



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2229 **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS YEAR C 2ND NOVEMBER 2025**

Readings: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 23 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 Psalter Week 3

REFLECTION FOR TODAY ...

The Solemnity of All Saints, which we celebrate today, invites us to raise our gaze to Heaven and to meditate on the fullness of the divine life which awaits us. 'We are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be'; with these words the Apostle John assures us of the reality of our profound relation to God, as too, of the certainty of our destiny. Like beloved children, therefore, we also receive the grace to support the trials of this earthly existence—the hunger and the thirst for justice, the misunderstandings, the persecutions—and, at the same time, we inherit what is promised in the Gospel Beatitudes. The holiness, imprinted in us by Christ himself, is the goal of Christian life. And we have a foretaste of the gift and the beauty of sanctity every time that we participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy, the communion with the 'great multitude' of holy souls, which in Heaven eternally acclaim the salvation of God and of the Lamb.

Pope Benedict XVI



November - Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes are available in the porches for the names of your deceased parents, relatives and friends to be entered into the Book of the Dead. **Mass for deceased parishioners (November 2024-November 2025) 7pm Tuesday 11th November** Refreshments in the parish hall afterwards.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 2nd November 2025

Saturday	5pm	Dec'd of the McNamee, Harte & Barratt Families
Sunday	8.15am	Brian McCrudden & Ned Morrissey 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Mick Newman & People of the Parish
	5pm	Reception of Body Sheila Eastham
	6pm	Catherine Jones & Brian & Joan Crangle (live-streamed)

Monday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

	1.30pm	Funeral Mass Sheila Eastham
	6pm	Elizabeth Loboda
MC School	9am	Sean Grace
Tuesday	9.30am	Yvette Skinner & Klaus Gruschwitz
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Myrtle & Bill Wilson (Wedd A)
Friday	9.30am	Betty Flahive O'Donnell (a)
STB School	2pm	Yr 5 Mass in church
	7pm	Latin Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Norah, Mary & John Morrissey
	5pm	John Loftus (a)



CONFESSION & BENEDICTION SATURDAYS 10AM - 11AM OR BY APPOINTMENT

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

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

Revised Daily & Weekday Missal—for those of you who ordered either the Complete Weekday Missal or the Daily Missal, please collect from the parish office. Weekday Missal £55 and Daily Missal £69.99

MASS INTENTIONS for the Feast of the Lateran Basilica 9th November 2025 : Remembrance Sunday

Sunday	8.15am	Eddie & Norah O'Hara (a) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Health & Graces for the Skett, Heath & Chambers Families
	6pm	Marcella Mirolanico (a) & People of the Parish (live-streamed)



For the Sick ...

Please pray for **BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, DELIA BREE, PAUL MCCONNELL, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY HAWTHORNE, JANE ELLIOTT, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, EVELYN (5 YRS OLD), JOHN BROWN, LORNA PARSONAGE, GARY DALLOW, PASCALE BREYNE, SHEILA TWIST**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **SHEILA EASTHAM** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 2nd November, Funeral Mass 1.30pm Monday 3rd November, **MARTIN FANNING** Funeral 2.45pm Friday 7th November at the Abbey Chapel, **MARGARET MARY ARTHUR** Funeral Mass 11am Friday 14th November, **CATHERINE JONES** Funeral details not yet known



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **ROMA LOBODA**
Next week for the intentions of **AILEEN**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **STANLEY CATER (A)**
Next week for the intentions of **AILEEN**

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 **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed *All Soul's Day***

The Church, after rejoicing yesterday with those who are in heaven, today prays for all who in the purification of purgatory await the day when they will join the company of the Saints. We can help the faithful departed through offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them and prayers and suffrages.

Tuesday **Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

(1538-1584) St Charles Borromeo was born into a noble family at Arona, Italy. His uncle was Pope Pius IV and this ensured his quick promotion within the Church; aged only 21 he was created Cardinal Priest of Santa Prassede, although he was only ordained when in 1564 he became Archbishop of Milan. He zealously applied the teachings of the Council of Trent to his diocese, establishing seminaries and schools and renewing the life of the clergy. During the plague of 1567 he was active in the care of the sick.

Friday **Saint Willibrord, Bishop**

St Willibrord was born in Yorkshire. He preached the gospel in present day Germany and was renowned as a great missionary. He suffered many trials but overcame them with a joyful spirit. He died in 739.

Saturday **Blessed George Napier, Priest, Martyr or of Our Lady on Saturday**

Blessed George Napier was born in Oxford and educated at Douai. He ministered as a priest for 7 years before his martyrdom in Oxford in 1610

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide : Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide may find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 25/26 October 2025
1st Collection £548.71
2nd Collection £251.63 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 412

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Foodbank in recent weeks. Approximately 5 out of 6 low income families on universal credit are currently going without essentials : John Rowntree Foundation Report : redditch.foodbank.org.uk Can you help? Tinned meat, tinned fruit or vegetables, shampoo, soap. Please think about putting an extra item in your trolley when next shopping and put in the basket in the church porch.

UN Climate Summit (COP30) begins on 10 November

This climate UN decision making conference starts Monday week (10th). It is expected to last two weeks. It is vital that the right decisions are made to achieve real progress on combatting climate change, something badly affecting many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Prayer and Christian witness are essential to help the summit be successful. Send a message to the UK Energy Secretary at : <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/178976/action/1> and join Bishop John Arnold and many others on 15th November as part of the Global Day of Action:

[Global Day of action for Climate Justice](https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/178976/action/1)

Dates for the Diary :

Saturday 15 November Global Day of Action for Climate Justice

Sunday 16 November at 4pm Holy Hour on the theme of Creation

Saturday/Sunday 6th & 7th December : Christmas Fairtrade sale after all Masses

MOUNT CARMEL 500 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2025

(Apologies for the delay—all due to changing the office computers)

More Winners next week for July, August, September & October

1st Prize £120.00

February 1st Prize No 209 Eddie McGroarty

March 1st Prize No 244 Maria Yates

April 1st Prize No 47 Christine Devlin

May 1st Prize No 10 David Lovett

June 1st Prize No 253 Linda & Chris Heath

2nd Prize £50.00

2nd Prize No 143 Eugene Donegan

2nd Prize No 125 John Casey

2nd Prize No 150 Catriona Spencer

2nd Prize No 99 Matilda Murphy

2nd Prize No 82 Sophie Duraj

Subscriptions for the 500 Club are now due—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'

PIANO RECITAL—2PM SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER IN SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM

A relaxing afternoon of beautiful piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Thacker. Music including Chopin, Debussy, Schubert and more. Adults £9, under 16's £4 Tickets available from the **parish office**, Rebekah 07790 815365 or Felicity 07812 336263. All proceeds to the Parish Hall refurbishment.

Thank you— to the lady who donated a £100 to help the pregnant lady recently, which meant that we were able to present mom and baby with an ample supply of nappies and baby milk.

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. Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 7 J Alen J Paul J Devassy P Joseph

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 8 B Joseph J Chacko M Gonsalves M Johnson

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 6th November

in Parish Hall

Christmas Crafts



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Christmas Lunch Saturday 29th November

12 noon in the parish hall

Raffle & tombola

*We would be grateful for
donations of the following*

Bottles, unwanted gifts

Cakes & mince pies

Parish Carol Service Tuesday 16th December

7pm in Mount Carmel

Mulled wine & mince pies

in parish hall afterwards

Prayers & Coffee Mornings

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

10am Wednesdays 5th & 19th November

Everyone welcome

*Parish First Holy Communion
for children in non-Catholic schools
begins in January. Please contact
the parish office either by email or
phone if you wish to enrol your
child/children*

