



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney  
Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 1994 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 'GAUDETE'** 12TH DECEMBER 2021  
*Readings Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 12 Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel Luke 3:10-18*

## Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent .....

On this day, the Church urges us to sentiments of joy and happiness in the middle of this time of expectation and repentance as the coming of Jesus comes ever closer. St. John the Baptist, the Precursor, tells us that our Saviour comes *to baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire*, so now is the time to make fervent prayers to implore Jesus to come to us and remain with us. But "*what shall we do?*" the people ask John; according to our state of life, we are to live in the Love that we receive in Jesus, and let his divine life dwelling in our hearts shine out to a world steeped in darkness and fear.



## Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve at Mount Carmel** 5pm, 7pm (Keralan), 9.45pm Carols & Readings followed by Mass at 10.15pm  
**Hadzor** 3pm

**Christmas Day at Mount Carmel** 8.15am, 9.45am (Polish), 11.15am, **NO EVENING MASS, Feckenham** 10.15am

**Holy Family Sunday 26th December** 8.15am, 9.45am (Polish), 11.15am & 6pm, **Feckenham** 10.15am

**Please note : We will be taking bookings for the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve ONLY—if you wish to attend this Mass please contact the parish office either by email ([office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)) or phone 01527 63096.**

**Please could you also state whether you require social distancing. Thank you.**

**St Augustine's Carol Service** in Mount Carmel Church Tuesday 14th December at 7pm

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021 'GAUDETE SUNDAY'

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Joan Casey (a)
<b>Hadzor</b>	5pm	Ints of Brian & Billy Lawlor
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Peter & Elizabeth McManus 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Christine Latham 6pm Brendan Geraghty (live-streamed)
<b>Feckenham</b>	10.15am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Al Anderson
<b>STM School</b>	9.10am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Theresa Gildea & Peter Edmonds (a)
	7pm	<b>St Augustine's School Carol Service in church</b>
<b>MC School</b>	9am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Kitty Fanning (b'day a)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	Mairead Hanlon
	7pm	Ints of Gerard, Margaret & Family
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Teresa Gregory
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	K E Thomas (a)
	5pm	Winifred Olga Hall
<b>Hadzor</b>	5pm	Christine Latham
<b>Prison Masses</b>	9.30am/10.30am	

*Mass Intentions to be said privately by the clergy:  
N.M. Joseph (Anniversary),  
Intentions of Barry & Irene Jones  
Intentions of the O'Dwyer Family  
of Stourbridge (Johnson Fund)*

**CONFESSION**  
Saturdays 10am—11am  
or by appointment

## MASS INTENTIONS FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 19TH DECEMBER 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Michael & Antonina Bobowski (b'day a) 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Ints of the Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group 6pm Ints of Irene & Barry Jones (live-streamed)
<b>Feckenham</b>	10.15 am	People of the Parish

### PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass

Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://www.eventcast.uk/live) (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

**For the Dead ...** Your prayers are asked for **JOHN SHEEHAN** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 19 December, Funeral Mass 11.45am Monday 20 December, **JOHN MCGILLEN**, brother of parishioner. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**For the Sick ...** Your prayers are asked for **BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, MICHAEL RUSSELL, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, MARGARET GERAGHTY, MARY LYNCH, DESMOND WARD, PAULINE CLARKE, ASHLEY MOONEY, BABY FREDDIE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **ANTONINA & MICHAEL BOBOWSKI (ANNIVERSARY)**

Next week in loving memory of **VIOLET & HARRY NOLAN**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in **THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART (O'CONNELL)**

Next week for the **McKENNA, McIROY & BROWNE FAMILIES**



## Saints for the Week...

**Monday**

**Saint Lucy, Virgin**

*(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.*

**Tuesday**

**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.*

## Parish Project for the change of use from the Nursery to our Parish Hall

Older parishioners will remember when the nursery building was our Parish Hall and have fond memories of it. Initially the hall requires a new wheelchair friendly entrance and new toilets to comply with Health & Safety regulations. Fr Tony and the parish finance committee were wondering if we have a qualified Architect in the parish (maybe retired) who would be prepared to help with the planning of this project.

## Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to their next meeting on Saturday 18 December from 11am-1pm when we will be praying the Lectio Divina and studying St John of the Cross. The meeting will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church centre, 2A Charford Road, Bromsgrove, B60 3LU. The entrance to the car park is on Rock Hill. For further information please contact Susan Porter by email [ingeva@btinternet.com](mailto:ingeva@btinternet.com) or phone 01527 407727.

## Right to Life—Ask you MP to end DIY Abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY) to contact your MP NOW—it only takes 30 seconds.

## This week's Prayer for Right to Life

Today is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn. We ask for her guidance and inspiration as we, the Church, seek to support all pregnant mothers and unborn children, and that we would become models of support to all in society. Lord hear us.

## Mount Carmel 500 Club winners for October & November

<b>October</b>	<b>1st Prize £120</b>	<b>No 163</b>	<b>Richard Coyne</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>1st Prize £150</b>	<b>No 332</b>	<b>Margaret Garey</b>
	<b>2nd Prize £50</b>	<b>No 106</b>	<b>Anne Malin</b>		<b>2nd Prize £50</b>	<b>No 315</b>	<b>Delia Bree</b>

Thank you to all those who have paid their subscriptions; if yours are still outstanding, could you please let us have them as soon as possible.

### AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

**Parish Diaries 2022** £1 each

*Please put money in Votive Candles slot*

### AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

**Religious Calendars** £1 each

**Religious Christmas Cards**

Pack of 10 £1.50, Box of 18 £3

### Christmas Tree Festival

St Stephen's Church 28 Nov-1 Jan

### Christmas Toy Appeal

28 Nov-14 Dec Donate a new

unwrapped toy or make a donation

Toys can be taken to St Stephen's during the Christmas Tree Festival up to 14th December

### Parish Diary for the week

**Monday** 7pm Choir

**Tuesday** 7pm STA Carol Service in church

**Wednesday** 6pm FHC Class

**Thursday** 7.30pm Journey in Faith

## St Augustine's School Christmas visits to the elderly and housebound

As St Augustine's will not be able to have their Christmas Party for the elderly again this year, they are planning on doing a tour around to those people who request a visit in the minibus with a few carol singers and to deliver Christmas Cards and mince pies etc on the **15th and 16th December**. Could those who would like a visit please either email Allie Mason on [amazon@sta.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:amazon@sta.magnificat.org.uk) with your address and post code and which day you would like them to visit. If you do not have email, you can telephone the parish office with the information and we can pass this information on to Allie Mason at the school.

## COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Counters for next Sunday : Team 3

Paul & Barbara Holder, Tony Tamburro

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those young people who were confirmed by Bishop Evans last Thursday evening here at Mount Carmel. Their Confirmations were delayed due to COVID and they have had to wait quite a long time to receive this Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Vacancy at Mount Carmel School** for a Lunchtime Supervisor, required ASAP Part time 12 noon—1.05pm Monday—Friday (term time only). For an application pack and further information please contact their Office Manager, Mrs Rita Kennedy by phone 01527 5463j98 or via email [olmc-jr@olmc.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:olmc-jr@olmc.lourdesmac.org.uk)



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