



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 2081 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A** 4TH DECEMBER 2022

Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 71 Romans 15:4-9 Gospel Matthew 3 :1-12

## REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY .....

*The Gospel of this Second Sunday of Advent presents to us the figure of St John the Baptist, who, a famous prophecy of Isaiah says, withdrew to the desert of Judaea and, with his preaching, called the people to convert so as to be ready for the coming of the Messiah, now at hand. The Precursor of Jesus, situated between the Old Covenant and the New, is like a star that heralds the rising of the Sun, of Christ. In the Season of Advent we too are called to listen to God's voice, that cries out in the desert of the world through the Sacred Scriptures, especially when they are preached with the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, faith grows all the stronger the more it allows itself to be illumined by the divine word. Pope Benedict XVI*



## IMPORTANT – Please note

our Mount Carmel email address [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk) is out of action at the moment

–if you wish to contact the parish office by email please use [olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

Walk with Me Booklets and Advent Calendars are available in church—please take one home with you after Mass—if you are able to make a donation of a £1, please put in the votive candles slot, thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4TH DECEMBER 2022

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Myrtle Wilson (a)
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Ken Griffiths 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Allan Coombes & People of the Parish
	6pm	Elizabeth Loboda (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Sean Anthony Devlin & Nolene Larkin
<b>STM School</b>	9.10am	Patsy Korzeniowska
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Elizabeth Burak (a) & Jenny Ashm
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	P. M. Mathew (a)
	6pm	MCS KS2 Carol Concert in church
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Jan Vasilko & Michael, Elizabeth, P.J, John & Seamus Sammin
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Elizabeth Loboda
<b>STB School</b>	2.30pm	Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Special Intention E Kott b'day
	5pm	Joan Casey (a)

**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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH DECEMBER 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Ken Griffiths 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am MCS FHC Mass 'Belonging' Allan Coombes
	6pm	Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish (live-streamed)

**PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass** Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://www.eventcast.uk/live) (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

**PARISH HALL KEYS** - We are missing one set of Parish Hall keys (large orange key fob) - if anyone has unknowingly taken these home by mistake, please return them to the parish office as soon as possible. Could we ask that if you borrow the parish hall keys, you make sure that you return them the same day either by handing in to the parish office or by posting through the letter box. Thank you.

## 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* **DURR & REARDON FAMILIES ...**

*Next week in loving memory of* **BRIDIE O'SHEA & EILEEN MAHER (A)**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week for the* **MCNAMEE, HARTE & BARRATT FAMILIES**

*Next week in loving memory of* **MAUREEN CRANNY**

## 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 the people of Ukraine and the world*

Keep the dates...

**ST AUGUSTINE'S  
CAROL CONCERT**

7pm Tuesday 13th December  
in church

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

7pm Tuesday 20th December  
Followed by Mulled Wine &  
Mince Pies in Parish Hall

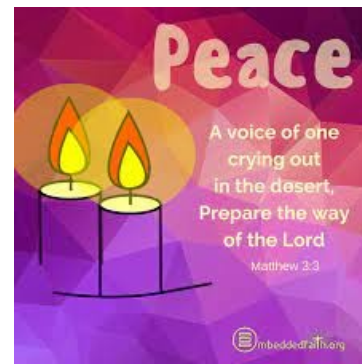
**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

**PARISH DIARY**

Monday 7pm Choir Practice  
Thursday Journey in Faith 7.30pm

**Second Collection today**  
**Poor Parishes Fund**



**Laudato Si Group**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food Bank box in the main Porch. The contents were greatly appreciated by the Food Bank at 24 Church Green East when they were delivered on Wednesday 23 November. They were particularly grateful for the larger size disposable Nappies due to the increased demand they have for this product. They are still needing tinned vegetables and tinned meat.

Weblink: <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk> We are also looking for volunteers to be part of a rota to take the donations to the food bank, if you can help, please contact Bob & Jo Mansell either by email [bob.mansell@me.com](mailto:bob.mansell@me.com) or telephone 07747 865235.

**CHRISTMAS TRADCRAFT**

This year's Christmas sale of Traidcraft fairly traded items takes place THIS SUNDAY in the parish hall after the 8.15am & 11.15am Masses. Free refreshments will also be available. The stall will move to the chapel by the main porch after the 6pm Mass. Buying Traidcraft items supports community producers in developing countries and buying their Christmas cards you support CAFOD. There will also be a sale of Traidcraft goods and free refreshments in the parish hall next weekend (10th/11th) after the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11.15am Mass.

**CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL?**

The Parish SVP are inviting parishioners to help needy families and individuals this Christmas. We fully appreciate how difficult times are, however, we have been inundated with requests to support those most in need this Christmas. Since the start of the pandemic we have supported hundreds of families and individuals in our parish, parish schools, and wider community with nearly £20,000 of support. Due to this our funds are very short and we are appealing for your support to help continue this work. If you are able to help please hand your donation into the Parish office in an envelope, marked 'SVP Christmas Appeal'. Thank you!

**Saints for the week ...**

**Monday Feast of Saint Birinus, Bishop**

*St Birinus was sent to England by Pope Honorius I, was ordained as a bishop and established his See at Dorchester-on-Thames. He died in 650.*

**Tuesday Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

*(Fourth century) St Nicholas was born perhaps at Patara (now in Turkey) and became bishop of Myra. He was imprisoned under the Emperor Diocletian and had attended the Council of Nicea which opposed the Arian Heresy. The saint's relics were later brought to Bari (Italy).*

**Wednesday Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

*St Ambrose was born at Trier about 340. While still preparing for his own Baptism, he was chosen to be bishop of Milan. It was on this day in 374 that he was ordained bishop. He died in 397.*

**Thursday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Friday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

*(1474-1548) St Juan Diego was born near what is now Mexico City and converted to Christianity in middle age. He showed a great piety and walked many miles to attend Holy Mass. While doing so on 9th December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him on Mount Tepeyac, asking that a shrine be built on the spot. The local bishop asked for a sign and Our Lady left a miraculous portrait of herself on St Juan Diego's tilma or mantle.*

**Saturday Saint Edmund Gennings, Priest, Martyr or of Our Lady on Saturday**

*(+1591) St Edmund Gennings was born in Lichfield and a convert from Protestantism, he studied and was ordained a priest in 1590. He passed on to the English Mission and was condemned to death for his priesthood the following year. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Gray's Inn Fields, London. He was canonised in 1970.*

**Pope's Prayer Intention for December :**

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations—We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S OAP CHRISTMAS PARTY IS BACK! 2PM TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER**

Raffle, Afternoon Tea, music and more. Please email Ms Mason if you would like to attend [amazon@sta.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:amazon@sta.magnificat.org.uk)

**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

**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](http://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](mailto:olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk) or telephone 07979 608496.

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



**The code for the Outside Toilet is C1458**

Redditch Choral Society presents **Handel's Messiah**  
**7.30pm Saturday 10th December at Trinity High School**  
Entrance off Grove Street Redditch B98 8DS—free parking  
Tickets £12.50 (accompanied children free)  
Tickets available from the Ticket Secretary 07971 238025

# **Fundraising Meeting Held 15.11.22**

Fr Jason opened the meeting with a prayer, there were approximately 20 people present.

## **Afternoon Tea 3.12.22**

This was discussed in some detail; raffle tickets are now available to sell and members to be asked to take some with them at the end of the meeting. It was agreed there would be 10 prizes in total.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £100

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £50 (this has already been donated)

An appeal for the other prizes would be made via the newsletter.

A suggestion was made to hold a couple of stalls in the room opposite the big room e.g., tombola and unwanted gifts.

An appeal was made for cakes, mince pies etc to serve on the day with tea and coffee.

Extra tables would be needed from the garage and more chairs from Alvechurch. Tables would be set with cups, saucers, plates, milk, sugar, and cakes. This would avoid people walking about with hot drinks. Volunteers were asked to give their names in at the end of the meeting if they were prepared to help.

## **Carol Service 7pm 20.12.22**

It was agreed to try to involve the Polish community and Keralan in this activity together with main members in the parish.

Schools to be approached to encourage children to take part.

Lizamon said he would enquire among his group and Maggie said she would approach Polish members that she knew.

Children could maybe take part in readings and bidding prayers.

The choir have been approached and have agreed to take part.

Fr Jason was asked if priests could encourage parishioners to attend these functions from the pulpit.

Mulled wine, mince pies and hot chocolate will be served in the hall following the service.

There will be no set charge but there will be a collection for people who wish to donate.

## **Ideas for future events**

The following ideas were put forward: - spring fayre, quiz night, social night with an Irish flavour, movie afternoon night. (Both these nights would require projector and screen being moved from the old Parish centre and installed in the hall. If anyone would be capable of doing this, would they please contact the Parish office to offer their services). Patronal Feast celebration, mass for the sick and housebound, Bingo, skittles, children's disco, and an event to celebrate the coronation in May.

## **Continuation of ideas raised at previous meeting**

Restarting of greeters at Sunday masses – this only happens at 11am mass at present. Further action to be considered.

A discussion followed regarding getting parishioners to return to Mass, it was agreed to contact parishioners and invite them to come back, providing lifts if necessary.

Extra ordinary ministers to be recommissioned in order to take communion to housebound and it was suggested that sending a Christmas card would be a good idea.

The meeting closed with a prayer.