



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2134 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 24TH 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 ...

The Gospel of this Fourth Sunday of Advent proposes to us the account of the Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38), the mystery to which we return every day in reciting the Angelus. This prayer makes us relive the decisive moment at which God knocked at Mary's heart and, having received her 'yes', began to take flesh, in her and from her. The Collect of today's Mass is the same as the one we recite at the end of the Angelus. With the Feast of Christmas imminent, we are invited to fix our gaze on the ineffable mystery that Mary treasured for nine months in her virginal womb: the mystery of God who is made man. (Pope Benedict XVI)



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 24th December 2023

Saturday 5pm Frances Quigley
Sunday 8.15am Intentions of the Barratt Family 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Elizabeth Loboda **NB NO 6PM MASS**

Happy Christmas everyone!

Christmas Eve 2pm Keralan Mass
5pm First Mass of Christmas Mick Russell
10pm Carols & Readings followed by Mass People of the Parish & Ken & Kay Morton

Christmas Day—The Nativity of the Lord

Monday 8.15am Michael Kenny
11.15am Deacon Doug Taylor **NB NO 6PM MASS**

St Stephen's Day—Boxing Day

Tuesday 9.45am Polish Mas
11.15am Packie & Tess Ellicott (Wedd A) (Presentation of St Stephen's Guild Medals)

Wednesday 9.30am Francis Keaney

Thursday 11.15am Funeral Mass Stephen Fletcher

7pm June O'Keefe

Friday 9.30am Sharon St Rose

Saturday 9.30am Ints of Biju & Rosie (25th Wedd A)

5pm Tom, Peggy & John McGillen

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



MASS INTENTIONS for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 31st December 2023

Sunday 8.15am Gerry Bree 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Christine Burke & Bridie O'Shea 6pm People of the Parish (Live-Streamed)

Monday 6pm Dec'd McShane Family

Tuesday 9.30am Hugh Braithwaite

Wednesday 9.30am Jimmy Purcell

Thursday 7pm Becky Flahive (a)

Friday 9.30am Elizabeth Loboda (b'day a) & Maureen Dowling (a)

7pm Latin Mass Holy Souls

Saturday 9.30am Alice McLoughlin & Rosanne McManus

5pm Frances Quigley



MASS INTENTIONS for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024

Sunday 8.15am Thomas Wren 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Holy Souls 6pm Francis Keaney (CH) (Live-Streamed)

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **STEPHEN FLETCHER** Funeral Mass 11.15am Thursday 28th December.

May his 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, 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 **McKENNA, McILROY & BROWNE FAMILIES**

Next week for the intentions of **CAROLINE HOLLAND**

Week after for **JOSEPHINE NORTON & FAMILY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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

Next week for **JOAN O'ROURKE**

Week after for intentions of **BRIDIE MCCONNELL IN THANKSGIVING**

Please note this is a two week newsletter so please take one home with you

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 THIS WEEK AND THE NEXT

Tuesday Feast of Saint Stephen, the first Martyr

He was the first Christian martyr. Stoned outside Jerusalem, he died praying for his executioners. He was one of the seven deacons who helped the Apostles: he was 'filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,' and was 'full of fortitude'. The church draws a comparison between the disciple and the Master, emphasising the imitation of Christ up to the complete gift of self. His name is in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday Feast of Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

Born in Bethsaida, he was called from mending the nets to follow Jesus. He became the Beloved Disciple of Jesus. He wrote the Fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. He is the evangelist of the divinity of Christ and of fraternal love. With James, his brother, and Simon Peter, he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leant on the Master's breast. At the foot of the Cross, Jesus entrusted his Mother to his care. John's pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary. In later years, under Emperor Domitian, John was exiled to the island of Patmos.

Thursday Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

The Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighbourhood of Bethlehem. They were put to death by Herod, who was seeking to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ to a world which would not receive him.

Friday Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

(118-1170) St Thomas was born in London. After studying in Paris, he first became Chancellor to the king and then in 1162 was chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury. He threw himself into the duties of his new office, defending the rights of the Church against Henry II. This promoted the king to exile him to France for six years. After returning to his homeland, he endured any trials and was murdered by agents of the king. St Thomas is the Patron of the Pastoral Clergy in England and Wales.

Monday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

(330-379) St Basil was a brilliant student born of a Christian family in Caesarea, Cappadocia (Turkey). For some years, he followed the monastic way of life. He became the bishop of Caesara in 370. The monks of the Eastern Church today still follow the monastic rules which he set down.

(330-390) St Gregory was also from Cappadocia. A friend of St Basil, he too followed the monastic way of life for some years. He was ordained a priest and in 380 became bishop of Constantinople. He was called 'The Theologian' because of his great learning and his talent for oratory.

NO COUNTERS REQUIRED THIS WEEKEND

Annual Christmas offerings to the clergy.

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder, T Tamburro

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP 2.30pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting
Thursday January 11th 2024

Diaries with Mass £3.25
(only 2 left)
for sale in parish office

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

Today, with the Nativity of Christ in sight, our prayer focuses on expectant mothers. For all those going into labour now and in the next months, we pray for the safety and wellbeing of both mother and baby. Lord hear us.

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/>



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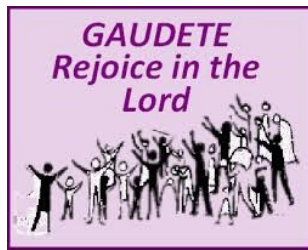
Collections this weekend
Saturday & Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent
Normal two collections
Sunday Christmas Eve Masses 5pm & 10pm
and Christmas Day Masses
ONE COLLECTION FOR YOUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
OFFERINGS TO YOUR CLERGY

Thank you

We have received a thank you from Missio for our recent collection of £590.34 in support of World Mission Sunday. Our generosity and spiritual sustenance will encourage missionaries, like Sister Mary in Kenya, to continue serving and sharing God's love. She is just one of the many dedicated missionaries around the world, supported by us through Missio, who have responded to God's calling by choosing to serve in vulnerable and impoverished communities.

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.





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Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024

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