALLCOCK** Reception into church, 5pm Thursday 3rd April, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 4th April followed by burial at Hadzor, **BERNARD CHADWICK** Funeral Mass 1.15pm Thursday 10th April, **CASIMIRO 'VITO' CITO FELLINO** Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 15th April,



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **PADDY JOE LIZABETH LOBODA**

Next week in loving memory of **THOMAS & BRIDIE MEAGHER**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (B'DAY A)**

Next week in loving memory of **ADAM BOBOWSKI (A)**

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'**

### 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

### Masses & Services for the Easter Triduum

**Maundy Thursday**

Keralan Service 3pm

Mass of the Last Supper 7pm

### Good Friday

Keralan Service 11am

Liturgy of the Cross 3pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

### Easter Vigil 8pm

Keralan Mass 11pm

### Easter Sunday

8.15am, 11.15am & 6pm

## 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 ....

### Wednesday Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

(1416-1507) St Francis of Paola initially joined the Franciscans, but left to live as a hermit in a cave by the sea near his birthplace, Paola in Calabria, in order to be more united with the crucified Christ. He lived a life of prayer and mortification and was soon joined by others who wished to devote their lives to prayer and penance. He founded the order of Minims (the least brethren). After being called to console King Louis XI on his deathbed, St Francis moved to France, where he founded several Minim Houses.

### Friday Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(560-636) St Isidore was born in Seville, Spain. He was Archbishop of Seville for 35 years and was well known in the fourth council of Toledo (633) for his leadership. He strengthened Catholicism in Spain; he was admired for his preaching, his writings, and his miracles. His more extensive work (*Etymologies*) was an encyclopaedia which continued to be used throughout the Middle Ages. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722.

### Saturday Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

(1350-1419) St Vincent was born in Valencia, Spain. He was renowned as a preacher, a missionary, and a teacher of theology. He converted thousands of sinners, Jews and Moors by his preaching. He died in 1419 while preaching in Brittany and was buried at Vannes.

## Weekly Statistics :

	15/16 March 2025	22/23 March 2025
1st Collection	£531.00	£525.12
2nd Collection	£360.41 ( <i>Cafod</i> )	£224.82 ( <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> )
Attendance	471	583

*These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments*

### COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 10 F Joseph J Tomi M Reji S Sebastian

### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob

## Fairtrade Sale after all Masses weekend of 5/6 April

This will take place after all masses next weekend at the back of church. There will be Palestinian food, including their olive oil, Keralan soaps and a variety of other food items. The chocolate range includes the Real Easter egg. Your purchases will help community producers in need of support. Cash only please.

### Seniors Next Meeting

1pm Thursday 10th April

Shared Table in the Parish Hall

**Foodbank**—Thank you for your continued support and donations they are supporting those in need. Please do not donate out of date products these cannot be accepted by the Foodbank.

## March for Life UK Prayer Vigil

Join the Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on Sunday 27th April. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection with speeches from Christian leaders as we recall the lives lost and wounded from the legalisation of abortion. No need to bring posters of candles. For more information to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**Holy Hour**—The responses to the recent parish Jubilee Year questionnaire included having a Holy Hour on the theme of Forgiveness. This will take place at **6pm on Thursday 10 April 2025**, followed by Mass at 7pm. It will include Benediction, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, readings, reflections and closing prayers. This Lenten Holy Hour is a parish event to which all are welcome. It is a tangible way of prayerfully celebrating the Jubilee Year and focusing on the meaning of Forgiveness in our lives.

## We believe Festival of Catholic Life 25-28 July at Oscott College

A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees and many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com/tickets](http://www.webelievefestival.com/tickets).

## Vacancy for a Chief Executive Office (CEO); Our Lady of the Magnificat Multi-Academy Company & CEO Designate of a Future Large & Flourishing Catholic Multi-Academy Trust.

Looking for a inspirational leader who is a practising Catholic and has proven leadership & management skills within diverse and complex organisations. Opportunity for informal chat and confidential discussion with Yvonne Brennan, Chair of Board of Directors at

[ybrennan@dir.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:ybrennan@dir.magnificat.org.uk) or Steve Bell Director of Education at the DES at [s.bell@bdes.org.uk](mailto:s.bell@bdes.org.uk). Closing date Wednesday 2 April 25 &

Interview Dates Wednesday/Thursday 9/10 April 25.

Application form & pre-employment documents available from

<https://www.magnificat.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>

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](mailto:sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

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

If you can help in any way, please contact the parish office 01527 63096 or email:

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in aid of Mount Carmel Parish

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help



## CTS New Daily Missal— Available 30 April 2025

Contains complete Sunday & Daily cycles in a single volume

Cost £69.99 or Daily Missal (weekdays) £55.00

If you would like a copy of this, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or email : [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)

We will be placing an order this week.

