

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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OLMC Redditch



Newsletter 2158 Eleventh Sunday of the Year B Sunday 16th June 2024

Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 91 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Reflection for this Sunday ...

In Mark 4:1-34 we have a collection of parables, most of which deal with the growth of seed They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom. The prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion. Under God's protective power that twig would grow into a great cedar. Thus Ezekiel dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back to the land of their fathers. He glimpsed a future son of David whose kingdom would be universal. The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the kingdom of God. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were mean to encourage the early Church which was worried about the slow growth of the kingdom. They were telling the disciples to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Through the power of God, from small and insignificant beginnings the kingdom will grow into something great.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 16th June 2024

Bridie Meagher (a) & John Doran Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8.15am Maureen Dolan 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am People of the Parish & John Doran

6pm Alan Gourley (a) (live-streamed)

Ints of Baby Gleetar Monday 6pm MC School 9am **Holy Souls**

Tuesday 9.30am Ints of Ephraim & Anila (Wedd A)

Wednesday 9.30am Tony Gregory Thursday 7pm Ints of Helen Woods

STA School 9am Class Mass People of the Parish 2.30pm Leavers' Mass

Friday 9.30am Bill Wilson (b'day a) Saturday 9.30am Caroline Jones

12 noon STM FHC Day 2pm Keralan Mass

> 5pm Christine Morrissey (a)

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on Tuesdays 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) SUNDAY 30TH June 2024

Sunday 8.15am Mary & Joe Ginty 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls

People of the Parish & Zofia Srebniak (Live-Streamed) 6pm

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for Mary 'Frankie' Cadden Funeral Service 3.30pm Friday 21st June at the Abbey Chapel, Alice Cairns Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 27th June, MARGARET COLE Funeral details not yet known, SHELDON KELLY 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, Caroline & Bob Holland, Eddie & Geraldine McGroarty, John Heatley, Bridie & Paul McConnell, Delia Bree, Julian McRandal, Jackie Pooly, Mick O'Connor & Maya Mason, Leonard Rose, Annie Cleary, Tommy CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATH WILLIAMS, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, YVONNE COLEMAN, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS MCDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, **EILEEN GIBBON, HEATHER SMITH**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in THANKSGIVING EPHRAIM & ANILA (WEDD A) Next week in loving memory of MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI (WEDD A)

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **ZOFIA & JAN SREBNIAK** Next week in loving memory of John Morrissey

PARISH FAYRE

Thank you to all those who helped in any way at the Parish Fayre last Sunday and to those of you who attended, bought Raffle Tickets or who gave donations of money, bottles and gifts. Details of money raised for the Parish Hall will be in the Newsletter next week Winners of the Grand Raffle given elsewhere on the Newsletter.

Congratulations to the children of Mount Carmel School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday



Please keep them in your prayers.

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: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns

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 your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East and the world. Amen. *Our Lady Oueen of Peace, pray for us*

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday Saint Romuald, Abbot

(+1027) St Romuald was born in Ravenna, Italy of a noble family. He was a hermit and a reformer of the monastic customs of his time. He was the founder of the Camaldolese monks. He died after a life of prayer and rigorous penance.

Thursday Saint Alban, Martyr

(+c209 or c254) St Alban was a citizen of Verulamium (St Albans, Hertfordshire) who converted to Christianity. It is said that after sheltering a fugitive priest, he was beheaded at Holmhurst Hill, where an abbey was later built. St Alban is the Protomartyr of England.

Friday Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

(1568-1591) An Italian Jesuit of a noble family, he died as a result of his devoted and heroic nursing of the plague-stricken.

Saturday Feast of Saint John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

(1469-1535) St John Fisher studied theology at Cambridge and became Bishop of Rochester. His friend, Thomas More, wrote of him 'I reckon in this realm no one man, in wisdom, learning and long approved virtue together, meet to be matched and compared with him.'

(1477-1535) St Thomas More was born in London and was Chancellor of King Henry VIII. As a family man and a public servant, his life was an expression of a rare synthesis of human sensitivity and Christian wisdom.

St John Fisher and his friend St Thomas More gave up their lives in testimony to the unity of the Church and to the indissolubility of marriage.

Weekly Statistics

Weekend 8/9 June 2024

1st Collection £ (will be in next week's newsletter)

2nd Collection £ (will be in next week's newsletter) (Parish Hall)

Attendance 722 (First Holy Communion)

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Retreat Saturday 29 June, 10.30am-4.30pm

It can be difficult to cope with the world suffering so much. This free day retreat could help. It is for all concerned about justice and peace and is an opportunity to recharge your spiritual battery. At St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham. Led by Ann Farr of Pax Christi UK. See posters in porches or at:

https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/retreat.html

Grand Raffle Winners

1st Prize £100 Ticket No 00159 Patrick Bree c/o Delia Bree (taken)

2nd Prize £50 Ticket No 00596 Trevor Hughes

3rd Prize Captain Morgan Rum Ticket No 00728 Alfie Thorne c/o Jo Mansell

4th Prize Gordon's Gin Ticket No 01212 Becky Harris (taken)

5th Prize White Wine Ticket No 00612 Rory Hughes

6th Prize Prosecco Ticket No 01546 Mrs D Marston 07866 185349

7th Prize Cake Ticket 00873 Paul Holder

8th Prize White Wine Ticket No 00826 Liam McAuliffe (taken)

9th Prize Prosecco Ticket No 02979 Tony (taken)

10th Prize Gift Set Ticket No 02831Clare Hanson 07921 122728

11th Prize Sparkling Perry David Cruise 01527 450756

12th Prize Vanity Case Ticket No 00894 Steve Martin

Fire Drill

There will be a fire drill during one of the Masses of the weekend 22/23 June. Members of the congregation should: - Follow the directions of the fire wardens

- Evacuate the Church via those fire exits which are unobstructed $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$
- Gather at the assembly point as indicated by the sign in the lower car park.
- Please do not drive away until directed by one of the fire wardens.

Churches together in Redditch—Election Hustings

This will take place at St Stephen's Church, Church Green West at 7.30pm next Thursday. 20th June. All six candidates for the Redditch constituency will be attending. Questions should be submitted in advance by 12 noon on Wednesday, 19th June either by email to **redditchhustings24@gmail.com** or in writing to Redditch Hustings, Redditch Baptist Church, Easemore Rd, B98 8ER

Using our Catholic Voice

Many of the world's poorest countries have been plunged into a new debt crisis following the pandemic, the economic crisis and high interest rates, and have been left with unsustainable debt burdens. This means that money that could be spent on education and health is going instead to big banks who, make millions in profits while populations suffer. Details of all six candidates are now available so please ask them—will you support the idea that the UK should champion debt cancellation for those low-income countries who need it, so that they can properly fund their essential services? Would you also support new legislation, for which there is growing support, to prevent private investors like HSBC and Blackrock from suing low-income countries in the UK courts? More information: https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters and UK Parliamentary general election: The 6 candidates in Redditch (whocanivotefor.co.uk)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16 July Patronal Feast Friday 27 September Harvest Supper & Quiz Saturday 30 November Christmas Lunch December Parish Carol Service

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

New Counting Teams needed to count the weekend collections either on a Sunday

evening or Monday morning

If this is something you feel you could do, please get in touch with one of the clergy or the parish office—thankyou

McCarron School of Irish Dance Lessons

for boys & girls age 3 & upwards
4pm-5pm Tuesdays

Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

For more information please contact us on 07429 019367 Find us on Facebook & Instagram: mccarrondance

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting 12.30pm Thursday 20th June



LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass, thankyou.

