



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 1945 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B** 6TH DECEMBER 2020  
*Readings Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 84 2 Peter3:8-14 Gospel Mark 1:1-8*

## Reflection .....

In this life, nothing can be loved or hated unless it is first understood. That is why, to people who are in search of understanding, all other glory of greatness has no lustre. We need to understand ourselves, so that we can bear ourselves with humility and self-esteem. We need to understand God, so that we know his will for us. We need to understand others, so that we can relate to them with charity. That is why, when Solomon was asked by God what gift he wanted, Solomon said, 'Lord, give your servant an understanding mind' (1 Kings 3:9). An understanding mind is a gift from God, and it is normally given to those who gather themselves regularly to be alone with God.

Modern people's life is grossly abnormal for we have neither the time nor the opportunity for quiet. But where there is will, there is a way.

St John the Baptist gives us an example of engaging with God in solitude.



## Mount Carmel Live Streamed Mass Sundays at 4.30pm

Every Sunday at 4.30pm Mass will be live-streamed in Mount Carmel Church.

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)

## MASS INTENTIONS **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 6TH DECEMBER 2020**

<b>Saturday</b>	5.00pm	Eugenia & Jozef Czapan
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Joel G Salcedo
	6pm	Ann Burke
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>live-streamed Mass</b> : Mick Gavin (a)
<b>Monday</b>	11am	<b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Kathleen Vanstone
<b>Tuesday</b>	11am	Agnes Hastings (b'day a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11am	Gerry Bree
<b>Thursday</b>	11am	Ints of Ephrayim Kott
<b>Friday</b>	11am	<b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Mary Bak (nee Bright)
<b>Saturday</b>	11am	Anne Curry

*The following Mass Intentions will be said privately by the clergy during this coming week*  
Margaret Daniel (a), Holy Souls in Purgatory, Ints of Mary Deady, Keith Parker, Fred & Tracey Quinn, Nellie M Gangoso, Tony Gregory

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B 13TH DECEMBER 2020**

<b>Saturday</b>	5.00pm	Joan Casey (a)
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Tim Herlihy (b'day a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Brigit Brewster (a)
	6pm	Peter Edmonds (a)
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Live-streamed Mass</b> : Patrick Joseph & Margaret McBennett

**For the dead ...** Your prayers are asked for **KATHLEEN VANSTONE** Funeral Mass 11 am Monday 7th December, **MARY BAK (NEE BRIGHT)** Funeral Mass 11am Friday 11th December. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## **For the Sick ...**

Your prayers are asked for **BRIAN DIXON, KAREN, MARGARET LYNCH, MARY WITHERS, KEN MCARDLE, BERNARD BYRNE, JESSICA HINDSON, , DYMPHNA MOORE, CAROLINE HOLLAND**

## **Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady**

*This week the lamp burns in loving memory of* **JAMES MCCOLGAN & RITA HUGHES (B'DAY ANNIVERSARY)**

*Next week* **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

## **Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

*This week the lamp burns for the repose of the soul of* **MARY BAK (NEE BRIGHT)**

*Next week in loving memory of* **PETER EDMONDS (ANNIVERSARY)**

## **Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?**

If you are housebound, or shielding and unable to go out, would you like to receive the Parish Newsletter via email? If so, please contact the parish office either by email ([office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)) or phone (01527 63096) and a copy will be emailed to you on a Friday afternoon.



## Saints for the Week ...

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b> <i>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 the 397.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint John Diego Cuatlatlatoatzin</b> <i>(1774-1548) St John 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 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.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Edmund Gennings, Priest, Martyr or of Our Lady of Loreto</b> <i>(1591) 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.</i> <i>Since the Middle Ages veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has been the origin of that faith in the Word of 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.</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Damasus I, Pope</b> <i>(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.</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <i>On the 9 December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Juan Diego and left an image of herself imprinted upon his cloak. The image was placed in a magnificent shrine at Guadalupe where it became an object of great devotion and encouraged the devotion of the Mexican nation towards the Mother of God. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession and Our Lady of Guadalupe was named as 'Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas'.</i>

### St Thomas More Catholic First School



Need to apply for a school place for your child? Start your child's journey 'Learning, loving and living together with Christ' at St Thomas More First School. Take a look at their tour of Reception Class on their school website:

<https://www.stthomasmorefirfirst.com/reception-2021-intake/> First School (Reception) - if you have a child born between 1st September 2016—31st August 2017 you need to apply for a place at a first school. Applications have to be made on line. **Closing date 15th January 2021.** Parents & Carers will be advised of the outcome on the National Offer Day on 16/04/21

### Mount Carmel 500 Club Winners for November

First Prize £120.00 No 5 Josephine Rignall Second Prize £50.00 No 316 Willie Devane-Porter

### St Augustine's Virtual Christmas Party for the Elderly

St Augustine's will be filming their Christmas Party in school so that the senior community can watch it on You Tube as sadly they cannot invite residents into the school at the moment. However, to make it a special occasion we would encourage you to dress up in your 'Suits & Sparkles' to engage in the festive spirit, there will be a quiz, a raffle and a visit from Santa and his Elves! If you would like to take part, please get in touch with Becky Hopkins-Edge on [rhopkins-edge@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:rhopkins-edge@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk) giving your name & address and names of those in your household who would like to take part (they can manage a maximum of 30 households so it's on a first come, first serve basis. Santa & his elves will bring out to you a raffle ticket plus some Christmas goodies to enjoy with your family. When you watch the St Augustine's Christmas Party on YouTube (they will send you the link on 16th Dec) you will be able to see if you have been successful in the raffle and if so, an Elf will deliver the prize to your house.

### Christmas Shoe Boxes—new collection date 5th—14th December

The collection date for boxes this year is **5th—14th December**. They can be taken to Christ Church, Matchborough. During this pandemic, an idea could be to do a box online using the following website: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ) - simply choose which age and gender to pack for, select from a range of gifts, add a personalised note or photo, make your donation and this will be packed and sent for you. The children will really love to have these boxes this Christmas after a difficult year.

### 'Right to Life Prayer' Intention for the week:

This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God. *Lord hear us.*

#### Walk with Me Booklets for Advent

These are available from the side porches (*they are individually wrapped*) to take home with you. If you wish to leave a donation, please place in the Offertories Basket located in the side porches. Thank you.

#### Mount Carmel Diaries 2021

These are available from the parish office, £1 each

#### JOURNEY IN FAITH 2021

This will commence in January next year. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or if you would like to know more about the Faith, please contact one of the priests or the parish office on 01527 63096.





