



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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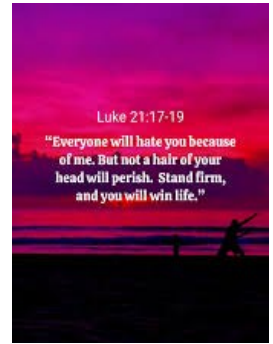


NEWSLETTER 2231 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 16TH NOVEMBER 2025**

Readings: Malachi 3:19-20 Psalm 97 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Gospel Luke 21:5-19 Psalter Week 1

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND ...

Apocalyptic literature does not only belong to the prophets of the Old Testament. It is also found within the New Testament. The most obvious Apocalyptic New Testament writing is Revelation. However, all of the Gospel writers present some "unveiling" literature, including Luke. In our Sunday Gospel, Jesus offers a prophetic message that the temple will be destroyed. In addition, the whole world will be filled with wars, earthquakes, famine, with "awesome sights and mighty signs" from the sky. Jesus' warning includes persecution for those who choose to remain in the Lord. He does not mince His words: "You will be hated by all because of my name." This less-than-rosy picture about the end of times should make even the strongest believer cringe. However, Jesus encourages the faithful by telling them that through their perseverance, they will secure their lives. Perseverance is a powerful word for one who is Christian. It means to "resist to stop." Faithful Christians are encouraged to resist to stop believing in Jesus, especially when life crumbles around us. It is easy to claim to be Christian when things are good. It is another thing to remain in Christ when the world is coming to an end.



November - Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes are available in the porches for the names of your deceased parents, relatives and friends to be entered into the Book of the Dead.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 16th November 2025

Saturday	5pm	Dec'd Catenian Brothers & Wives of the Redditch Circle
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Anne Simpson (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Margaret Geraghty (b'day a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Ints of Mary (b'day)
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Rose Manners (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Tadeusz Drzymalski & Leokadia Drzymalska
Friday	9.30am	Thomas Meagher (a)
Saturday	9.30am	Private Intention (TIJ)
	5pm	Sean & Eileen McArdlle (a)

Holy Hour
4pm
this
Sunday

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS for the Solemnity of Christ the King 23rd November 2025

Sunday	8.15am	In Gratitude to Our Lady 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Helen Bryan & People of the Parish
	6pm	Martin Fanning (live-streamed)

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

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 **AMY JOAN WOOLTORTON Funeral Mass 11am 28th November at Ss Richard & Hubert's, Hadzor, CATHLEEN JONES Funeral Service 1.15pm Tuesday 2nd December at the Abbey Chapel, PAUL JARVIS Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 4th December**



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **EILEEN MAHER & JAMES PURCELL**
Next week in loving memory of **ROSEMARIE LANNIE**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the deceased of the **MCCORMACK FAMILY**
Next week for the deceased of the **WHYTE FAMILY**

Parish Christmas Lunch
Saturday 29th November
Soup, Pulled Pork Bap
12 noon in the parish hall
Raffle & Tombola
Donations of the following would be gratefully received : Bottles, unwanted gifts, Cakes & mince

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*

Saints for the Week

Monday Saint Hilda, Abbess or of Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
or of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, married woman, Religious

St Hilda was born in Northumbria and baptised by St Paulinus of York. She was abbess of Whitby, where she convened a Synod to bring peace to the church. She died in 680.

St Hugh was born in France; he entered the Grand Chartreuse monastery. In 1185 he became the bishop of Lincoln. He was renowned for his care for the sick and the oppressed. He died in 1200.

St Elizabeth was born in 1207. She married and was widowed at a young age. Following her husband's death, she built a hospice and cared for the sick. She died in 1231 aged 24.

Tuesday Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

These two great basilicas in Rome have housed the tombs of the Apostles St Peter and St Paul since the time of Constantine in the early fourth century.

Friday Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This ancient feast is held in high esteem by Eastern Christianity. It celebrated Our Lady's dedication to God, which prepared her for her acceptance of God's will that she became the Mother of His Son

Saturday Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

St Cecilia was a Roman woman of noble family who was martyred in the reign of Marcus Aurelius. Her family home is now a basilica dedicated to her where her remains lie. She is the patron saint of musicians and is remembered in the Roman Canon.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide : Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide may find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 8/9 November 2025
1st Collection £521.69
2nd Collection £235.12 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 484

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Christmas Fair Trade Sale Weekend 6/7th December

This year we aim to help particular producer communities through the sale of their products. One is Zaytoun, a social enterprise supporting victimised Palestinian communities in the West Bank; helping people like Doha Asous. Last harvest Doha arrived to find 30 olive trees, planted by grandfather, destroyed. Read her story at: [Doha Asous-Zaytoun](#) Food and toiletries on sale include Dead Sea Bath Salts and their olive oil, as used by the Diocese for Chrism oils.

Holy Hour: Sunday 16th November at 4pm

In this Jubilee Year the importance of climate action is recognised by our bishops and all parishes are encouraged to hold a Holy Hour for the Care of Creation. Ours will be on **this Sunday, 16th November at 4pm**, when we will join together in reflection and prayer to encourage delegates attending the COP30 Conference in Brazil to take urgent action to reduce our damaging actions. It is a great opportunity for us to join together as a parish in prayer and reflection on how we can play our part in addressing the problems we face.

PIANO RECITAL—2PM SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER IN SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM

A relaxing afternoon of beautiful piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Thacker. Music including Chopin, Debussy, Schubert and more. Adults £9, under 16's £4. Tickets available from the **parish office**, Rebekah 07790 815365 or Felicity 07812 336263. All proceeds to the Parish Hall refurbishment.

MOUNT CARMEL 500 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Subscriptions for the 500 Club are 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'

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 9 J Joseph L Mapranath M Vincent S Thomas

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 10 B Gleetar G Stanly A Biju S Sebastian

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 20th November
in Parish Hall



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Christmas Lunch
Saturday 29th November
12 noon in the parish hall

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

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham
10am Wednesday 19th November
Everyone welcome

*Parish First Holy Communion
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*

McCarron School of Irish Dance Lessons 4pm-5pm Tuesdays
for boys & girls age 3 & upwards in Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall
For more information please contact us on 07429 019367
Find us on Facebook & Instagram : [mccarrondance](#)

ADULT CEILI CLASSES beginning 26 November at the Irish Centre, Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath B14 0ST—Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm—great way to keep fit!
Register your interest on 07515 511 311



