



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1993 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C** 5TH DECEMBER 2021
Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 24 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Gospel Luke 21:25-28;34-36

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

On this Sunday the Liturgy presents to us the Gospel passage in which St Luke prepares the scene on which Jesus is about to enter and begin his public ministry. The Evangelist focuses the spotlight on to John the Baptist, who was the Precursor of the Messiah, and with great precision outlines the space-time co-ordinates of his preaching. The Evangelist evidently wanted to warn those who read or hear about it that the Gospel is not a legend but the account of a true story, that Jesus of Nazareth is a historical figure who fits into that precise context. After this ample historical introduction, the subject becomes 'the word of God', presented as a power that comes down from heaven and settles upon John the Baptist.



Pope Benedict XVI

Please note .. Due to the increasing numbers returning to Mass, social distancing will be removed from Our Lady's side of the church but will remain on the Sacred Heart side. We hope that this will meet the needs of those who still wish to maintain social distancing at Mass while accommodating greater numbers and those who aren't concerned about social distancing at Mass. Face masks and hand sanitising mitigation will remain. **With ever increasing numbers attending Mass, we must remind everyone to please leave the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion, please 'do not' block the way out. This is for the health and safety of everyone.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021

Saturday	5pm	In thanksgiving (Hardcastle & Evans Family)
Hadzor	5pm	Mary Gilmore (b'day a)
Sunday	8.15am	Kathleen Rush 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Helen Sturdy 6pm Hugh & Joe McKenna (a) (live-streamed)
Feckenham	10.15am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Thomas McVicker
Tuesday	9.30am	P M Mathew (a)
	1.30pm	Funeral Mass Andy Chustecki
Wednesday	9.30am	Michael Gavin (a)
	11am	Funeral Service Edwina Campbell
Thursday	9.30am	Brigit Brewster (b'day a)
	12 noon	Funeral Service Colin Miles
	7pm	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass Celebrant Bishop David Evans Mary Withers
STA School	10am	Anne Curry
Friday	9.30am	Ints of Ephrayim Kott
STB School	2pm	Adoration
Saturday	9.30am	Elizabeth Burak (a)
	5pm	Joan Casey (a)
Hadzor	5pm	Ints of Brian & Billy Lawlor
Prison Masses	9.30am/10.30am	Mary McLaughlin (sick)

Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday
December 8th



Mass Intentions to be said
privately by the clergy:
Anne Curry, Mr & Mrs Connolly
(Johnson Fund)

CONFESSION
Saturdays 10am—11am
or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) YEAR C 12TH DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	8.15am	Peter & Elizabeth McManus 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Christine Latham
	6pm	Brendan Geraghty (b'day a) (live-streamed)
Feckenham	10.15 am	People of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

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 ... Your prayers are asked for **ANDY CHUSTECKI** Funeral Mass 1.30pm Tuesday 7 December, **EDWINA CAMPBELL** Funeral Service in Mount Carmel 11am Wednesday 8 December, **COLIN MILES** Funeral Service 12 noon Thursday 9 December, **JOHN SHEEHAN** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 19 December, Funeral Mass 11.45am Monday 20 December **RUFINO RAMOS** 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 **BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, MICHAEL RUSSELL, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, MARGARET GERAGHTY, MARY LYNCH, DESMOND WARD, PAULINE CLARKE, ASHLEY MOONEY, BABY FREDDIE**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the **INTENTIONS OF THE O'CONNELL FAMILY**

Next week in loving memory of **ANTONINA & MICHAEL BOBOWSKI (ANNIVERSARY)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WHYTE FAMILY**

Next week in **THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART (O'CONNELL)**



Saints for the Week...

Monday 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).

Tuesday Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

St Ambrose was born in Trier about the year 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 the year 397.

Wednesday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patroness of the Archdiocese of Bham

Thursday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

(1474-1548) St Juan Diego was born near what is now Mexico City and converted to Christianity in the Middle Age. He showed great piety and walked many miles to attend Holy Mass. While doing so on 9 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.

Friday Saint Edmund Gennings, Priest, Martyr or of Our Lady of Loreto

(+1591) St Edmund Gennings was born at 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.

Since the Middle Ages veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has been the origin of that particular shrine which still today is visited by many faithful pilgrims in order to nourish their faith in the Word of God made flesh for us. In the Holy House, before the image of the Mother of the Redeemer and of the Church, Saints and Blesseds have responded to their vocation, the sick have invoked consolation in suffering, the people of God have begun to praise and plead with Mary using the Litany of Loreto, which is known throughout the world. In a particular way all those who travel via aircraft have found in her their heavenly patron.

Saturday Saint Damasus I, Pope

(305-382) St Damasus was born in Spain. He summoned synods and councils (First Council of Constantinople) to work against schismatics and heretics. He widely promoted the cult of martyrs.

Traidcraft for Christmas

Every year the CAFOD Group provide a stall at each Mass Centre. Traidcraft, a Christian Cooperative, sells fairly traded goods from small scale producers in developing countries and their Christmas card proceeds support charities including CAFOD. Stalls this year will be at **Hadzor & Feckenham this weekend Mount Carmel on 11th/12th December.**

St Augustine's School Christmas visits to the elderly and housebound

As St Augustine's will not be able to have their Christmas Party for the elderly again this year, they are planning on doing a tour around to those people who request a visit in the minibus with a few carol singers and to deliver Christmas Cards and mince pies etc on the **15th and 16th December**. Could those who would like a visit please either email Allie Mason on amason@sta.magnificat.org.uk with your address and post code and which day you would like them to visit. If you do not have email, you can telephone the parish office with the information and we can pass this information on to Allie Mason at the school.

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND (Please note the new numerical names of teams)

Counters for next Sunday Team 2— Joan McHugh, Chris Morgan, Angela Chatterley

AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

Parish Diaries 2022 £1 each

Please put money in Votive Candles slot

AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

Religious Calendars £1 each

Religious Christmas Cards

Pack of 10 £1.50, Box of 18 £3

Volunteers needed

The SVP are planning a Christmas Indoor Soup Kitchen on **Saturday 11 December in Birmingham**. They require volunteers to cook turkey crowns and pork joints, also to make vegetarian sandwiches/rolls etc. They would also like donations of **NEW** socks.

Parish Diary for the week

Monday 7pm Choir

Wednesday 6pm FHC Class

Thursday 7pm Confirmations with Bishop David Evans

Christmas Tree Festival

St Stephen's Church 28 Nov-1 Jan

Christmas Toy Appeal

28 Nov-14 Dec Donate a new

unwrapped toy or make a donation

Toys can be taken to St Stephen's during the Christmas Tree Festival up to 14th Dec.

Live more Simply this Advent & Christmas

All are welcome to join our next online meeting of the Diocesan Climate Group on Tuesday 14th December at 7pm via zoon. Inspired by COP26 even more parishes and schools across the Archdiocese have signed up to CAFOD's *livesimply* award, as we look to reduce our carbon footprints. In this webinar we will ask what decarbonisation actually means and how parishes can support a carbon reduction. Please register at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/Living-more-simply-this-advent-and-christmas

Right to Life—Ask you MP to end DIY Abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP NOW—it only takes 30 seconds.

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

This week's Prayer for Right to Life

We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us.

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

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