



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacon: Revd Des Chilton

NEWSLETTER 2083 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A** 18TH DECEMBER 2022

Readings Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23 Romans 1:1-7 Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

## REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY .....

*On this Sunday the Gospel according to St Matthew recounts the birth of Jesus from St Joseph's viewpoint. He was betrothed to Mary who, 'before they came together ... was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit' .... St Joseph is presented as 'a just man', faithful to God's law and ready to do his will ... Having given up the idea of divorcing Mary secretly, Joseph took her to himself because he then saw God's work in her with his own eyes. Although he had felt distressed, Joseph 'did as the angel of the Lord commanded him', certain that he was doing the right thing ... the new man is outlined in him, who looks with trust and courage to the future. He does not follow his own plans but entrusts himself without reserve to the infinite mercy of the One who will fulfil the prophecies and open the time of salvation.*

*Pope Benedict XVI*



## IMPORTANT—Please note

Good News! Our own email address [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk) is up and running once more!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH DECEMBER 2022

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a)
<b>Sunday</b>	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)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Michael & Antonina Bobowski (b'day a) & Christine Latham
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Elizabeth Loboda & Intentions of Lucy K
	7pm	<b>Parish Carol Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Patsy Korzeniowska
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Tony & Theresa Gregory & Intentions of Ruth Simms & family & V-ron
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Intentions of Catherine Conboy & Gerry Bree

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

## CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Patrick Brennan
	5pm	First Mass of Christmas Peter Baker (a)
	7pm	Keralan Mass
	10pm	Carols & Readings followed by Mass
	10.30pm	Mass John & Thomas Lawrence

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

## CHRISTMAS DAY : THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 25TH DECEMBER 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Deceased McNamee & Harte Families 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Hughie Martin & Deacon Doug Taylor
		<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>

**PLEASE NOTE : Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass (No 6pm on Christmas Day)**

Link : [www.eventcast.uk/live](http://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 **DENNIS STEVENS** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 22nd December, Funeral Mass 11.30pm Friday 23rd December. May his soul 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, FREDDIE**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the **INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CONBOY** ...  
Next week in loving memory of **HARRY & VIOLET NOLAN**

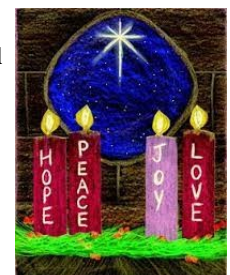
## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBWOSKI** ...  
Next week for the **McKENNA, MCLROY & BROWN FAMILIES**

## 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*



Keep the date...

### PARISH CAROL SERVICE

7pm Tuesday 20th December  
Followed by Mulled Wine &  
Mince Pies in Parish Hall

Please put mobile phones on  
Silent when at Mass thankyou

### PARISH DIARY

Monday 7pm Choir Practice

### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

NO COUNTERS—PARISH OFFERINGS TO THE CLERGY

### PLEASE NOTE—

Due to abuse of the system for the toilets,  
you will now also need the key and the code  
to open the outside toilet.

Before weekend Masses the toilet will be  
unlocked but you will still need to use the  
code C1458 to enter

During the week you will need the key and  
code to use the toilet.

### 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](mailto:bob.mansell@me.com)

### PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU

The SVP group have this week, given £5210 of food vouchers to 128 families, at least 234 children have been supported through their helping needy families program, also they are supporting 3 other families over the Christmas period. They wish to say a sincere **Thankyou** to parishioners who have donated £1430 to their Christmas Appeal, wishing everyone Christmas blessings and a Happy New Year.

**READERS** required Christmas Eve 5pm & 10pm Readings and Carols followed by Mass.  
Please contact Carol at the parish office 63096 asap if you are able to read. Also readers required for 8.15am & 11.15am Christmas Day.



### Saints for the week ...

**Monday** O Radix Iesse

**Tuesday** O Clavis David

**Wednesday** O Oriens

**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.

**Thursday** O Rex Gentium

**Saturday** O Emmanuel

**Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

(1390-1473) St John was born at Kanty (Cracow, Poland). After being ordained, he taught at the university and became pastor of a parish. He distinguished himself by his piety and love of neighbour.

### Mount Carmel 500 Club Winners November & December

<b>November</b>	1st Prize £120	No 123	Richard Hughes	2nd Prize £50	No 280	Tom Walsh
<b>December</b>	1st Prize £120	No 152	Graham Lovett	2nd Prize £50	No 257	Sue Hindson

### 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.

**CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEAS** raised £1163.95 towards the refurbishment of the parish hall. Thank you and well done to everyone who helped or supported this in any way.

### UNCLAIMED GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS (Christmas Afternoon Tea 3 December)

6th Prize Baileys	Ticket No 01039	Mr Binaesh 24 Kingsley Avenue
10th Prize Milk Tray chocolates	Ticket No 01004	P Durkan
11th Prize Fox's Biscuits	Ticket No 01766	Mr Jose Abraham

### Holocaust Memorial Day Event 28th January 2023

Every year on 27 January, the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), the theme this year is 'Ordinary People'. Arrangements for the day are : 10.15am at the Town Hall, Holocaust Memorial Day Procession to leave the Town Hall, Ceremony at the Holocaust Marker, Church Green followed by refreshments.

### Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone (01527 63096) or by email: [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)

### 2023 CATHOLIC DIARIES WITH ORDER OF MASS

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

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

## **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](http://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](mailto:olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk) or telephone 07979 608496.

## **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.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £100

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.