



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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OLMC Redditch



NEWSLETTER 2132 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 10TH DECEMBER 2023**

Readings : Isaiah 40:1-5; 9-11 Psalm 84 2 Peter 3:8-14 Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Reflection for this Sunday ...

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice which many of his contemporaries ignored. There are many lonely voices in our world. Somewhere at this moment a child is crying—crying for love or maybe simply for bread. Somewhere a young person is crying—crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart. Somewhere an old person is crying—crying for a visit or a word from his/her children. There are a thousand unheard cries in our world, coming from the victims of injustice and neglect. Lord, help us to listen to these voices. Above all, help us to listen to your voice, whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love one another.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	Joan Casey (a) & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy (a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ints of Ephraim Kott
	6pm	Brendan & Margaret Geraghty (b'day a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Michael Griffin
STM School	9am	Joyce Mary Lander (Johnson Fund)
Tuesday	9.30am	Deceased of the Daniel & Lindsay Family
Wednesday	9.30am	Ints of Manju (b'day)
Thursday	7pm	Colette Murphy & Kathleen Moysey
Friday	9.30am	Kitty Fanning (b'day a) & Mick Russell
	5pm	MCS KS2 Carol Service in church
STB School	2.30pm	Yr 8 Mass Anne Marie O'Brien
Saturday	9.30am	Francis Keane
	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a) & Peter (a) & Michelle Edmonds

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 17TH DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	8.15am	Jane Yates 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Brigit Brewster (a)
	6pm	Denis Duffy (a) & 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 **JOANNA ELMS** Reception into church 5pm Thursday 21st December, Funeral Mass Friday 22nd December, **STEPHEN FLETCHER** Funeral Mass 11.15am Thursday 28th December, **DAVID HANNEY** father of parishioner. 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**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **STAN & STASIZ DURAJ**
Next week for intentions of **CATHERINE CONBOY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **EMERITA TRONO (A)**
Next week in loving memory of **JANE MCKENNA (A)**



Religious Christmas Cards

Box of 18 £3.50. Pk of 12 £3.

Pk of 10 £1.50.

Diaries with Mass £3

For sale in parish office

Walk with Me Booklets & Advent

Calendars available in porches

Please take home with you.

A donation of £1 for the booklet would be welcome but not necessary

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

Thankyou's ...

We have received a letter of thanks from the **Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** for the parish's donation of £386.69 for their Sea Sunday 2023 Appeal.

We have also received a letter of thanks from **CAFOD** for our Family Fast Day Donation of £797.55.

Both charities were very appreciative of our continued support.

Please put mobile phones on silent when at Mass thankyou

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

Monday 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.

Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the 9th 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.'

Wednesday Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

(Fourth century) St Lucy died at Syracuse (Sicily), probably during the persecution of Diocletian. From antiquity, her cult spread throughout the Church. Her name is in the Roman Canon.

Thursday Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(1542-1591) St John was born in Spain. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by St Teresa of Jesus to lead the reform of his Order. He suffered many tribulations. A renowned mystic, he wrote much on prayer and the mystery of the cross.

Unclaimed Grand Raffle Winners

2nd Prize £50.00 Ticket No 01632 Alan Wood

3rd Prize Sainsbury's Voucher £20.00 Ticket No 01629 Alan Wood

Remainder of prizes at winner's choice—

please come to the parish office and choose your prize

Ticket No 00732 Liam McAuliffe Ticket No 00770 Liam McAuliffe

Future events

Friday December 12th **MCS2 Carol Concert** 5pm in Mount Carmel Church

Tuesday December 19th **St Augustine's Carol Concert** 7pm in Mount Carmel Church

Wednesday December 20th **Parish Christmas Carol Service** 7pm in Mount Carmel

2024 Date to be decided **Quiz Night** in Parish Hall

Life Charity—Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Patron Saint of the Unborn Child will be held for the first time at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 12 December at 12.15pm celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley.

CAFOD Emergency Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal—A donation today will provide essentials like food, water, and blankets to those who need it. Scan the QR Code (on notice board) or donate on line at cafod.org.uk

Foodbank:

Our last delivery to Redditch Food Bank for this year will be week commencing **18th December** so when you are out Christmas shopping pick up something extra to donate so we make it a special Christmas for those in need. Thank you for your continued support.

Cafod/Laudato Si Group

In Britain every Christmas we throw away 226,800 miles of wrapping paper. There is no need to throw it away. It can re-used many times. And you can buy wrapping paper made from hemp, or from recycled paper. How about using attractive and re-usable cloth material instead of paper? Use ribbon instead of tape for sealing, so that the paper can be more easily re-used or recycled. The ribbon can be re-used as well, as can the bows. All of these actions will help the environment and contribute to reducing our carbon footprint.

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

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

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 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



Enrolling now Irish Dance Lessons
Boys & Girls Age 3+
Tuesdays 4-5pm
beginning 16 January 2024
Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

 **mccarrondance** For more information please contact us on 07429 019367

 **mccarrondance** Enquire now for a free trial

THANK YOU

The SVP would like to thank a parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the very generous donation of £2,000 to help with our charitable work. It is very much appreciated and this money in its entirety will be used solely to help the needy families in our parish schools.



Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Meeting—Saturday 16 December

You are invited to join us for our Christmas meeting from 11am onwards at The Bridge community Centre, Evesham Road, Redditch. We shall meditate with the aid of pictures, pray together and share lunch, as well as sing some seasonal carols. For further information please contact Susan Porter, **email : ingeva@btinternet.com** All welcome

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

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting
Thursday November 30th



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

TUESDAYS 4-5 PM

LOCATION
Mount Carmel Parish Hall
Beoley Road West
Redditch
B98 8LT

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