



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2235 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE SUNDAY' 14TH DECEMBER 2025**

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6,10 Psalm 145 James 5:7-10 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 Psalter Week 3

REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY ...

'Gaudete in Domino semper—Rejoice in the Lord always' 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



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 14th December 2025

Saturday	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a) & Ints of Manju (b'day)
Sunday	8.15am	Paul Jarvis & People of the Parish
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Brigit Brewster (a) & Ints of Keziah John (b'day)
	6pm	Brendan Geraghty (b'day a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	NO MASS
	7pm	STA Carol Concert in church
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Peter Edmonds (a) & Ben Turnbull
	2pm	Funeral Mass John Whyte
	7pm	Parish Carol Service
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Winifred Olga Hall (a) & Thomas K.E. (a)
Friday	9.30am	Antonina Bobowska (b'day a) & Kitty Fanning (b'day a)
Saturday	9.30am	Paul Jarvis
	5pm	Chris Morrissey (b'day a) & Peter & David McHugh

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

**CONFESSION
& BENEDICTION
SATURDAYS
10AM - 11AM
OR BY
APPOINTMENT**



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

MASS INTENTIONS for the Fourth Sunday in Advent 21st December 2025

Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Private Intention (CC) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Private Intention (DAS) (live-streamed)

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**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JOHN WHYTE** Funeral Mass 2pm Tuesday 16th December, **ALLAN TRAHEARN** Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 29th December, **SHEELAGH HILL** former parishioner & Governor of St Bedes School, **C MATHEWKUTTY** in Kerala



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **JANE MCKENNA (A)**
Next week for the **MCKENNA, MCILROY & BROWN FAMILIES**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOHN ELLIOTT**
Next week in loving memory of **PAT REARDON**

Parish Carol Service
This Tuesday 16th December
7pm in Mount Carmel
Mulled wine & mince pies
in parish hall afterwards

Christmas Cards, Calendars & Diaries (with Mass)

We have a small collection of religious Christmas Cards, £2 per pack of 10, Calendars £1 each and Catholic Diaries which include the Mass at £3.50 each available from the parish office (10am onwards Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

CHRISTMAS STARS

We will again be decorating the Christmas Tree in church with stars in memory of loved ones, Christmas wishes to member of the parish or for a special intention There is no set cost but a donation would be appreciated. STARS will be available when Christmas Tree is in church near Our Lady's shrine.



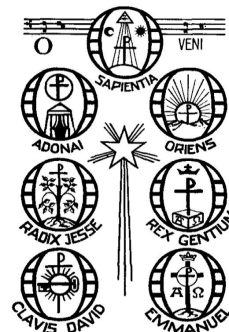
PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE, MIDDLE EAST AND THE WORLD

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict : 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 6/7 December 2025
1st Collection £496.97
2nd Collection £278.39 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 420

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Christmas Fair Trade Sale

Many thanks to all who supported last weekend's sale and in particular those who gave additional money or donated their change. As well as the benefits to people in need from buying these goods these additional funds have enabled donations to Mary, Joseph and Ellias' carpentry business in Bethlehem (via Pax Christi) and CAFOD.

CAFOD's Debt Petition

This took place asfter a number of masses in July and August. Over 240 parishioners signed. You may remember the message from Fr Charlie in Kenya read out by Fr Jason. Fr Charlie has now sent us a message about the debt campaign and this can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/zPSFvMg7Z6K>
It is good news so please have a look.

Foodbank thankyou

We have received a thank you message from Emma Marshall, Interim Project Manager of the Redditch Foodbank *'I would like to thank your wonderful congregation for their continued support over the past twelve months. I have just totalled the donations from Mount Carmel for the last twelve months and it is a whopping 939.2kg! I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and blessings to you all. Regards Emma'*

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship on Saturday 20 December, from 11am onwards at The Bridge Church Community Centre, Headless Cross, Redditch. We will have a guided meditation on The Nativity, as well as Lectio Divina (Holy Scripture related prayer). At 1.30pm we have a bring and share lunch. Further information is available from Susan Porter via the parish office.

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now due

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.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes from the Parish Christmas Lunch

Raffle Nos : 256-260 (Candle & Chocolates)
266-270 (Tea Light Holder & lights),
291-295 (Drinks bottle & Chocolates)
and 371-375 (Bottle of Wine)
Please collect from the parish office.

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES
ON SILENT AT MASS,
THANKYOU

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email? If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

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

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS & ADVENT CALENDARS

Available in the porches this weekend, please take one home with you. A donation of £1 for the booklet would be gratefully received but not obligatory. Donations can be put in the votive lights slot. Thank you

Parish First Holy Communion Class beginning

Wednesday 7th January
6pm in church

for children in non-Catholic schools begins in January. Please contact the parish office either by email or phone if you wish to enrol your child/ children

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

10am Wednesday 17th December
Everyone welcome

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 8th January 2026
Chat & Planning talk

