



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2128 **32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 12TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Readings : Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 62 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Remembrance Sunday

Reflection for this Sunday ...

The foolish have no oil in their lamps. They burn themselves out through a life of self-seeking and dedication to worldly cares and vanities. They do not even think of the Lord, much less wait for his coming. The wise, on the other hand, have oil in their lamps. They are detached from themselves and from the cares of the world, and are full of charity. They are waiting for the Lord, and desire nothing else but his coming. Let us keep our minds alight with faith, our souls alight with hope, and our hearts alight with love, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	John & Elizabeth Morrissey
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)
Monday	6pm	Dec'd family & friends of Baby Gleetar
STM School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Mary McGorman & Eileen Maher (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	Frank Duffy
Thursday	7pm	Brendan & Margaret Geraghty (b'day a)
STA School	9.40am	Joyce Mary McAteer
Friday	9.30am	Bronislaw & Marianna Kloc
	2.30pm	Adoration (8PMU)
Saturday	9.30am	Winifred & Michael Conboy
	5pm	Rose Manners (a) & James, Margaret & Anne Hughes

Walk with Me Booklets & Advent Calendars

Available in the porches
Please take one home with you
A donation of £1 would be welcome but not necessary

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 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish
	6pm	Michael & Anna Marie O'Brien (live-streamed)

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

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **KATHLEEN MOYSEY** mother of parishioner—May her soul 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, 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, JOSEPHINE NORTON, KATH WILLIAMS, BERTIE MCHUGH, SEAN MCARDLE** in Ireland.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **BILL BARBER**

Next week for **JAN & CHRIS SREBNIK**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **JANE ELLIOTT**

Next week in **THANKSGIVING (DELIA)**



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday November 18th 12 noon in Parish Hall
Soup & Roll, Pulled Pork & Stuffing rolls, Refreshments

Raffle, Lucky Dip, Tombola, Cake,

Unwanted gifts, & Toy stalls

Urgently required donations for the Raffle

1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50

Also donations for the above stalls and bottles for the tombola

Raffle Tickets on sale now £2.50 a book

Please take some home with you and return stubs to parish office

Redditch Choral Society

Polish-speaking children aged 7-14

Exciting opportunity to sing with professional musicians and take part in their concert on Saturday 9 December
Participants are required to attend the following workshops in Mt Carmel Church on Tuesdays, 14, 21 & 28 November & 5 December 4pm-5pm

Saturday 9 December at Trinity High School

Short PM rehearsal, 7.30pm Concert

Participation is FREE

For further information or register your interest
facebook.com/redditchchoralsociety Phone -07725 893744
or email redditchchoralsociety@gmail.com

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

Wednesday **Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

St Albert was born in Lauingen, Germany, about 1206. Following studies at Padua and Paris he entered the Dominican order. He was an outstanding natural scientist and taught St Thomas Aquinas. He was the bishop of Regensburg. He died at Cologne in 1280.

Thursday **Saint Margaret of Scotland or of Saint Gertrude, Virgin or of Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**

(1046-1093) St Margaret was the granddaughter of King Edmund Ironside of England but was born while in exile in Hungary. In 1070 she married King Malcolm III of Scotland and had eight children, three of whom reigned as Kings of Scotland including King David I. Remarkable for her piety and works of charity, St Margaret co-founded Dunfermline Abbey. She is secondary patron of Scotland.

(1256-1302) St Gertrude was born in Eisleben, Germany, and joined the Benedictine convent at Helfta. She showed great talent in her philosophical and literary studies but is best known for her mystical writings. She had a marked devotion to the Holy Souls of Purgatory and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which later developed into its modern form with the visions of St Margaret Mary.

(1175-1240) St Edmund was born in Abingdon, England and studied at Oxford and Paris. He lectured for a time at Oxford before becoming treasurer at Salisbury and then, in 1223, Archbishop of Canterbury. With the help of a strong team, which included St Richard of Chichester, he did much to reform ecclesiastical discipline and defend the rights of the Church. He died in 1240 at Soisy, France, while on his way to Rome, and was buried at nearby Pontigny. He gave his name to the Order of St Edmund, founded in Pontigny in 1843 and colleges at Oxford, Cambridge and Old Hall Green.

Friday **Saint Hilda or of Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop or of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, married woman, Religious**

St Hilda was born in Northumbria and baptised by St Paulinus of York. She was abbess of Whitby, where she convened a synod to bring peace to the Church. She died in 680.

St Hugh was born in France; he entered the Grand Chartreuse monastery. In 1185 he became the bishop of Lincoln. He was renowned for his care for the sick and the oppressed. He died in 1200.

St Elizabeth was born in 1207. She married and was widowed at a young age. Following her husband's death, she built a hospice and cared for the sick. She died in 1231 aged 24.

Saturday **Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles or of Our Lady on Saturday**

These two great basilicas in Rome have housed the tombs of the Apostles St Peter and St Paul since the time of Constantine in the early fourth century.

Right to Life Prayer

Let us pray for those soon expecting the arrival of a new baby, that labour and delivery would be uncomplicated and safe. Lord hear us.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley (swap)
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings

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

Future events

Saturday December 9th **Bel Canto Christmas Concert** 7.30pm in Mount Carmel

Friday December 12th **MCS KS2 Carol Concert** 5pm in Mount Carmel Church

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

Wednesday December 20th **Parish Christmas Carol Service** 7pm in Mount Carmel *(Please note new date)*

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

News from Rome

Last month Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Exhortation (a call to action), called *Laudate Deum*, which means praise God. In its short opening section the Pope sets out his reasoning for issuing this exhortation. *'Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realised that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations etc. Over the coming weeks leading up to the next UN climate conference (CP 28) there will be more extracts but in the meantime you read a summary at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/laudate-deum-summary/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/laudate-deum-explained> you can also read the full document at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html*

Religious Christmas Cards Box of 18 £3.50, Pk of 12 £3, Pk of 10 £1.50

Calendars £1, Diaries with Mass £3 for sale in parish office

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

Bel Canto Singers
Evening of Seasonal Song
7.30pm Saturday 9 December
in Mount Carmel Church
Tickets £8 from 07885 507899
or 07985 238334
or www.belcantosingers.org.uk
*Mince Pie, wine (or soft drink)
and free prize draw included*

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