



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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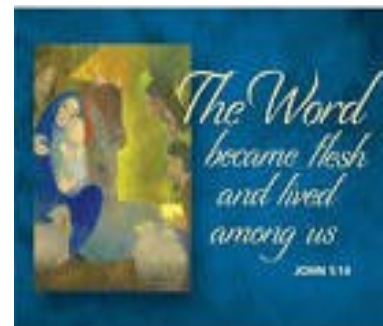
NEWSLETTER 2238 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY** 4TH JANUARY 2026

Readings: Sirach 24:1-2,8-12 Psalm 147 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18 Gospel John 1:1-18 Psalter Week 2

Reflection for this Sunday ...

Our hope is in God, not in the sense of a generic religiosity or as fatalism cloaked in faith. We trust in God who revealed completely and definitively in Jesus Christ his desire to be with human beings, to share in our history, to guide us all to his Kingdom of love and life. And this great hope enlivens and at times corrects our human hopes. Three extraordinarily rich biblical Readings speak to us to day of this revelation. These texts affirm that God is not only the Creator of the universe, an aspect common to other religions too but that he is the Father who 'chose us in him before the foundation of the world.. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ', and that for this reason he even, inconceivably, went so far as to make himself man: 'the Word became flesh and dwelled among us'.

Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 4th January 2026

Saturday	5pm	Thomas & Mary Butler
Sunday	8.15am	Dec'd Boyd & Shanley Family & Bob O'Connor 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Paul Jarvis & People of the Parish
	6pm	Bridie Gourley (a) & Tom, Peggy & John McGillen (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Elizabeth Loboda (b'day a) & Christopher McNamee (a)

Solemnity of the Epiphany—Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Noel Martin
	7pm	Ints of the O'Brien Family
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Jackie Hall
Friday	9.30am	Jane Doyle (a) & Ints of the Brannan Family
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of ARC

5pm Martin Fanning & Ints of the Gannan Family

MASS INTENTIONS for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2026

Sunday	8.15am	Thanksgiving Arikudom Family 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Paul Jarvis & People of the Parish
	6pm	Martin Healy (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, ELLIS MITCHELL**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARTIN HEALY** Funeral 11am Monday 5th December at the Abbey Chapel, **RUDOLF SAMPAYS**, father of parishioner



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **ROB CARTER**
Next week for the intentions of **ARC**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **BUTLER, QUIRK & DYHOUSE FAMILIE**
Next week in loving memory of **ANNE POLLARD (A)**

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



CONFESSION & BENEDICTION

Saturdays 10am-11am
or by appointment

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

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to beautify the church and to the choir, organist and readers for making our Christmas Services so meaningful.

Fr Jason wishes to thank you all
for your generous Christmas offerings.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE, MIDDLE EAST AND THE WORLD

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

Monday Saint Charles of Saint Andrew

St Charles was a Dutch Passionist missionary, born in 1821. He was sent to Staffordshire during the 1850's, but he spent most of his priestly ministry at the Passionist Monastery of Mount Argus in Dublin. He was a renowned confessor and gained a reputation for his compassion for the sick and those in need of guidance. He died in 1893. He was canonised in 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Tuesday Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord *Holyday of Obligation*

Wednesday Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

(1175-1275) Born in Barcelona, Spain, he was the third Master General of the Dominican Order. He is famous for his work in the freeing of slaves. He wrote five books of Decretals which are now a valuable part of the Canon Law of the Church. The 'Summa Casuum' which is about the correct and fruitful administration of the Sacrament of Penance is the most notable of his works.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For prayer with the Word of God : Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, specially in the Middle East, may be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



2026 Calendars & Diaries (with Mass)

We have two calendars £1 each left and Catholic Diaries which include the Mass at £3.50 each available from the parish office.

Mount Carmel 500 club winners for November & December

1st Prize £120 2nd Prize £50

November 1st Prize No 158 Paul Brewster 2nd Prize No 268 Ann Crompton
December 1st Prize No 265 Kate Hartigan 2nd Prize No 162 Paul Skinner

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions 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'. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes from the Parish Christmas Lunch

Raffle Nos : 256-260 (Candle & Chocolates), 266-270 (Tea Light Holder & lights), and 371-375 (Bottle of Wine) Please collect from the parish office.

Lift to Church

A parishioner who has difficulty getting to Mass and who lives in the Webheath area, has asked if there is anyone in her area who would be willing to give her a lift or share a taxi. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Vacancy for part time Domestic Operative at Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield

25 hours per week, 5 hours a day, to include some weekends and evenings, term time only. Deadline for applications is 11 January. Interviews will be held in mid-January, to start in February 2026. Job description and more information can be found at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

Parish Choir Practice
resumes Monday
12th January 7pm

Journey in Faith Course
resumes Thursday
8th January 7.30pm



COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 5 A Paul S Robin J Joseph S Philip S Joseph

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

Seniors Next Meeting

Please note change of date!

Thursday 15th January 2026

Chat & Planning talk

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

10am Wednesdays

7th & 21st January 2026

Everyone welcome

Parish First Holy Communion

Class beginning

Wednesday 7th January

6pm in church

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

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

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

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

