



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2191 **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2ND FEBRUARY 2025**

Readings : Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 23 Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Reflection for this Sunday

On today's Feast we contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple 'to present him to the Lord'. Simeon identifies him as 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles' and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory. It is interesting to take a close look at this entrance of the Child Jesus into the solemnity of the temple, in the great comings and goings of many people, busy with their work; priests and Levites taking turns to be on duty, the numerous devout people and pilgrims anxious to encounter the Holy God of Israel. Yet none of them noticed anything. Jesus was a child like the others, a first born son of very simple parents.

Even the priests proved incapable of recognising the signs of the new and special presence of the Messiah and Saviour. Alone two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, discover this great newness led by the Holy Spirit, in this Child they find the fulfilment of their long waiting and watchfulness. Their prophetic attitude contains the entire Old Covenant which expresses the joy of the encounter with the Redeemer. Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 2nd February 2025

Saturday	5pm	Mick Russell & Teresa Gregory (b'day a)
Sunday	8.15am	Peggy Ryan & People of the Parish
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Suni Abraham (a)
	6pm	Ints of Anju & Thomas Family (live-streamed)
Monday	11.30am	Funeral Mass Michael Coleman
	6pm	Eugene Butler
STM School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Wanda & Bob Morrisson
Wednesday	9.30am	Ros Hall
Thursday	7pm	Christy Keenan
STA School	9.40am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Lilly Paul (a) & George Hawkes (b'day a)
STB School	2pm	Class Mass Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Thomas Meagher (b'day a)
	5pm	Michael & Catherine Conlon

**Second Collection
this weekend
is for LIFE**

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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 10am-11am
or by appointment

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 9th February 2025

Sunday	8.15am	John Loftus, Daison & Betty (Wedd A)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Tom, Peggy & John McGillen
	6pm	Peter McGoldrick & People of the Parish (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, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, BILL BARBER, JANE ELLIOTT, SUSAN PORTER, CATHERINE WALSH, DES CHILTON, TONY GILLESPIE, RYAN MARSDEN**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MICHAEL COLEMAN** Funeral Mass 11.30am Monday 3rd February, **MARY ANGELA COWEN** Funeral Service 1.15pm Monday 24th February at the Abbey Chapel



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **IN THANKSGIVING (NICK)**
Next week for **SHANE JONES**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **REBECCA**
Next week for the **DOHERTY & DUNN FAMILY**

LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for
your intentions or loved
ones, please contact the
parish office, suggested
donation £5

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"



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

Saints for the Week

Monday Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr or of Saint Ansgar, Bishop

(Fourth century) *St Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius (320-324).*

(801-865) *St Ansgar was born in Bremen, Germany. He became known as the 'Apostle of the North' for his great evangelical work in Denmark and Sweden. He was bishop of Hamburg and then of Bremen. Pope Gregory IV appointed him as his delegate to Denmark and Sweden.*

Wednesday Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

(+251) *St Agatha was martyred in Catania, Sicily, during the time of Decius. She dedicated herself to Our Lord, and at the age of 15 she rejected the amorous advances of a Roman name Quintianus, who then decided to persecute her for her Christian faith. Quintianus condemned her to torture and imprisonment, from which she died. Her name appears in the roman Canon.*

Thursday Saint Paul Miki, and companions, Martyrs

(+1597) *St Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his 25 companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonised. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion Christ.*

Saturday Saint Jerome Emiliani or of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin or of Our Lady on Saturday

Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

(1486-1537) *St Jerome was born in Venice and converted to Christianity after a rather dissolute youth. Serving as a soldier, he was taken captive but attributed his liberation to the intercession of Our Lady. Henceforth he dedicated himself to the service of the poor, the sick and abandoned children. He founded a congregation (Somaschi) which looked after the education of children, especially orphans, He died of the plague while serving the afflicted.*

(c1869-1947) *St Josephine Bakhita was born in the Darfur region of Sudan and spent much of her early life as a slave. She eventually settled in Italy, where she converted to Christianity and entered the Canossian Daughters of Charity at Schio, near Vicenza. Serving quietly as the community's portress, cook and sacristan, she gained a reputation for exceptional piety and holiness.*

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 25/26 January 2025

1st Collection £487.38

2nd Collection £280.83 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 412

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON
SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

Seniors Next Meeting
2pm Thursday 6th February
in the Parish Hall
BINGO

Second Collection this weekend is for LIFE

So where do the pounds go? Funding is provided to enable direct housing provision for up to 90 expectant women at any one time; a free and accessible helpline (via phone, text, email, or in person) with the option of emotional support through a counselling and skilled listening service; the availability of posted pregnancy tests; and the distribution of baby supplies. Life's wrap around approach empowers all to women to choose life for their baby. Last year over 22,000 women received assistance, which meant that they could face pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity. You can help LIFE continue its vital work by giving to the Second Collection this weekend.

FOODBANK

Thank you for this week's very generous donations, we gave 33.5kg of produce, which will make a real difference to people using the service.

Vacancy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel First School

Teaching Assistant, 18 hrs 45 mins, Closing date for applications **3pm 3 February 2025**. Please apply via new term link:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141058/EDV-2025-OLMCCRFs-38735>

Concert of Hope at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham in aid of the Friends of the Holy Land

You are invited to a Concert of Hope at St Chad's Cathedral on 27th February featuring classical, folk and choral music by a range of musicians and singers as well as dance displays. The concert begins at 7pm, with doors open from 6.30pm. Tickets are £25 and can be purchased via the Archdiocese of Birmingham under Latest/Events

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COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
pray for us



