



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2135 **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** 7TH JANUARY 2024

Readings : Isaiah 60 : 1-6 Psalm 71 Ephesians 3 : 2-3 Gospel Matthew 2 : 1-12

Reflection for this Sunday ...

Men and women of every generation need on their pilgrim journey to be directed: what star can we therefore follow? After coming to rest 'over the place where the child was', the purpose of the star that guided the Magi ended, but its spiritual light is always present in the Word of the Gospel, which is still able today to guide every person to Jesus. This same Word, which is none other than the reflection of Christ, true man and true God, is authoritatively echoed by the Church for every well-disposed heart. The Church too, therefore, carries out the mission of the star for humanity. But something of the sort could be said of each Christian, called to illuminate the path of the brethren by word and example of life. (Pope Benedict XVI)



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 7th January 2024

Saturday	5pm	Frances Quigley & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Thomas Wren 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls 6pm Francis Keaney (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Josephine Norton, Anne Morton, Alice McLoughlin & Rose McManus
Tuesday	9.30am	Allan Coombes
Wednesday	9.30am	John Burak
Thursday	7pm	Annie Otto
STA School	9.40 am	Galton Trust
Friday	9.30am	John & Kitty Chapman
STB School	2.30pm	Class Mass Joyce Mary Lander (Johnson Fund)
Saturday	9.30am	Bill Wilson (a) & Intentions of A.C.
	5pm	Mick Russell (a)

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 14th January 2024

Sunday 8.15am Thanksgiving to Our Lady 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ints of Emilia 6pm People of the Parish (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **NICHOLAS BERRY** Funeral Mass 9.45am Thursday 18th January, **EVELYN AYLWARD** Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 22nd January, **MARIA FUSCO** Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 25th January, **JAMES 'FRANK' MOLLOY** Funeral Mass 12 noon 25th January at St Mary's, Alvechurch, **FREDERICK SEAMAN** 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, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, TOMMY CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATH WILLIAMS, BERTIE MCHUGH, MARY DYSON, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, MICHAEL MARTIN** father of parishioner

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for **JOSEPHINE NORTON & FAMILY**
Next week for a **SPECIAL INTENTION (LG)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **BRIDIE MCCONNELL** IN THANKSGIVING TO SACRED HEART
Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

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*

First Holy Communion for children in non-Catholic schools

The parish Class begins **10th January** on **Wednesdays at 6pm** during termtime. If you have a child in Year 3 or 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
Email office@mtcarmel.co.uk
Phone 01527 63096

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Christmas Masses and to all who contributed in any way to the inspiring liturgies; including the choir, the altar servers, cleaners and Angela for the beautiful flowers. Many thanks also for your generous Christmas offerings to your priests. We hope you all had a peaceful time over Christmas and we wish you every blessing for 2024.

Happy New Year!



SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK ...

Monday Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Friday Saint Aelred of Rievaulx. Abbot

(1109-1167) St Aelred was born in Hexham and joined the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx, and became known as a preacher and a writer, the 'Bernard of the North'. He delighted in friendship and wrote, 'he who dwells in friendship, dwells in God and God in him.'

Saturday Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church or of Our Lady on Saturday

(315-368) Born at Poitiers, St Hilary was brought up a pagan and married young. He later converted to Christianity and, as Bishop of Poitiers, was a leading defender of the Church against the Arian heresy, which caused him to be exiled to Phrygia by the Arian Emperor, Constantinus. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



Lift to Church

Margaret Cole, an elderly parishioner requires a lift to Mass on a Sunday, preferably the 8.15am. Margaret lives in the Headless Cross area. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office on 01527 63096.

Prayer for Right to Life UK

As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that we will see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers. Lord hear us.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP

2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

Thursday January 11th 2024

Diaries with Mass £3.25

(only 1 left)

for sale in parish office



Enrolling now Irish Dance Lessons

Boys & Girls Age 3 upwards

Tuesdays 4-5pm

beginning 16 January 2024

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Sacrament of Confirmation

for children in Year 7 or over
attending non catholic schools who would
like to be confirmed, please call at the Parish
Office or contact us by phone or email. Also if
you are a student at High School and missed
making your confirmation and would like to
do so, please contact us

Email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Phone 01527 63096

March for Life UK

March for Life UK are launching their new initiative 'Connect' in 2024 to help bring together like minded pro-lifers in their own communities and turn the tide on abortion at a local level. If you are interested in being part of this, please just send your name/email to : info@marchforlife.co.uk Find our more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/connect/>

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

Invitation to the Redditch Holocaust Memorial Day Event Saturday 27 January

10.15am Meet at Redditch Town Hall

10.30am HMD Procession to leave Town Hall*

10.35am Ceremony at the Holocaust Marker, Church Green followed by refreshments at Redditch Library

*If possible, please could you wear something with purple and/or black on and as a mark of respect during the procession, we walk in silence.

Everyone is welcome. However, to help ascertain the interest in this important event, you are asked to let the HM Committee know if you are able to attend by the 19th January either by leaving a message on 01527 548284 or emailing equalities@bromgroveandredditch.gov.uk.

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

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

LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5




**Paid Private Tuition required for Maths,
Chemistry and Biology (6th Form)**
Please contact the Presbytery on
01527 63096 or
email office@mtcarmel.co.uk




**ENROLLING NOW
IRISH DANCE LESSONS FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 3 +**

TUESDAYS 4-5 PM

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Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024