



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2129 **33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 19TH NOVEMBER 2023**

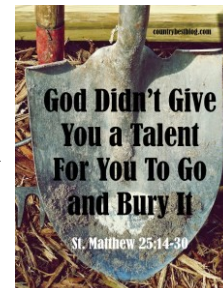
Readings : Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Psalm 127 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Reflection for this Sunday ...

It is by living that we discover our talents, and it is by using them that they grow. Every talent has to be developed. Sometimes a lot of hard work, discipline, and patience are required if a talent is to bear its full fruit. We see this in the example of the first two servants in Jesus' story. We see the opposite of it in the case of the third servant. It wasn't the harshness of his master that prevented him from using his talent—that was merely an excuse. Nor was it lack of opportunity. He himself was to blame, through a combination of laziness, cowardice, and selfishness. Life is God's gift to us. What we do with life is our gift to God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday	5pm	Rose Manners (a) & James, Margaret & Anne Hughes
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)
Monday	6pm	Frank Duffy & Ints of Paul McConnell
MC School	9am	Joyce Mary Lander (Johnson Fund)
Tuesday	9.30am	Matthew McHugh
	7pm	MCS & STM FHC Enrolment Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Gerry Bree & Special Int for David Lee
Thursday	7pm	John Allison
STA School	9.40am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Tony Gallagher (a) & Bernie Briggs
	2.30pm	Adoration (8PMU)
Saturday	9.30am	Felix Sabu
	5pm	Thomas Meagher (a) & Dec'd Brothers & Wives of the Redditch Catenian Circle



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 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish & Charles Bright (a) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	John Sheehan (a) & Ints of Margaret Sheehan 6pm Tom, Peggy & John McGillen (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, **JOHN J BURAK** brother of parishioner, **SEAN McARDLE** in Ireland, relative of parishioner, **ANNIE COX** late of Redditch, **JOSEPHINE NORTON**, sister 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**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **JAN & CHRIS SREBNAK**
Next week in **THANKSGIVING (DELIA)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in **THANKSGIVING (DELIA)**
Next week for the Intentions of **CAROLINE HOLLAND**



Walk with Me Booklets & Advent Calendars

Available in the porches Please take one home with you. A donation of £1 for the booklet would be welcome but not necessary
Advent Calendars are free

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



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](https://www.facebook.com/redditchchoralsociety)
Phone -07725 893744 or email [redditchchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:reditchchoralsociety@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

Tuesday Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This ancient feast is held in high esteem by Eastern Christianity. It celebrated Our Lady's dedication to God, which prepared her for her acceptance of God's will that she became the Mother of His Son.

Wednesday Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

St Cecilia was a Roman woman of noble family who was martyred in the reign of Marcus Aurelius. Her family home is now a basilica dedicated to her where her remains lie. She is the patron saint of musicians and is remembered in the Roman Canon.

Thursday Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr or of Saint Columban, Abbot, Missionary

(+97) St Clement was the third pope after St Peter and author of the famous letter to the Corinthians, an early example of the bishop of Rome's universal jurisdiction. Tradition records him being sentenced to hard labour in the Crimea and thrown into the sea, tied to an anchor.

(c540-615) St Columban was born in Leinster, Ireland, and entered the monastic life at an early age. With a dozen companions he travelled to the continent and founded many monasteries in France and Italy, including Luxeuil and Bobbio, although his strict discipline sometimes aroused opposition. He died in Bobbio in 615.

Friday Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

St Andrew Dung-Lac was a Vietnamese priest martyred in 1839. He was one of a group of one hundred and seventeen martyrs put to death in the 19th century. They were canonised in 1988. Altogether between 130,000 and 300,000 Catholics were martyred in Vietnam from the 17th to the 19th centuries.

Saturday Saint Catherine of Alexandria or of Our Lady on Saturday

St Catherine lived during the fourth century. She was a learned girl of noble birth who protested against the persecution of Christians which was ordered by the Roman Emperor, Maxentius. She converted the Emperor's wife and defeated in debate the best scholars sent to oppose her. Very little is known about her life; she was popular in the Middle Ages.

Right to Life Prayer

Let us pray for all doctors, nurses and midwives working in maternity wards, that their healing hands would be guided from above during any complications. Lord hear us.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND Team 1 T Craig D Cruise L Kings
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP
2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting
Thursday November 30th

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 Church

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

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

CAFOD/Laudato Si Group—Sale of Christmas Cards & Chocolate

The CAFOD/Laudato Si Group will be selling Christmas Cards and Chocolate after all Masses on the weekend of 2/3 December in St Joseph's Chapel at the back of church.

Laudate Deum

Last weekend's newsletter included an item about this new exhortation from Pope Francis. The next discussion forum organised by the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission will be about this. It is a free online event and takes place this **Tuesday 21st November** at 7pm. To book a place and get the Zoom link please go to: <https://bit.ly/NovemberForum2023>

Churches Together in Redditch Joint Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 16th and 23rd December Carol Singing 11am-12noon in the Kingfisher Centre, on the mezzanine above Primark—A variety of well known carols—everyone welcome

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

Pk of 10 £1.50, Calendars £1, 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.



