



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2082 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A** 11TH DECEMBER 2022

Readings Isaiah 35:1-6,10 Psalm 145 James 5:7-10 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY

'Gaudete in Domino semper—Rejoice in the Lord always' (Ph 4:4). Holy Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent opens with these words of St Paul and is therefore called Gaudete' Sunday. The Apostle urges Christians to rejoice because the Lord's coming, that is, his glorious return, is certain and will not be delayed. The Church makes this invitation her own while she prepares to celebrate Christmas and her gaze is focused ever more intently on Bethlehem. Indeed, we wait with hope, certain of Christ's second coming because we have experienced his first. Pope Benedict XVI

IMPORTANT—Please note

Good News! Our own email address office@mtcarmel.co.uk is up and running once more!

Walk with Me Booklets and Advent Calendars are available in church—please take one home with you after Mass—if you are able to make a donation of a £1, please put in the votive candles slot, thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11TH DECEMBER 2022

Saturday	5pm	Joan Casey (a) & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Brigit Brewster (a) & Mike Hailes (b'day a)
	6pm	Brendan Geraghty & Elizabeth Teskey (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Margaret Murphy & Joyce Crump
MC School	9.00am	Holy Souls
STM School	1.30pm	Ann Curry
Tuesday	9.30am	Lesley Ann Lanigan & Ints of Wanda Skett
	5.30pm	St Augustine's Christmas Carol Concert in church
Wednesday	9.30am	Elizabeth Loboda & Philomena Owens
Thursday	7pm	Kitty Fanning (a) & P J Sammin
STA School	10am	John Morrissey
Friday	9.30am	Peter Edmonds (a)
	1pm	Funeral Mass Teresa McWalter
STB School	9am	Mr & Mrs Connelly (Johnson Fund)
Saturday	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a)



Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting after Mass on Tuesdays 10-11am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSION
Saturdays 10am—11am
or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18TH DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	8.15am	Winifred Olga Hall (a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Thomas Kanattu (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Diane & Frank Curry (Wedd A) (live-streamed)

PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass Link : www.eventcast.uk/live (Please note : type the link into the browser on your computer, do not use a search engine)

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **THERESA MCWALTER** Funeral Mass 1pm Friday 16th December, **DENNIS STEVENS** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 22nd December, Funeral Mass 11.30pm Friday 23rd December. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful through the mercy of God, rest in peace

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, KEN MCARDLE, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, FRANCIS KEANEY, GAIL KAVANAGH, CHRISTINE MURRAY, JULIA HOPKINS, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, MARGARET GERAGHTY, PAULINE CLARKE, ALICE CAIRNS, JOSIE MANDER, CARINA CHALK, ANNIE COX, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE MCCONNELL, TRACEY HAWTHORN, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MARY MCGORMAN, JACKIE POOLY, ELIZABETH PEART, JEAN PAUL SAMMUT, JOHN THOMAS O'NEILL (BABY 4 WEEKS OLD) SUE ENGLISH, MARY HALLAHAN**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **BRIDIE O'SHEA & EILEEN MAHER (A) ...**
Next week in loving memory of **JANE & HUGH MCKENNA (A)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **MAUREEN CRANNY ...**
Next week in loving memory of **JOE, MARY & DECEASED OF THE GINTY FAMILY**

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, 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 and for all the world. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for the people of Ukraine and the world

Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon email: safeguardingDLMC@gmail.co

Keep the dates...

ST AUGUSTINE'S CAROL CONCERT

NB new time 5.30pm Tuesday
13th December in church
PARISH CAROL SERVICE
7pm Tuesday 20th December
Followed by Mulled Wine &
Mince Pies in Parish Hall

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder A Tamburro

PARISH DIARY

Monday 7pm Choir Practice
Thursday Journey in Faith 7.30pm

**Please put mobile phones on
Silent when at Mass thankyou**

Redditch Town Carols
Saturday 17 December 11am-12 noon
in the Kingfisher Centre near Primark



Food Bank Update

The Foodbank donations (6 carrier bags full) were taken to the Redditch Food Bank at 24 Church Green East on Wednesday and were very much appreciated. They are particularly busy at the moment so all of your donations will be distributed very quickly to families in need. Thank you for support and generous donations. If you want to know what they particularly need this can be viewed on the following link:

Weblink: <https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food> If anyone is able to join the rota to take the donations to the food bank, just once a month please contact Bob Mansell via email bob.mansell@me.com

CHRISTMAS TRADICRAFT

This year's Christmas sale of Traidcraft fairly traded items continues this weekend after the Saturday 5pm Mass in the chapel in the main porch. Also after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday in the parish hall when free refreshments will be available. Buying Traidcraft items supports community producers in developing countries and buying their Christmas cards supports CAFOD.

CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL?

The Parish SVP are inviting parishioners to help needy families and individuals this Christmas. We fully appreciate how difficult times are, however, we have been inundated with requests to support those most in need this Christmas. Since the start of the pandemic we have supported hundreds of families and individuals in our parish, parish schools, and wider community with nearly £20,000 of support. Due to this our funds are very short and we are appealing for your support to help continue this work. If you are able to help please hand your donation into the Parish office in an envelope, marked 'SVP Christmas Appeal'. Thank you!

Saints for the week ...

Monday Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the 9 December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Jean 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'.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 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.

Saturday O Sapientia

Mount Carmel 500 Club

Subscriptions are now due for the year Oct 2022-Oct 2023, Cheques should be made payable to: Mount Carmel 500 Club. Thankyou to all those who have already paid.

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to join us at our Christmas meeting on Saturday 17th December in the Parish Hall between 11am—2pm. We will pray and meditate together and celebrate the Advent Season with a shared table. Our monthly programme for 2023 has now been printed and copies will be available.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS (Christmas Afternoon Tea 3 December)

1st Prize £100	Ticket No 00015	Terry O'Gorman (taken)
2nd Prize £50	Ticket No 01815	David Cruise (taken)
3rd Prize Peaky Blinders Irish Whisky	Ticket No 01803	Angela Trahearn
4th Prize Glenfiddich Whisky	Ticket No 01947	Mary Seaman (taken)
5th Prize Jack Daniels	Ticket No 01066	Angela McAuliffe (taken)
6th Prize Baileys	Ticket No 01039	Mr Binaesh 24 Kingsley Avenue
7th Prize Sense Aroma Wax Burner	Ticket No 00552	Green (taken)
8th Prize Dove Set	Ticket No 00377	Teresa Shepherd
9th Prize Prosecco	Ticket No 01537	Joan Lovett
10th Prize Milk Tray chocolates	Ticket No 01004	P Durkan
11th Prize Fox's Biscuits	Ticket No 01766	Mr Jose Abraham
12th Prize Pinot Grigio Wine	Ticket No 00489	Carina McAuliffe

2023 CATHOLIC DIARIES WITH ORDER OF MASS

*We have a few diaries left, assorted
colours blue, red & black,
price £3.25 each.*

Vacancies

St Augustine's High School : St Augustine's are recruiting for a full time Lay Chaplain, please visit www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk for more information

Mount Carmel School : **Lunchtime Supervisor** Monday to Friday 12.15pm—1.20pm term time only.

Please contact Rita Kennedy on **01527 546398** or email

olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk or telephone 07979 608496.

GAUDETE
**Rejoice in the
Lord**



The code for the Outside Toilet is C1458

Fundraising Meeting Held 15.11.22

Fr Jason opened the meeting with a prayer, there were approximately 20 people present.

Afternoon Tea 3.12.22

This was discussed in some detail; raffle tickets are now available to sell and members to be asked to take some with them at the end of the meeting. It was agreed there would be 10 prizes in total.

1st Prize - £100

2nd Prize - £50 (this has already been donated)

An appeal for the other prizes would be made via the newsletter.

A suggestion was made to hold a couple of stalls in the room opposite the big room e.g., tombola and unwanted gifts.

An appeal was made for cakes, mince pies etc to serve on the day with tea and coffee.

Extra tables would be needed from the garage and more chairs from Alvechurch. Tables would be set with cups, saucers, plates, milk, sugar, and cakes. This would avoid people walking about with hot drinks. Volunteers were asked to give their names in at the end of the meeting if they were prepared to help.

Carol Service 7pm 20.12.22

It was agreed to try to involve the Polish community and Keralan in this activity together with main members in the parish.

Schools to be approached to encourage children to take part.

Lizamon said he would enquire among his group and Maggie said she would approach Polish members that she knew.

Children could maybe take part in readings and bidding prayers.

The choir have been approached and have agreed to take part.

Fr Jason was asked if priests could encourage parishioners to attend these functions from the pulpit.

Mulled wine, mince pies and hot chocolate will be served in the hall following the service.

There will be no set charge but there will be a collection for people who wish to donate.

Ideas for future events

The following ideas were put forward: - spring fayre, quiz night, social night with an Irish flavour, movie afternoon night. (Both these nights would require projector and screen being moved from the old Parish centre and installed in the hall. If anyone would be capable of doing this, would they please contact the Parish office to offer their services). Patronal Feast celebration, mass for the sick and housebound, Bingo, skittles, children's disco, and an event to celebrate the coronation in May.

Continuation of ideas raised at previous meeting

Restarting of greeters at Sunday masses – this only happens at 11am mass at present. Further action to be considered.

A discussion followed regarding getting parishioners to return to Mass, it was agreed to contact parishioners and invite them to come back, providing lifts if necessary.

Extra ordinary ministers to be recommissioned in order to take communion to housebound and it was suggested that sending a Christmas card would be a good idea.

The meeting closed with a prayer.