



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2188 **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12TH JANUARY 2025**

Readings : Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 28 Acts 10:34-38 Gospel Luke 3:15-16,21-22 Matthew 2:1-12  
or alternatively Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 103 Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

## Reflection for this Sunday

When Our Lord was baptised he sanctified the waters of the baptism so that we could share in his goodness. Just as Moses led the people through the Red Sea to safety, Our Lord paves the way for us to go to Heaven. Jesus sanctified the waters of Baptism in his own Baptism, so that we can receive and share in His grace and goodness, and the grace for a good life.



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 12th January 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Bill Wilson (a)
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Peggy Ryan & People of the Parish
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Emilia & Emmanuel & Holy Souls
	6pm	Thomas Collis <b>(live-streamed)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Ints of ARC & Ints of Tess Connelly (100th b'day)
<b>MC School</b>	9am	Ints of Fr Tony
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Mick Russell  (b'day a)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Ann McDermott
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Ints of J Doran (b'day)
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Graham Munthorpe
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Ints of the Lay Carmelite Group
	5pm	Liz McMahon

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

**CONFESSION & BENEDICTION**  
Saturday 10am-11am  
or by appointment

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 19th January 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Peter & Elizabeth McManus
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	John Joseph Cunningham & People of the Parish
	6pm	Kathleen Boyle <b>(live-streamed)</b>

**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, WILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL**

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **DANUTA ZDANKO** Funeral Mass 11.45am Friday 17th January, **FRANCIS JOE DILLON 'JOE'** Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 20th January at the Abbey Chapel, **CHRISTINA BIRD** Graveside Service 2pm Monday 27th January at the Abbey Cemetery, **MICHAEL COLEMAN** Funeral Mass 11.30am Monday 3rd February



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **A.R.C.**  
Next week in loving memory of **STAN & STASIA DURAJ**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the intentions of **REBECCA**  
Next week for the dec'd of the **SREBNIAC & DURAJ FAMILY**

### Second Collection Next Weekend

#### **PEACE SUNDAY 2025**

is for **PAX CHRISTI**

(International Catholic Movement for Peace)

Read the Pope's message at :

[Message of the Holy Father Francis for the 58th World Day of Peace \(1 January 2025\)](#)

## 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 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.

### Friday 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 stable 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.

### Saturday Our Lady on Saturday

## Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

### COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T Cordha

### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

## Forgive us our trespasses : Grant us your peace

This is the title of Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer 2025. Peace Sunday is next weekend 19th January and, supported by our Bishops, is when an annual collection is taken for the international Catholic peace movement, Pax Christi. This will be the second collection at all masses next weekend. The Pope's message is rooted in the biblical tradition of Jubilee. The Jubilee year is one of forgiveness and restoration, when all debts were forgiven, prisoners freed and communities restored. Hope and forgiveness are at the heart of the Jubilee, a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to help bring about reconciliation and peace. Pour into our hearts and into our world, O Lord, your Spirit of dialogue and reconciliation. Hear our prayers and lead us all to the Wedding Feast of your eternal kingdom. Read the Pope's message at : [LVIII World Day of Peace 2025—'Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace'](#)

## Unclaimed Grand Raffle Winners

1st Prize £100 Ticket No 00652 Kath Taylor  
6th Prize Fuzzy Duck Bath Robe Ticket No 00533 Caren Price-Hunt 07716320717

## Foodbank

The final Foodbank delivery for 2024 was taken on 31st December. The total donated by the Parish to help those in need in Redditch was 707.1Kg. This is a fantastic amount and much higher than our total for 2023. Thank you for all the support during the year and we are looking forward to continuing to support the Foodbank through 2025.

IMPORTANT : Please do not leave any fresh fruit, vegetables or potatoes as these cannot be accepted by the Foodbank.

## New Sunday Missals

If you require a copy of the newly revised Sunday Missal, please let the parish office know as we will placing another order shortly having sold all the copies we had previously ordered. The cost is £20.

**Would you like to receive your Newsletter via mail?** If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or by email: [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)

### 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*

### Diary for 2025

*Available from the Parish Office*

*Only 1 Diary with Mass left £3.50*

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SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU



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, they can be contacted at: [safeguarding@lmc@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding@lmc@gmail.com) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns

**Weekly Statistics :**

Weekend 4/5 January 2025

1st Collection £495.76

2nd Collection £234.65 (*Parish Hall*)

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

**First Holy Communion Parish Class**

for children in non-Catholic Schools begins this  
**Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 6pm**  
in Mount Carmel Church

