



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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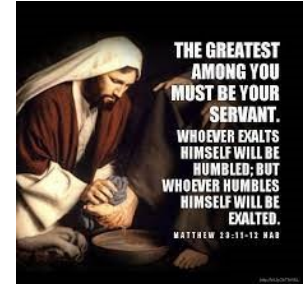


NEWSLETTER 2127 **31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 5TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Readings : Malachi 1:14-22, 8-10 Psalm 130 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Reflection for this Sunday ...

A peacock's feathers are very colourful; they are worn more for show than for warmth. The Pharisees wore their virtue for show; they wanted to be seen and praised by others. They were more concerned with *appearing* good than with really *being* good. Today there is great emphasis on appearances. The image is more important than the reality. We may deceive others but we cannot deceive God. But then it would be foolish even to try. We don't have to put on an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not. All we have to do is try to be true to what we are—God's sons and daughters. Lord, help us to shun all falsity and pretence, and to live a life of genuine goodness. Then our deeds will flow from what we are, as naturally as good fruit from a good tree.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2023

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| Saturday | 5pm | Peter & David McHugh & Ints of Peter Reynolds (b'day) |
| Sunday | 8.15am | Yvette Skinner & Klaus Gruschwitz 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Bill & Myrtle Wilson (Wedd A) |
| | 6pm | Frank McHugh & People of the Parish (live-streamed) |
| Monday | 6pm | Michael & Winifred Conboy |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Frances Quigley & Margaret |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Michael & Winifred Conboy |
| Thursday | 7pm | Tadeusz & Leokadia Drzymalski |
| Friday | 9.30am | Molly Toolin (a) & Martin Fawlk (a) |
| Saturday | 9.30am | Eileen Mundy & Ints of Caroline Holland |
| | 5pm | John & Elizabeth Morrissey |

November—Month of the Holy Souls
Envelopes are available in the porches for the names of your deceased parents, relatives and friends to be entered into the Book of the Dead

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

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| Sunday | 8.15am | Derek Barratt (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) |
| | 11.15am | Eddie & Norah O'Hara (a) |
| | 6pm | Packie Ellicott & People of the Parish (live-streamed) |

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

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

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

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, JOHN J BURAK, TOMMY CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATHLEEN MOYSEY, JOSEPHINE NORTON, KATH WILLIAMS, BERTIE MCHUGH, SEAN McARDLE in Ireland.**

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now due—

If you would like to join the 500 Club which raises money for the parish, it is £12 per annum for one number, £24 per annum for two etc ... 1st Prize £120, 2nd Prize £50 For more info or application form please contact the Parish Office

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the **REARDON & DURR FAMILY**
Next week for the Intentions of **BILL BARBER**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for **JOE & KATE DONAGHY**
Next week for the intentions of **JANE ELLIOTT**



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Saturday November 18th
12 noon in Parish Hall
Soup & Roll, Pulled Pork & Stuffing rolls
Refreshments
Raffle, Tombola, Cake, Unwanted Gifts, & Toy stalls
Donations towards the Raffle would be appreciated—1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50
Also donations required for the above stalls and bottles for the tombola
Raffle Tickets on sale now £2.50 a book

Mass for Deceased Parishioners 7pm Tuesday 28 November (Nov 2022-Nov 2023)

3 COURSE CHARITY BUFFET MEAL SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER AFTER 5PM MASS IN THE PARISH HALL
MENU
Homemade Mushroom Soup with fresh selection of breads/bread rolls
Sweet Chilli Pork cooked in Oyster & Soya Sauce with Jasmine Rice
Beef Stroganoff served with potato wedges
Palak Paneer Cottage Cheese cooked in young Spinach & Naan Bread
Bacon, Cauliflower & Broccoli bake with Garlic Bread
Bakewell Tart with flaked almonds served with custard and ice cream
To book see Lizo or Parish Office together with payment
ADULTS £15, CHILDREN UNDER 10 £7.50

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 Queen of Peace, pray for us*

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday Saint Willibrord, Bishop

St Willibrord was born in Yorkshire. He preached the gospel in present day Germany and was renowned as a great missionary. He suffered many trials but overcame them with a joyful spirit. He died in 739.

Wednesday Blessed George Napier, Priest, Martyr

Blessed George Napier was born in Oxford and educated at Douai. He ministered as a priest for seven years before his martyrdom in Oxford in 1610.

Thursday Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour, Saint John the Baptist, and Saint John the Evangelist (commonly known as the Saint John Lateran) is the Cathedral Church of Rome and therefore is the first in rank in the Catholic world. Hence its dedication day is observed as a Feast of the Lord.

Friday Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

St Leo was born in Tuscany. He became pope in 440 and is remembered for defending the unity of the church and preserving the teachings of the Church from error. He died in 461 having defended the city of Rome from attack by the barbarians.

Saturday Saint Charles Martin of Tours

St Martin was born in present day Hungary about the year 316. He gave up his military career, was baptised and became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers. He became the bishop of Tours, France. He died in 397. He was the first non-martyr with an annual feast day in the Church's calendar. He is a patron saint of priests.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November:

For the Pope—we pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Right to Life Prayer

Let us pray for all those who are alone and suffering with a terminal illness in hospital or hospice care, that they might experience the love of Christ from their carers and that their suffering might be eased. Lord hear us.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley (swap)

Future events

Saturday December 9th **Bel Canto Christmas Concert** in Mount Carmel 7.30pm
Friday December 12th **MCS KS2 Carol Concert** 5pm in Mount Carmel Church
Tuesday December 19th **Parish Christmas Carol Service** 7pm in Mount Carmel
Wednesday January 17th 2024 **Quiz Night** in Parish Hall

Winter Weather

We urgently need help with protecting parishioners from any ice and snow falling this winter in the church car park and pedestrian areas. The task is to check the weather forecast the night before. If ice and snow are expected, the volunteer is asked to come to the church preferably before the first Mass of the day and spread salt from the existing bin. The areas at the entrances to the church and between the upper and lower car parks are critical. We hope to put together a rota. Help us prevent injury this winter! Please contact Trevor Hughes on 07479 013894

Laudate Deum

At the end of this month COP28 will be held in Dubai. Global leaders will meet to decide the way forward for the World in combating climate change. Pope Francis urges all people to 'Listen to the cry of the Earth and of the Poor'. Read 'Laudato Deum' at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/eb/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html. It is very readable and is the Pope speaking to every one of us. On 7 November at 10am the **Cafod/Laudato Si Group** will be meeting in the parish hall to talk about this and asking 'What can we do as a community to answer the Pope's call'.

Redditch Food Bank:

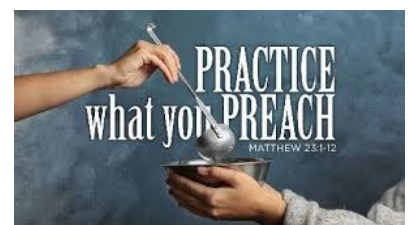
By donating items from your store cupboards or shopping trolley you are helping to support local people who are in need. What can you give? Tin of beans, custard, curry or a box of cereal? Thank you for your donations.

Salina's letter

The signing of Salina's letter to the World Bank during July and August was a great success, both here and throughout the country. The letter asked the World Bank to stop restricting the ability of farmers in developing countries and making them buy expensive commercial ones. 238 parishioners signed it joining nearly 70,000 other Catholics in 762 parishes, (and 16 bishops). These letters were handed to the World Bank last month and as a result CAFOD and farmers from Bangladesh were invited to a meeting with the Bank's Director of Food and Agriculture. We have all been part of an effective national Catholic action that hopefully will go on to make a big difference to farmers like Salina. Well done

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@qlmc@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.

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PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
2.30pm in the Parish Hall
Next Meeting Thursday November 16th
Thursday November 30th
Thursday December 14th

First Holy Communion
for children in non-Catholic schools
The parish Class begins 10th January 2024 on Wednesdays at 6pm during termtime
If you have a child in Year 3 and over who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office either in person or by email to enrol your child/children

