



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2234 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7TH DECEMBER 2025**

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 71 Romans 15:4-9 Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 Psalter Week 2

REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY ...

The Gospel of this Second Sunday of Advent presents to us the figure of St John the Baptist, who, a famous prophecy of Isaiah says, withdrew to the desert of Judaea and, with his preaching, called the people to convert so as to be ready for the coming of the Messiah, now at hand. The Precursor of Jesus, situated between the Old Covenant and the New, is like a star that heralds the rising of the Sun, of Christ. In the Season of Advent we too are called to listen to God's voice, that cries out in the desert of the world through the Sacred Scriptures, especially when they are preached with the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, faith grows all the stronger the more it allows itself to be illumined by the divine word. Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 7th December 2025

Saturday	5pm	Mick & Sarah Durkan
Sunday	8.15am	Mathew Palackal (a) 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Burak (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Mary Maura Heath (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Peter Brown
STM School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Elizabeth, John, PJ, Seamus & Michael Sammin
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Sean Fitzgerald
Friday	9.30am	Ints of Ephrayim Kott
STB School	2pm	Class Mass 8MPO Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (B'day a) & Ints of Manju (b'day)

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'**

MASS INTENTIONS for the Third Sunday in Advent 14th December 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Paul Jarvis 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Brigit Brewster (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Brendan Geraghty (b'day a) (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 **JOHN WHYTE** Funeral Mass 2pm Tuesday 16 December, **BROTHER JOHN O'DRISCOLL OCSO** Brother of parishioner



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the deceased of the **SREBNIAK & DURAJ FAMILIES**
Next week in loving memory of **JANE MCKENNA (A)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **HUGH & JOE MCKENNA (B'DAY A)**
Next week in loving memory of **JOHN ELLIOTT**

Christmas Cards, Calendars & Diaries (with Mass)

We have a small collection of religious Christmas Cards, £2 per pack of 10, Calendars £1 each and Catholic Diaries which include the Mass at £3.50 each available from the parish office (10am onwards Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

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

Parish Christmas Lunch

Thank you to all who helped or supported this event in any way.
The amount raised before expenses was £652.25

Proceeds to the Parish Hall Fund

🌿 Once again well done to all! 🌿

🌿 **Unclaimed raffle prizes listed elsewhere on the newsletter**

Saints for the Week

Monday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Tuesday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

(1474-1548) St Juan Diego was born near what is now Mexico City and converted to Christianity in middle age. He showed a great piety and walked many miles to attend Holy Mass., While doing so on 9 December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him on Mount Tepeyac, asking that a shrine be built on the spot. The local bishop asked for a sign and Our Lady left a miraculous portrait of herself on St Juan Diego's tilma or mantle.

Wednesday Saint Edmund Gennings, Priest, Martyr or of Our Lady of Loreto

(+1591) St Edmund Gennings was born at Lichfield and a convert from Protestantism, he studied and was ordained a priest in 1590. He passed on to the English Mission and was condemned to death for his priesthood the following year. He was hanged drawn and quartered at Gray's Inn Fields, London. He was canonised in 1970.

Since the Middle Ages veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has been the origin of that particular shrine which still today is visited by any faithful pilgrims in order to nourish their faith in the Word of God made flesh for us. In the Holy House, before the image of the Mother of the Redeemer and of the Church, Saints and Blessed have responded to their vocation, the sick have invoked consolation in suffering, the people of God have begun to praise and plead with Mary using the Litany of Loreto, which is known throughout the world. In a particular way all those who travel via aircraft have found in her their heavenly patron.

Thursday Saint Damasus I, Pope

(305-382) St Damasus was born in Spain. He summoned synods and councils (First Council of Constantinople) to work against schismatics and heretics. He widely promoted the cult of martyrs.

Friday Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the 9 December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St John Diego and left an image of herself imprinted upon his cloak. The image was placed in a magnificent shrine at Guadalupe where it became an object of great devotion and encouraged the devotion of the Mexican nation towards the Mother of God. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession and Our Lady of Guadalupe was named as 'Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas'.

Saturday Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

(Fourth Century) St Lucy died at Syracuse (Sicily), probably during the persecution of Diocletian. From antiquity, her cult spread throughout the Church. Her name is in the Roman Canon..

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict : 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.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 29/30 November 2025
1st Collection £535.77
2nd Collection £233.61 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 526

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Christmas Fair Trade Sale this weekend

This is taking place after all Masses this weekend. This year we have a larger and more varied range of goods the sale of which helps those in need around the world. Organisations like : Zaytoun (Palestinian Farmers); Dalit Soaps (women's employment in Kerala) and Divine Chocolate (cocoa farmers in Ghana). Also, Christmas cards and a selection of hand carved olive wood Christmas decorations from Bethlehem. Make yours an ethical Christmas. **Cash only please.**

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),
291-295 (Drinks bottle & Chocolates)
and 371-375 (Bottle of Wine)
Please collect from the parish office.



COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Carol Service

Tuesday 16th December

7pm in Mount Carmel

**Mulled wine &
mince pies in parish
hall afterwards**



Seniors Next Meeting

**Thursday 8th January 2026
Chat & Planning talk**

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham
10am Wednesday 17th December
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*

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS & ADVENT CALENDARS

Available in the porches this weekend,
please take one home with you. A
donation of £1 for the booklet would be
gratefully received but not
obligatory. Donations can be put in the
votive lights slot. Thank you

TWO THANK YOU LETTERS for Second Collections from :-

Missio for the donation of £295.60 on World Mission Sunday 2025
Stella Maris for the donation of £248.24 + Gift Aid on some individual donations
on Sea Sunday 2025

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

