



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2239 **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** 11TH JANUARY 2026

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 28 Acts 10:34-38 Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday ...

Lord Jesus, touch our eyes so that we may see the signs of your presence in our lives and in the world.

Touch our ears so that we may hear your word.

Touch our tongues so that we may profess our faith.

Touch our hands so that we may give and receive.

Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths.

Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways.

Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love to our brothers and sisters to the praise and glory of God. Amen



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 11th January 2026

Saturday	5pm	Martin Fanning & Ints of the Gannan Family
Sunday	8.15am	Thanksgiving Arikudom Family 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Paul Jarvis & People of the Parish
	6pm	Martin Healy (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Roma Loboda
Tuesday	9.30am	Ann Hennessy
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	John Doran (a) & Michelle Kirby (b'day a)
Friday	9.30am	Tommie & Frances Quigley (Wedd A)
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	12 noon	Carmelite 10th Anniversary Mass
	5pm	Paul Jarvis

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

MASS INTENTIONS for the Second Sunday of the Year A 18th January 2026

Sunday	8.15am	Anthrayose 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Bill Wilson (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Gillian Samson (live-streamed)

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
(No Adoration next wk)
Saturdays 10am-1am
or by appointment



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

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 **HELEN BOYD** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 1st February, Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 2nd February.



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **ARC**

Next week for the intentions of the **BREE FAMILY**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **ANNE POLLARD (A)**

Next week in loving memory of **MARGARET ELLIOTT**

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

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*

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

Saints for the Week

Monday Saint Aelred of Rievaube, Abbot

(1109-1167) St Aelred was born in Hexham and joined the Cistercian monastery of Rievaube, and became known as a preacher and a writer, the 'Bernard of the North'. He delighted in friendship and wrote, 'he who dwells in friendship, dwells in God and God in him'.

Tuesday Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(315-368) Born at Poitiers, St Hilary was brought up a pagan and married young. He later converted to Christianity and, as Bishop of Poitiers, was a leading defender of the Church against the Arian heresy, which caused him to be exiled to Phrygia by the Arian Emperor, Constantinus. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

Saturday Saint Anthony, Abbot

(251-356) Called the 'Patriarch of Monks' St Anthony retired to the desert when he was eighteen years old. He was the first abbot to form a staple rule for his family of monks dedicated to the Divine Service. He led an austere life which was always consciously directed to the better service of God.

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.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	27/28 December 2025	3/4 January 2026
1st Collection	£535.66	£540.93
2nd Collection	£208.39 (Parish Hall)	£190.76
Attendance	394	408

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

10th Anniversary Celebration of Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

On Saturday 17th January members of the RCSG will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of their establishment. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon by Fr Brendan Grady O'Carm, Prior Provincial of the Carmelite Order in the British province. Afterwards there will be a reception in the parish hall with light refreshments. Members of the National Council have been invited and we will all be happy to meet anyone who wishes to celebrate with us. Further information is available from the parish office.

Peace Sunday (in England & Wales)

'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace' is the title of Pope Leo's message for this year's Peace Sunday. Read or see the full message at : <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/29025-12/pope-peace-day-message-leo-unarmed-disarmed.html>. Bishop John Arnold (President of Pax Christi England and Wales) describes this as 'a challenging but exciting goal. He is telling us that peace should not rely on fear, threats, or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope.'

Redditch Food Bank

Message received from Emma, Project Manager of Redditch Foodbank

'Since my last email, Mount Carmel has generously donated a further **29kg**, bringing your total contribution to an incredible **968.2kg**.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. It is only because of the generosity of people like your congregation at Mount Carmel that our work is possible. Thanks to this support, we have been able to help ensure **3,303** people received emergency food, including **1,189 children in 2025**. Beyond food, we have also worked alongside individuals to signpost them to other organisations, helping address the root causes behind their situation and offering pathways towards longer-term stability. As we move into 2026, our hope is to further strengthen and improve the support and signposting we offer, so more people can find lasting solutions to their financial challenges and no longer need a foodbank. We are very grateful to have you alongside us on this journey and look forward to continuing to work together. Regards, Emma

2026 Calendars & Diaries (with Mass)

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

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now overdue

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.

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.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 7 J Alen J Paul J Devassy P Joseph

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 15th January 2026

Chat & Planning talk

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

10am Wednesday 21st January 2026

Everyone welcome

Journey in Faith Course

resumes Thursday

15th January 7.30pm

Parish Choir Practice

resumes Monday

12th January 7pm

