



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2183 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 8TH DECEMBER 2024**

Readings : Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 125 Philipians 1:3-6,8-11 Gospel Luke 3:1-6 Psalter Week 2

Reflection for this Sunday

On this Sunday the Liturgy presents to us the Gospel passage in which St Luke prepares the scene on which Jesus is about to enter and begin his public ministry. The Evangelist focuses the spotlight on to John the Baptist, who was the Precursor of the Messiah, and with great precision outlines the space-time coordinates of his preaching. The Evangelist evidently wanted to warn those who read or hear about it that the Gospel is not a legend but the account of a true story, that Jesus of Nazareth is a historical figure who fits into that precise context. After this ample historical introduction, the subject becomes 'the word of God', presented as a power that comes down from Heaven and settles upon John the Baptist. (Pope Benedict XVI)



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 8th December 2024

Saturday	5pm	Joan Casey (a) & Liz McMahan
Sunday	8.15am	Jack, Kath, Allan & Pattie Coombes, Paddy, Mary & Adrian Kennedy
	11.15am	Elizabeth Burak (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Ints of Alistair Crowle (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Brigit Brewster (a)
STM School	9am	Holy Souls
STA School	11am	Ints of Fr Tony
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Ephraim Kott & Gerry Bree
	12 noon	Funeral Patrick Meaney
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Souls & Grazyna Juszkievicz
Thursday	7pm	Alan Richardson
Friday	9.30am	Brendan Geraghty (b'day a) & Ints of Manju (b'day)
STB School	2pm	Adoration Yr 8 Class
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of M.M.R. & family
	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a) & People of the Parish

Fr Tony remains in hospital — 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 Third Sunday of Advent 15th December 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Kitty Fanning (b'day a)	9.45am (Polish)	11.15am	Ints of Irena (18th b'day) & Joseph (8th b'day)
	6pm	Brenda Fleming & Peter Edmonds (a) & Michelle Kirby (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, ANNIE CLEARY, CATHERINE CONBOY**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **PATRICK MEANEY** Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 10th December,
BRIDIE MCCONNELL Funeral Mass 11am Wednesday 18th December,
ELLEN DELANEY mother of Sr Nora

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady



This week for the intentions of the **IRENA & JOSEPH (B'DAYS 18 & 8)**
Next week for the deceased of the **BUTLER, QUIRK & DYHOUSE FAMILY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart



This week in loving memory of **CHRISTOPHER SREBNAK**
Next week in loving memory of **JANE MCKENNA**

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*



THANK YOU!



Parish Christmas Lunch & Raffle

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way and to those who supported the above event on the day. A grand total of **£1400** was raised for the Parish Hall Fund
Winners of the Raffle can be found on the back of the Newsletter.

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 Handmade Cards £1.50 & £2

Just a few remaining now

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Tuesday Saint Edmund Gennings, Priest, Martyr or 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 many 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 Blesseds 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.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the 9 December 1531, the Blessed virgin Mary appeared to St Juan 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.'

Friday 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.

Saturday Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(1542-1591) St John was born in Spain. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by St Teresa of Jesus to lead the reform of his Order. He suffered many tribulations. A renowned mystic, he wrote much on prayer and the mystery of the Cross.

Weekly Statistics : Weekend 30 November/1 December 2024

1st Collection £697.74 2nd Collection £327.10 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 441 *These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments*

Grand Raffle Winners

1st Prize £100	Ticket No 00652	Kath Taylor
2nd Prize £50	Ticket No 00779	Paul Holder (taken)
3rd Prize Paddy Whisky	Ticket No 00954	John Ryan
4th Prize Prosecco	Ticket No 02198	Brian O'Gorman
5th Prize Bayliss & Harding	Ticket No 01315	Nick Gordon (taken)
6th Prize Fuzzy Dick Bath Robe	Ticket No 00533	Caren Price-Hunt 07716320717
7th Prize Montepulciano Wine	Ticket No 02205	Brian O'Gorman 07818573781
8th Prize White Grenache	Ticket No 01075	Gary Emms (taken)
9th Prize Rose Spumante	Ticket No 02560	Andrew Farrell
10th Prize Shortbread	Ticket No 02094	Guy Norton
11th Prize Fox's Biscuits	Ticket No 00694	Kevin Hims 07582613770
12th Prize Quality Street	Ticket No 00513	Gerry Marsden (taken)

Fair Trade Sale

In St Joseph's Chapel at the back of church after all Masses this weekend.

Hope you found interesting the message in previous newsletters about some of the goods on sale. In addition to these there will be Christmas cards, foodie items and lets not forget the chocolate! Cash only please. If you are at the Saturday 5pm Mass why not visit the stall and then pop in to the hall for a free cuppa.

Pilgrims of Hope

The season of Advent is a wonderful period in which the Church invites us, in the midst of pre-Christmas madness, to reflect in the stillness of God's presence. We are called to reflect upon the impact and challenge that the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ has on us and the world we inhabit. Advent is time of hope. And this joyful season will end with the start of the Jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The Laudato Si/Cafod Group thank you for your prayers and support and wish you all a very fruitful Advent. May the joy of the Gospel help and inspire us in our efforts to make 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to our meeting on Saturday 14th December at the Bridge Church Community Centre, Evesham Rd, B97 4JX. We meet at 11am till 2pm, starting with refreshments, then a meditation exercise with pictures. We pray using the Divine Office and finish with a shared lunch, all welcome for all or part of the meeting.

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/xdKZMeWj>

or contact the school direct 01527 550400

or the parish office on 01527 63096

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

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.

Thank you

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder A Tamburro

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 4 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

**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'**