



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2182 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 1ST DECEMBER 2024**

Readings : Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 121 Romans 13:11-14 Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday

In Advent, the liturgy frequently repeats and assures us, as if to overcome our natural diffidence, that God 'comes': he comes to be with us in every situation of ours, he comes to dwell among us, to live with us and within us; he comes to fill the gaps that divide and separate us; he comes to reconcile us with him and with one another. He comes into human history to knock at the door of every man and every woman of goodwill, to bring to individuals, families and peoples the gifts of brotherhood, harmony and peace. This is why Advent is par excellence the season of hope in which believers in Christ are invited to remain in watchful and active waiting, nourished by prayer and by the effective commitment to love. (Pope Benedict XVI)



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 1st December 2024

Saturday	5pm	STM FHC Celebration : Peter Reynolds & Pat Reardon
Sunday	8.15am	Dec'd Duraj & Srebniak Families
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Emilia & Emmanuel
	6pm	Peggy Regan & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Brian Bullivant
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Pat Reardon
Wednesday	9.30am	Myrtle Wilson (a) & Emma Jones
Thursday	5pm	Reception of Body Grazyna Juskiewicz
	7pm	David Hanney (1st A)
STA School	9.40am	Ints of Fr Tony
Friday	9.30am	Hugh & Joe McKenna (a)
	11am	Funeral Mass Grazyna Juskiewicz
	7pm	Latin Mass Ints of Sam McMahon
STB School	2pm	Adoration
Saturday	9.30am	Mathew Palackal (a)
	5pm	Joan Casey (a) & Liz McMahon

Fr Tony is in hospital at the moment and has been for the last week – please keep him in your prayers.



After Mass on Tuesdays Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

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

MASS INTENTIONS for Second Sunday of Advent 8th December 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Jack, Kath, Allan & Pattie Coombes, Paddy, Mary & Adrian Kennedy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Burak (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Ints of Alistair Crowle (live-streamed)

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

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, PAUL MCCONNELL, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, DAVID CRUISE, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, HEATHER SMITH, FRANK & MARY FALLON, GETHAN FARNES, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **PATRICK MEANEY Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 10th December, BRIDIE MCCONNELL Funeral Mass 11am Wednesday 18th December,**



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of the **REBECCA**

Next week for the intentions of the **IRENA & JOSEPH (B'DAYS 18 & 8)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the deceased of the **REARDON & DURR FAMILY**

Next week for the deceased of the **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

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 our 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*

Christmas Cards

Calendars & Diaries for 2025
Available from the Parish Office

Calendars £1 each, Diaries with Mass £3.50 each
Christmas Cards Pk of 10 £1.50, Pk of 12 £3.00



Walk with Me Booklets
& Advent Calendars



The Jubilee Companion Booklet

Available in church, please take home with you, a donation of £1 for the Walk with Me Booklet and £1.50 for the Jubilee Booklet would be welcome but not obligatory

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

(1506-1552) St Francis Xavier was born near Pamplona in what is now Spain and studied in Paris, where he became a follower of St Ignatius of Loyola. A founding member of the Society of Jesus, he tirelessly brought the Gospel to India, Borneo, Indonesia and Japan. He died of fever on Shangchuan Island in 1552 while travelling to China. He is now buried in Goa.

Wednesday Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

St John Damascene was born in Damascus in the late seventh century. He was a monk and priest at the monastery of St Sabbas in Jerusalem. He is remembered for defending the faith and for his devotion to Our Lady. He died in 749

Thursday Feast of Saint Birinus, Bishop

St Birinus was sent to England by Pope Honorius I, was ordained as a bishop and established his See at Dorchester on Thames. He died in 650.

Friday Saint Nicholas, Bishop, First Friday

(Fourth Century) St Nicholas was born perhaps at Patara (now in Turkey) and became bishop of Myra. He was imprisoned under the Emperor Diocletian and had attended the Council of Nicea which opposed the Arian Heresy. The saint's relics were later brought to Bari (Italy)

Saturday Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

St Ambrose was born at Trier about 340. While still preparing for his own Baptism, he was chosen to be bishop of Milan. It was on this day in 374 that he was ordained bishop. He died in the 397.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December—For Pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christ hope.

Weekly Statistics : Weekend 23/24 November 2024

1st Collection £ : £399.14 2nd Collection £192.73 (Catholic Youth Service)

Attendance 370 These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Foodbank Donations

As Advent approaches if you can think about those people in our community who haven't the resources to buy food, when shopping buy an extra tin or packet for the food bank. Tinned meat, stew, curry or soup is always needed during the Winter. Please **DO NOT** leave any fresh fruit or vegetables, these cannot be accepted at the Food Bank.

Christmas Fairtrade Sale after all Masses next weekend

Christmas Fairtrade Stall after all masses next weekend 7/8 December, cash only please.

Coffee and Tea in Parish Hall after the 5pm Mass on the Saturday.

Please do come along and have a cuppa and chat after Mass.

Fairtrade Sale Feature: Dalit Goods Co

Dalit Goods Co. work to highlight the injustice of the Dalit community in India and support them by providing employment and by building schools and children's homes. Their products are ethically sourced, eco-friendly and plastic free. Every purchase contributes directly to their work. Their cruelty free fair trade soaps will be on sale next weekend. These coconut oil based soaps are made by an all women enterprise in Kerala.

Family Advent Rosary in the City Saturday 14 December

in Chamberlain Square, Birmingham. In the season of Advent we are calling all men, women and children to come together and publicly witness to their faith by praying a rosary in the city and singing some Carols. For more information contact Ben on 07885 505116

Redditch Choral Society presents 'Songs of Snow'

Saturday 7 December 7.30pm Trinity High School, B98 8DS

Directed by Emily Tyrrell Tickets £12.50 (inc interval refreshments (accompanied children free)) Book online at Ticket Source (use QR code) - also on the door (cash only)

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via mail? If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or by email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder A Tamburro



Date for your diary
PARISH CHRISTMAS
CAROL SERVICE
7pm Thursday 19th December
A selection of classic Christmas carols, followed by a mince pie, mulled wine and tea/coffee in the parish hall

Senior Citizens Christmas Party at St Augustine's High School

Wednesday 18 December
2.15pm—3.15pm

Food, Drinks and the pupils will be your hosts

If interested, you can either fill in the form by visiting

<https://forms.office.com/e/xdKZMeWjj>

or contact the school direct
01527 550400

or the parish office on
01527 63096



Our Lady of Mount Carmel pray for us

Missio Calendars 2025

Available in church porches
Please empty your Red Boxes into the envelopes provided in the porches and bring to the office by Mid December so that money can be banked before end of year.

First Holy Communion Parish Class

for children in non-Catholic Schools begins in January 2025 on Wednesdays at 6pm in church. If you have a child in Yr 3 or over who would like to make their FHC, please contact the parish office to enrol your child/children either by email or in person.

Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

500 Club Subscriptions are now due -

Thank you to those who have already paid
These can be brought to the parish office during the week, posted through the office letter box or by cheque in the post.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Mount Carmel 500 Club'

