



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2184 GAUDETE SUNDAY THIRD OF ADVENT YEAR C 15TH DECEMBER 2024

Readings : Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm Isaiah 12 Philipians 4:4-7 Gospel Luke 3:10-18 Psalter Week 3

Reflection for this Sunday

The first reading of Mass is an invitation to joy. The Prophet Zephaniah at the end of the 7th century BC spoke to the city of Jerusalem and its people with these words: 'Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem ...! The Lord your God is in your midst'. As in the times of the Prophet Zephaniah, it is particularly to those being tested and to 'life's wounded and orphans of joy' that God's Word is being addressed in a special way. To transform the world, God chose a humble young girl from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting: 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you'. In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us. Rejoice, the Lord is close! (Pope Benedict XVI)



Fr Tony remains in hospital — please keep him in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 15th December 2024

Saturday	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a) & People of the Parish
Sunday	8.15am	Kitty Fanning (b'day a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Irena & Joseph (18th & 8th b'day)
	6pm	Brenda Fleming & Peter Edmonds (a) & Michelle Kirby (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Agnes McCloud & John Loftus
MC School	9am	Ints of Fr Tony
Tuesday	9.30am	Teresa & Tony Gregory
	7pm	STA Christmas Concert
Wednesday	9.30am	Winifreda Olga Hall (a) & Thomas K.E. (a)
Thursday	6pm	Antonina Bobowska (b'day a)
	7pm	Parish Christmas Carol Service
Friday	9.30am	Jane McKenna (a)
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of Jonah Broom
	5pm	Christine Morrissey (b'day a) & People of the Parish

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

Please note, Mass on Thursday evening is at 6pm due to Carol Service at 7pm

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS for Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024

Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda & Ints of Edyta (b'day)
	6pm	John Elliott (a) & Michael Purcell (a) (live-streamed)

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, CATHERINE CONBOY**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **BRIDIE MCCONNELL** Funeral Mass 11am Wednesday 18th December, **CAROL MOUNT** Funeral Mass Monday 6th January at 10.30am



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the deceased of the **BUTLER, QUIRK & DYHOUSE FAMILY**
Next week for the intentions of **CATHERINE CONBOY**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JANE MCKENNA**
Next week for the deceased of the **MCKENNA, MCIROY & BROWN FAMILY**

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

St Augustine's Christmas Carol Concert

Tuesday 17 December 7pm in church

Parish Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 19 December 7pm in church

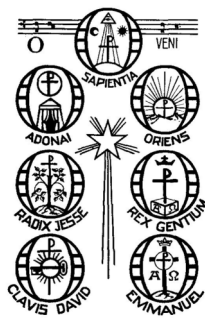
followed by mince pie, mulled wine, teal/coffee in the parish hall

Christmas Cards Calendars & Diaries for 2025 Available from the Parish Office

1 Calendar left £1, 3 Diaries with Mass £3.50 each

Advent Antiphons

Tuesday O Sapientia
Wednesday O Adonai
Thursday O Radix Jesse
Friday O Clavis David
Saturday O Oriens



SAINT FOR THE WEEK

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
(1521-1597) St Peter was born in Holland and joined the Society of Jesus. He worked in Germany and Austria fighting for many years by his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic Faith. Of his numerous books, the 'Catechism' is most renowned

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 7/8 December 2024

1st Collection £408.48

2nd Collection £177.30 (Poor Parishes)

Attendance 332 These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Unclaimed Grand Raffle Winners

1st Prize £100	Ticket No 00652 Kath Taylor
3rd Prize Paddy Whisky	Ticket No 00954 John Ryan
6th Prize Fuzzy Dick Bath Robe	Ticket No 00533 Caren Price-Hunt 07716320717
9th Prize Rose Spumante	Ticket No 02560 Andrew Farrell

Fair Trade Sale

Due to the high winds last Saturday we were unable to have the sale of Fairtrade goods after the 5pm Mass. This will now take place after 5pm Mass this Saturday (14th) in St Joseph's Chapel at the back of church. We have a range of products, including excellent Olive Oil, handmade soaps and a variety of chocolate. Buying Fairtrade items helps farmers and workers improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our common home.

Christmas Services—all at Mount Carmel

24 December	Christmas Eve	5pm, 10pm & Keralan Mass at Midnight
25 December	Christmas Day	8.15am, 9.45am Polish & 11.15am
26 December	St Stephen's Day	(time to be confirmed)

Flowers for Christmas

Donations towards the cost of the Christmas Flowers would be gratefully received

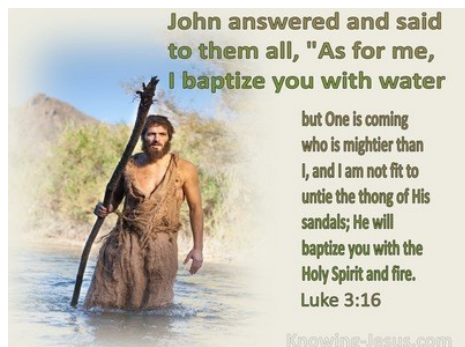
Readers for Christmas

Required for Christmas Eve 5pm and 10pm Readings & Carols followed by Mass. Please contact Carol in the Parish Office either by phone 63096, email office@mtcarmel.co.uk or call in if you are able to read. Thank you.

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

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



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@mtcarmel.co.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T Hughes T Cordha

NB COUNTING ON MONDAY 10.15AM

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

Missio Calendars 2025

Available in church porches
Please empty your Red Boxes into the envelopes provided in the porches and bring to the office by Mid December so that money can be banked before end of year.
Thank you

First Holy Communion Parish Class

for children in non-Catholic Schools begins on **Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 6pm** in church. If you have a child in Yr 3 or over who would like to make their FHC, please contact the parish office to enrol your child/children either by email or in person.
Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Senior Citizens Christmas Party at St Augustine's High School

Wednesday 18 December 2.15pm—3.15pm
Food, Drinks and the pupils will be your hosts
If interested, you can either fill in the form by visiting <https://forms.office.com/e/xdKZMeWJj> or contact the school direct 01527 550400 or the parish office on 01527 63096

500 Club Subscriptions are now due -

Thank you to those who have already paid
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'

500 Club Winners for October & November

October

1st Prize £120 No 107 Marek Duraj
2nd Prize £50 No 196 Sophie Duraj

November

1st Prize £120 No 190 Richard Cruise
2nd Prize £50 No 28 Adrian Morris

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

