



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2180 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B 17TH NOVEMBER 2024**

Readings : Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 15 Hebrews 10:11-14 Gospel Mark 13:24-32 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday

The holy season of Advent will soon be upon us—a season of joyful anticipation. It represents the fulfilment of the Old Testament and God’s ultimate promise at the end of time. It is our preparation once again to welcome Jesus, the Word of God, into our world. As we move from one Church year into the next, God’s living Word continually speaks to our hearts, challenging and consoling us. The Word of God is always familiar to us, yet it is always new, always offering new challenges and new consolation. I am mindful, as Parliament prepares to debate the assisted dying bill, that the Word of God always informs our conscience, enabling us to discern what is true and what is good, especially about the dignity of human life.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 17th November 2024

Saturday	5pm	Dec’d Brothers & Wives of the Redditch Catenian Circle & Sean McCardle (a)
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Michael O’Connor & People of the Parish
	5pm	Reception of Body Brenda Flemming
	6pm	Margaret Geraghty (b’d day a) (live-streamed)
Monday	10.30am	Funeral Mass Brenda Flemming
	6pm	Rose Manners
Tuesday	9.30am	John, Maureen & Tony
Wednesday	9.30am	Emilia, Emmanuel & Holy Souls
Thursday	7pm	John, Maureen & Tony
STA School	9.40am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Thomas Meagher (a) & John Loftus
STB School	2pm	Adoration
Saturday	9.30am	Gerry Stokes
	5pm	Peter & David McHugh (a) & Rosemary Lannie (a)

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 Solemnity of Christ the King 24th November 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Peggy Regan & Ints of Lucinda Murphy 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Elizabeth Loboda & Thanksgiving for Jobin
	6pm	Tony Gallagher & People of the Parish (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, TRACY HAWTHORN, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, HEATHER SMITH, FRANCES EDMONDS, FRANK & MARY FALLON, GETHAN FARNES, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **BRENDA FLEMMING** Reception into church 5pm Sunday 17th November, Funeral Mass 10.30am Monday 18th November, **GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 5th December, Funeral Mass 11am Friday 6th December, **PATRICK MEANEY** Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 10th December, **BRIDIE MCCONNELL** Funeral Mass 11am Wednesday 18th December, **JOAN PORTER, FR GRAHAM WILKINSON** former Parish Priest of Bromsgrove, Funeral details not yet known



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **DANLITA ZDANKO**
Next week for the intentions of the **BRIGHT FAMILY**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **EILEEN MAHER, BRIDIE O’SHEA & THOMAS PURCELL**
Next week in loving memory of **ROSEMARY LANNIE (A)**

WANTED

Donations towards the Raffle Prizes, 1st & 2nd Prize £100 & £50, Bottles for the Tombola & Unwanted Gifts
Raffle Tickets £2.50 a book
please take some home with you

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

7 PM THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

when the names of those who have over the last 12 months will be read out during the Mass and a candle lit at Our Lady’s Shrine for each one

Parish Christmas Lunch & Raffle

12 noon Saturday 30 November in Parish Hall
Soup, Pork Rolls & Gateaux, Refreshments

Raffle, Tombola, Unwanted Gifts

All proceeds to Parish Hall Fund

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*

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday **Dedication of the Basilica of Ss Peter and 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.

Thursday **The 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.

Friday **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.

Saturday **Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr or of Saint Columban, Abbot, Missionary or of Our Lady on Saturday**

(+97) St Clement was the third pope after St Peter and author of the famous letter to the Corinthians, an early example of the Bishop of Rome's universal jurisdiction. Tradition records him being sentenced to hard labour in the Crimea and thrown into the sea, tied to an anchor. (c.540-615) St Columban was born in Leinster, Ireland, and entered the monastic life at an early age. With a dozen companions he travelled to the continent and founded many monasteries in France and Italy, including Luxeuil and Bobbio, although his strict discipline sometimes aroused opposition. He died in Bobbio in 615.

Weekly Statistics : Weekend 9/10 November 2024

1st Collection £466.14 : 2nd Collection £241.54 (Parish Hall) Attendance 434

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Mount Carmel 500 Club September Winners

First Prize £120 No 145 Andrew Baker

Second Prize £50 No 208 Anne Colley

Urgent—Assisted Suicide Bill

There are now just over two weeks until the all-crucial vote in Parliament which will take place on **Friday 29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a **huge effort to lobby MP's to vote against the bill**. Please urgently contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill. You can contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk or write to him/her at : **House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**.

Redditch Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank, all our donations are making a difference to those in need in Redditch. Please **DO NOT** leave any fresh fruit or vegetables, these cannot be accepted at the Food Bank.

The Fairtrade Foundation

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade Foundation. Founded by CAFOD and others to enable community craft and food producers in low income countries access world markets with products that benefit them. These include a minimum price protection and a fairtrade premium which the community uses for social projects such as schools or medical facilities. The foundation certifies products as fairly traded and issues the logo. Some companies self-certify. It is worth noting that, at this time of environmental crisis, most food products are also organic.

PS 19th November is the deadline for ordering, online, your Real Advent Calendar

www.realadvent.co.uk

United Nations Climate Summit (COP29)

This year's conference started last Monday and is a crucial event for making international progress in combatting climate change and helping low-income countries cope with climate disasters. UK faith leaders, including Bishop John Arnold, in a letter to the Foreign Secretary wrote 'many British households are struggling to heat their homes. At the same time, communities all around the world are being devastated by extreme weather events, such as flooding, super storms and forest fires. These inequalities need to be redressed, to acknowledge the intrinsic value of every living being on our precious and finite earth.' Please pray for the success of COP29)

'A Christmas Fantasy' with Phoenix Singers and Midlands Hospitals' Choir Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday 8 December at 4.30pm

Tickets £22-£30 book through B:Music's Box Office online boxoffice@bmusic.co.uk

or phone 0121 289 6343 **in aid of the Birmingham Hospice**

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

First Holy Communion Parish Class

for children in non-Catholic Schools begins in January 2025 on Wednesdays 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

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T Cordha M Barratt

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting—Christmas Crafts
2pm Thursday 21st November

Date for your diary ...

Christmas Fairtrade Sale
After all Masses 7/8 December
Parish Carol Service
7pm Thursday 19th December

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'**

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



NEW LECTIONARY AND REVISED PARISH MASS BOOKS FOR THE CHURCH

Thank you to those of you who have already so generously made a donation towards the cost of the new Lectionary and Parish Mass Books (Year C, Part 1) which come into use on the First Sunday of Advent (1st December).

The total cost to the parish is £2,090. Donations can be made direct to the parish office by cheque or cash, or if you wish to donate via bank transfer, please contact the parish office for bank details. Thankyou