



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2114 **17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 30TH JULY 2023**

Readings : 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Psalm 118 Romans 8:28-30 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Reflection for this Sunday...

In the Hellenistic tradition, wisdom meant philosophical speculation. In the Old Testament tradition, on the other hand, wisdom had much more mundane significance. It included a practical know-how in various areas of life as well as the knowledge of god and of good and evil. The wise person is the one who knows and keeps the commandments of Yahweh. The psalm is thus linked to the first reading, for the wise person loves the commandments of God 'above fine gold', as Solomon chose wisdom rather than riches, and as Jesus in today's Gospel urges the crowd to seek the kingdom of God the way a person would spare nothing to get hold of a treasure trove or a pearl of great price. Thus, the psalm is also linked to the Gospel reading.



Thank you ...

Thank you to the Keralan Community for their very generous donation of £1,322.00 towards the Parish Hall Fund raised on their Patronal Feast Day of St Thomas by having a stall in the presbytery garden after the Mass selling traditional snacks, games and refreshment drink sales.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2023

Saturday	5pm	Eileen & Michael Mundy and People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Gwen & Judy Duffy 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Mary Morton (a)
	6pm	Biddy Ryan and Molly & Gerald Harris (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Anna Rose McGoldrick
Tuesday	9.30am	Elizabeth Loboda
Wednesday	9.30am	Kathleen Moen
Thursday	7pm	Ints of Marie & Family
Friday	9.30am	Mary Hickey
	6pm	Latin Mass Peter Fands
Saturday	9.30am	Allan Coombes (a)
	5pm	Catenian President's Mass

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass
followed by Flame of Love of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 6TH AUGUST 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Phil Sheehan & People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Anna Sedgwick (b'day a)
	6pm	Biddy Ryan (live-streamed)

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

Link : 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 **BRIGIT HATTON** Funeral Mass 10.30am Wednesday 9th August, **PATRICIA MARY RANKIN** Funeral Service 10am Friday 11th August, **ROBERT BATTYE** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 24th August. 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, BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, ALICE CAIRNS, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, FIONA EVANS, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFNEY, EILEEN PERRY & HELENA BAXTER, HALLIE ROSE**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the Intentions of **HELEN BAXTER**
Next week **WITH THANKS TO OUR LADY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **DECEASED OF THE MOLLOY FAMILY**
Next week in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (A)**



CASHLESS GIVING

At the three entrances to Mount Carmel there are pedestal mounted card readers to allow parishioners and visitors to the church to make cashless donations. There is also a poster with instructions by each card reader.

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*

COUNTERS

We would like to add another team to our rota of Counting Teams. Counters can choose to count on a Sunday evening or a Monday morning. If this is something you feel you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office or one of the clergy.

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday **Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

(1491-1556) Born in Loyola, Spain, he became a soldier. Following his conversion, he went to Paris to study theology. There he gathered his first followers. With them he founded the Society of Jesus in Rome, which is dedicated to the greater glory of God and to the service of the Church, in total obedience to the Pope.

Tuesday **Saint Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

(1696-1787) St Alphonsus was born in Naples, Italy, As a young man he was a lawyer, but later became a priest. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). He was given the title Doctor of the Church for his writings on Moral Theology. A tireless apostle of the Eucharist and of our Blessed Mother, he worked with great zeal for the poor and the sick.

Wednesday **Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop or of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

(+371) St Eusebius was born in Sardinia and brought up in Rome. Around 340 he was named Bishop of Vercelli in Piedmont. He fought staunchly against the Arian heresy which denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. The Arians tortured and exiled him.

(1811-1868) St Peter Julian Eymard was born at La Mure, Isère, France, and joined the Marist Fathers. He dedicated his life to promoting Eucharistic devotion and founded both the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Canonised in 1962 he is known as the 'Apostle of the Eucharist'.

Friday **Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest**

(1786-1859) He was born near Lyons, France, and ordained a priest in Grenoble. He was assigned to the parish of Ars-sur-Formans where he spent forty-two years. He was outstanding for his steadfast care of souls, for his spirit of prayer and mortification, but above all, for his tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He spent most of his life in the confessional, drawing energy from his intimate and constant friendship with our Lord in the Eucharist. Pope Pius XI declared him Patron of the Universal Clergy.

Saturday **Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major**

After the declaration of the dogma of the divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin in the Council of Ephesus (431) Pope Sixtus III dedicated this Basilica in Rome in honour of the Mother of God. It was later called 'St Mary Major'. It is considered the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed virgin Mary.

Salina's Letter to the World Bank

Many thanks to all who signed the giant letter two weeks ago, 230 signatures were added. These, together with signatures from other parishes around the country, will be sent in September to CAFOD who will send them on to the UK's representative at The World Bank. If you didn't get to sign it there is still chance. Until the end of August one of the letters will be on **a table near the door on the Sacred Heart side**. Please sign if you haven't already done so. Together we can make a difference for small scale farmers like Salina.

FOODBANK Thank you for your ongoing support of the Redditch Foodbank, they continue to see demand rising so our donations are essential, consider picking up an extra item when you shop and leave in the box at the back of church. If anyone would like to assist to take donations, less than one hour every few weeks, please contact bob.mansell@me.com

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

Altar Servers

The Guild of St Stephen's Annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th October 2023 at 12 noon** celebrated by Bishop David Evans at St Chad's Cathedral—Fr Craig Szmidt has asked that we let the Guild know by Monday 18th September if you wish to attend. Please let Paul Brewster know if you would like to attend. All servers are to wear their cassocks and cottas and make their way to the crypt, where they can vest and await the procession into the Cathedral.

The Tablet

In church there are some complimentary copies of the Tablet, which you can take home or look at in church. If you would like to receive a copy of the Tablet, (cost £4.50) please contact the parish office on 01527 63096.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
in the Parish Hall

Thursday August 10th
2.30pm

Thursday August 24th
2.30pm BBQ

Parish Class First Holy Communion Certificates

If your child made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th June this year and you haven't received their Certificate, please call at the Parish Office to collect it.

Vacancy at Mount Carmel School require an OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ASAP

Part time 10 hrs per week, Permanent Contract Monday-Friday 1.15pm-3.15pm, term time only to include 5 INSET days. Salary £10.78-£10.98 per hr Please visit www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies for an application form, recruitment monitoring form and consent for references form, all to be completed and returned to Mrs R Kennedy at : olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

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.



