



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2085 **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** 1ST JANUARY 2023

Readings Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 66 Galations 4:4-7 Gospel Luke 2:16-21

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE! AND CONGRATULATIONS TO FR TONY ON THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION 3RD JANUARY!

REFLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Octave of Christmas ends on the first day of the new year, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, venerated as the Mother of God. The Gospel reminds us that she 'kept all these things, pondering them in her heart' (Lk 2:19). So she did in Bethlehem, on Golgotha at the foot of the cross, and on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended in the Upper room. And so she does today too. The Mother of God and of human beings keeps in her heart all of humanity's problems, great and difficult, and meditates upon them. The Alma Redemptoris Mater walks with us and guides us with motherly tenderness towards the future. Thus she helps humanity cross all the 'thresholds' of the years, the centuries, the millenniums, by sustaining their hope in the One who is the Lord of history.



Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve

Saturday 5pm Martin Feeney & People of the Parish
7pm Kerala Mass

New Year's Day

Sunday 8.15am Nick Bird 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Anthony Sampays
6pm David Taylor, Eileen Maher & Bridie O'Shea (a) **live-streamed**

Monday 6pm Judy Reynolds & Intentions of Anne & Aidan Glennon

Tuesday 9.30am Tony & Theresa Gregory

Wednesday 9.30am Marie Fallon (Alcester)

Thursday 7pm Elizabeth Loboda

Friday **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Holyday of Obligation**

9.30am Christopher McNamee (a)

7pm Kathleen Martin

Saturday 9.30am Mary McGuinness

1.30pm Kerala Mass

5pm Chris & Jan Srebniak

Thank you from Fr Tony & Fr Jason for your generous Christmas Offerings. It is much appreciated.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting after Mass on Tuesdays 10-11am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSION
Saturdays 10am—11am
or by appointment

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023 : BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 8.15am Christie Lambe & People of the Parish 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Intentions of Peter, Stephen & Kay
6pm Intentions of Fr Tony & Family **live-streamed**

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass (No 6pm on Christmas Day)

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 ALAN BURKE Funeral Service 3.30pm Tuesday 3rd January at the Abbey Chapel, MARY HALLAHAN Reception into Church 5pm Thursday 26th January, Funeral Mass 11am Friday 27th January, KATH MCLOUGHLIN Funeral details not yet known, MICHAEL LEDDY 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 ...

Please pray for FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, MARGARET GERAGHTY, PAULINE CLARKE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, JOHN THOMAS O'NEILL (BABY 4 WEEKS OLD)
SUE ENGLISH

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the QUIRK, BUTLER & DYHOUSE FAMILIES ...

Next week for the intentions of BRIDIE MCCONNELL

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for MICK, SARAH & DECEASED OF THE DURKAN FAMILY

Next week for the intentions of BRIDIE MCCONNELL

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*

**SENIORS GROUP
TRIP TO THE PANTO**

*to see Dick Whittington
at the Hippodrome on
Thursday 12th January*

**COACH LEAVING
MOUNT CARMEL AT 12.15PM**

**Please put mobile phones on
Silent when at Mass thankyou**

**ALTAR SERVERS
ST STEPHEN'S MEDALS**

We will be arranging a date sometime around Eastertide to present the St Stephen's medals. If you have served for more than a year, could you please let Paul Brewster know. Also if you have served for 10 years you will be eligible for a Silver Medal which we will have to order from the Guild.

OUTSIDE TOILETS

Please note the outside toilets are out of action until further notice due to a leak which has left us without electricity.

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 5—J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

**2023 CATHOLIC DIARIES
WITH ORDER OF MASS**

Just 2 left, colours red & black, £3.25 each.

Food Bank Update

Thank you for support and generous donations. If you want to know what they particularly need this can be viewed on the following link: Weblink: <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food> If anyone is able to join the rota to take the donations to the food bank, just once a month please contact Bob Mansell via email bob.mansell@me.com

Saints for the week ...

Monday Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

(330-379) St Basil was a brilliant student born of a Christian family in Caesarea, Cappadocia (Turkey). For some years, he followed the monastic way of life. He vigorously fought the Arian heresy. He became the bishop of Caesarea in 370. The monks of the Eastern Church today still follow the monastic rules which he set down.

(330-390) St Gregory was also from Cappadocia. A friend of St Basil, he too followed the monastic way of life for many years. He was ordained a priest and in 381 became bishop of Constantinople. It was during this period when the Arian heresy was at its height. He was called 'The Theologian' because of his great learning and his talent for oratory.

Tuesday Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday Saint Charles of Saint Andrew

St Charles was a Dutch Passionist missionary, born in 1821. He was sent to Staffordshire during the 1850's, but he spent most of his priestly ministry at the Passionist Monastery of Mount Argus in Dublin. He was a renowned confessor and gained a reputation for his compassion for the sick and those in need of guidance. He died in 1893. He was canonised in 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Friday Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Holyday of Obligation, First Friday

Saturday Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

(1175-1275) Born in Barcelona, Spain, he was the third Master General of the Dominican Order. He is famous for his work in the freeing of slaves. He wrote five books of Decretals which are now a valuable part of the Canon Law of the Church. The 'Summa Casuum' which is about the correct and fruitful administration of the sacrament of Penance is the most notable of his works.



Mount Carmel 500 Club

Subscriptions are now due for the year Oct 2022-Oct 2023, Cheques should be made payable to: Mount Carmel 500 Club. Thankyou to all those who have already paid.

UNCLAIMED GRAND RAFFLE WINNER (Christmas Afternoon Tea 3 December)

6th Prize Baileys

Ticket No 01039

Mr Binaesh 24 Kingsley Avenue

Holocaust Memorial Day Event 28th January 2023

Every year on 27 January, the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), the theme this year is 'Ordinary People'. Arrangements for the day are : 10.15am at the Town Hall, Holocaust Memorial Day Procession to leave the Town Hall, Ceremony at the Holocaust Marker, Church Green followed by refreshments.

Mount Carmel Choir

Choir practice resumes on Monday 9th January at 7pm

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone (01527 63096) or by email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Vacancies

St Augustine's High School : St Augustine's are recruiting for a full time Lay Chaplain, please visit www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk for more information

Mount Carmel School : **Lunchtime Supervisor** Monday to Friday 12.15pm—1.20pm term time only. Please contact Rita Kennedy on **01527 546398** or email olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk or telephone 07979 608496.



Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon email:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.co

