



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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OLMC Redditch



NEWSLETTER 2133 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 17TH DECEMBER 2023**

Readings : Isaiah 61:1-2,1-11 Psalm Luke 1:46-54 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Gospel John 1:6-8

Reflection for this Sunday ...

What does 'the Lord is at hand' mean? In what sense must we understand this 'closeness' of God? The Church, illumined by the Holy Spirit, already at that time understood increasingly better that God's 'closeness' is not a question of space and time but rather of love: love brings people together! This coming Christmas will remind us of this fundamental truth of our faith and in front of the manger we shall be able to savour Christian joy contemplating in the newborn Jesus the Face of God who made himself close to us out of love. (Pope Benedict XVI)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a) & Peter (a) & Michelle Edmonds
Sunday	8.15am	Jane Yates 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Brigit Brewster (a)
<i>O Sapientia</i>	6pm	Denis Duffy (a) & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday <i>O Adonai</i>	6pm	Winifreda Olga Hall (a) & K.E.Thomas (a)
MC School	9am	Annie Cox
Tuesday	9.30am	Antonina Bobowska (b'day a) & Seamus Sammin (b'day a), Elizabeth, Michael, John & P J Sammin
<i>O Radix Isse</i>	7pm	STA Carol Concert in church
Wednesday	9.30am	Frank & Diane Curry
<i>O Clavis David</i>	7pm	Parish Carol Service
Thursday <i>O Oriens</i>	7pm	Ints of Jonah Broom
STA School	9.40am	Advent/Christmas Mass
Friday	9.30am	Tony & Theresa Gregory
<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	11am	Funeral Mass Joanna Elms
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of Catherine Conboy
<i>O Emmanuel</i>	5pm	Francis Quigley

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 24TH DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 8.15am Ints of the Barratt Family 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Elizabeth Loboda

The Season of Christmas—Vigil of the Nativity

Sunday 2pm Kerala Vigil Mass 5pm Mick Russell 10pm People of the Parish, Ken & Kay Morton

Christmas Day—Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 8.15am Michael Kenny 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Deacon Doug Taylor **NB NO 6PM MASS**

Donations towards the Christmas flowers would be gratefully received

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, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, MICHAEL MARTIN** father of parishioner

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **CATHERINE CONBOY**

Next week for the **MCKENNA, MCLROY & BROWNE FAMILIES**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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

Next week for the **BUTLER, QUIRK & DYHOUSE FAMILIES**



Religious Christmas Cards

Pk of 10 £1.50 (2 pks left)

Diaries with Mass £3 (3 left)

for sale in parish office

Walk with Me Booklets & Advent Calendars available in porches

Please take home with you.

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

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

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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

Thursday Saint Peter Caisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(1521-1597) St Peter was born in Holland and joined the Society of Jesus. He worked in Germany and Austria fighting for many years by his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic Faith. Of his numerous books, the 'Catechism' is most renowned.

Saturday Saint John Kanty, Priest

(1390-1773) St John was born at Kanty (Cracow, Poland). After being ordained, he taught at the university and became pastor of a parish. He distinguished himself by his piety and love of neighbour.



Future events

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

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:

Foodbank: With Christmas just around the corner the Redditch Foodbank is particularly busy so your donations are making a big impact on peoples lives at this special time of year. Our last delivery will be week commencing 18th December and even without this you have donated **430 Kilo's of food** to those in need within Redditch. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to continuing during 2024.

Cafod/Laudato Si Group

Thanks from the CAFOD/Laudato Si Group for all who supported the Christmas fairtrade stall weekend before last. There is still time to do your ethical shopping online at: wearefairtrade.com And please don't forget CAFOD World Gifts at: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or take one of the paper brochures in the porch.

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.



Enrolling now Irish Dance Lessons

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

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Thankyou ...

We have received a letter of thanks from Fr Hudson's Care for our generous donation of £248.84 towards their Annual Collection. *Excerpt from their letter ...*
The prayerful support of your Parish and Parishioners will enable us to work with homeless people, children and families as well as older people, refugees and vulnerable migrants and people with severe and complex disabilities. Our work, made possible thanks to your support, brings light to people during their darkest times, and offers them hope and opportunities for the future.

Churches Together in Redditch Joint Christmas Celebration

Saturday 23rd December Carol Singing 11am-12noon in the Kingfisher Centre, on the mezzanine above Primark. A variety of well known carols—everyone welcome

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/>

Prayer for Right to Life UK

As we await the coming of the Child Jesus at Christmas, we ask God to fill our hearts with joy for the gift of new life. Lord hear us.

A big thank you from Redditch Choral Society

On Saturday evening, children from OLMC Church sang alongside Redditch Choral Society and a team of professional musicians. The children are all Polish-speakers, most of whom attend Fr Bartosz's Polish mass on Sundays. They received rapturous applause from a delighted audience after singing Sir Arnold Bax's 'Five Fantasies on Polish Christmas Carols.' They also lead a few other carols throughout the evening. Conductor, Emily Tyrrell, wishes to thank OLMC for allowing the children to rehearse in the church, and also Fr Bartosz for his support.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

NO COUNTERS REQUIRED FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Annual Christmas offerings to the clergy.

Invitation from St Augustines School to Senior Parishioners for Afternoon Tea

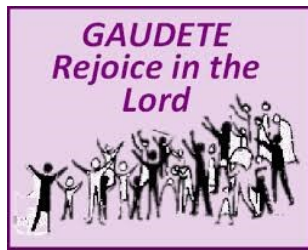
2pm Thursday 21 December

If you wish to attend please let parish office know at the latest Monday (18th) or contact Natalie Gamble at STA's 01527 550400, Email : ngamble@sta.magnificat.org.uk with numbers and any allergies

READERS

required for Christmas Eve 5pm Mass & 10pm Readings and Carols followed by Mass. Please contact Carol at the parish office 63096 asap if you are able to read.

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.



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

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

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

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For more information
please contact us on
07429019367

Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024

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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