



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1918 **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST** 31ST MAY 2020 YEAR A
Readings Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 Gospel John 20:19-23

Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent it out into the world to bring his peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind

Reflection

Bless the Lord, for he has sent us his Spirit to renew in holiness the face of the earth, by rekindling in us the fire of his love'

God the Son became man to show God to us in various ways; his providence by compassion, his power by miracles, his love by sacrificing his life for our redemption. Moreover, his humanity enabled him to gather men round him, the apostles whom he made the Church. These works involved only people who could see and hear him, a limitation inevitably following God's choice to come among us as a man.

The human presence of Christ was withdrawn when the works were accomplished, at the Ascension. It was followed by the spiritual presence of God in the world, by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Now God was not subject to earthly conditions and could dwell in every soul.

'I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh Upon the manservants and maidservants, in those days, I will pour out my spirit' (Joel 2, 28-29).

'The Spirit dwells in us' (Romans 8, 19); 'we partake of him' (Hebrews 6, 4), 'live and walk by him, are moved or even driven by him' (Romans 8, 14; Galatians 5, 16), 'and learn of him what God is doing to us' (1 Corinthians 1, 2)

Father Tony & Father Jason



The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

The Way of the Heart—We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus

Mass Intentions

This week are for: **PENTECOST SUNDAY** Martin Twomey, Thomas Glennon, Fr Bob Wright, Denis Cleary, Galton Trust
Monday Mary Porter (a) **Tuesday** Intentions of Mary Hallahan, Patrick O'Connor **Wednesday** Rachel Hemming **Thursday** Eileen Gavin, Frank Ginty **Friday** Christopher Avern (a) **Saturday** Intentions of Carole Smith, Peter, & David McHugh (b'day a), People of the Parish **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY** Mick & Sarah Durkan, Alice Gourley, Galton Trust, Christopher Bentley, Barbara Bright

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week the lamp burns for the intentions of the **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH***

*Next week for the intentions of **MATTHEW BUGNO ON HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN POLAND***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week the lamp burns for the intentions of a **TWO YEAR OLD GIRL WITH A BRAIN TUMOUR AND HER FAMILY**....*

*Next week for the deceased members of the **BOYD & STANLEY FAMILIES***

For the dead ...

*Your prayers are asked for **MARTIN GRAINGER** Graveside Service on Friday 12th June at 1.15pm, **FR DAVID DUGGAN** 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** Alvechurch parishioner*

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 ...

Monday **Mary, Mother of the Church**

Tuesday **Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs**

(+304) Sts Marcellinus and Peter were martyred under Diocletian. Their names are included in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday **Saints Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**

(+1885-1887) There was a persecution of Christians out of hatred for religion in Uganda under King Mwanga. St Charles was martyred with twelve companions on 3 June 1886; others were killed later. Some of the victims, almost a hundred in all, were very young or newly baptised.

Thursday **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

Friday **Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr**

First Friday

(673-754) St Boniface, a Benedictine monk, was born in England. He preached in Germany and later was consecrated its first bishop; He then was able to organise the Church in Germany. He was martyred while preaching among the Frisians.

Saturday **Saint Norbert, Bishop or of Our Lady on Saturday**

(1080-1134) St Norbert was born in Xanten, Germany. He turned his back away from a worldly life and later retired to found the Premonstratensians. He worked very hard by example and by preaching to implant the religious and moral reforms of Pope Gregory VII. He died as Archbishop of Magdenburg.

Cafod—Unite against Coronavirus

As we cope with coronavirus in the UK, we think of our sisters and brothers in developing countries who are facing this pandemic with fragile health systems, some of which have almost no intensive care beds or ventilators. Food prices have already risen with the borders closing, the poorest are losing their jobs and income with wholesale shutdowns. Furthermore, inadequate healthcare, lack of access to washing facilities and limited ability to social distance will result in loss of life on an intolerable scale. The likely impact will be devastating.

We are one global family. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers, gifts and voices are needed now more than ever. Please visit cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to find out ways you can give, act and pray in response to this crisis.

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.

News from the Diocese 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 where there is a DONATE button. You can donate via Standing Order or single donation - donations can also be gift aided.

Collections and Donations

If you prefer not to use the above method, 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.

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are
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**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2.4

