



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2185 **FOURTH SUNDAY THIRD OF ADVENT YEAR C 22ND DECEMBER 2024**

Readings : Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 79 Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel Luke 1 : 39-45 Psalter Week 4

Reflection for this Sunday

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Lord's Birth is at hand. With the words of the Prophet Micah, the Liturgy invites us to look at Bethlehem, the little town in Judea that witnessed the great event. Unfortunately, in our day, it does not represent an attained and stable peace, but rather a peace sought with effort and hope. Yet God is never resigned to this state of affairs, so that this year too, in Bethlehem and throughout the world, the mystery of Christmas will be renewed in the Church. Today, as in the times of Jesus, Christmas is not a fairy-tale for children but God's response to the drama of humanity in search of true peace.

(Pope Benedict XVI)



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 22nd December 2024

Saturday	5pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a) & Danuta Zdanko
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy & People of the Parish
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda & Ints of Edyta (b'day)
	6pm	John Elliott (a) & Michael Purcell (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Ints of Catherine Conboy (b'day)
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Fr Tony followed by Benediction & Confessions
Christmas Eve—Vigil of the Nativity		
	5pm	Mick Russell
	10pm	Service of Readings & Carols followed by Mass
		Allan Coombes & Ints of Veronica Johnson
	12pm	Keralan Mass
Christmas Day—Nativity of the Lord		
Wednesday	8.15am	Deacon Doug Taylor
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Hughie Martin NB NO 6PM MASS
St Stephen's Day—Boxing Day		
Thursday	9.45 am	(Polish)
	11am	Michael Blick
Friday	9.30am	Emilia, Emmanuel & Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Caroline Jones
	5pm	Fred Seaman (a)

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



CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Tuesday 24 December after 9.30am Mass
Saturday 28 December 10am-11am

★ **Christmas Stars** ★★
Please decorate the Christmas Tree in church with stars in memory of loved ones, special intentions or Christmas Wishes to members of the parish. There is no cost but a donation would be appreciated and this can be put in the wall slot near to the tree. STARS are available next to Our Lady's Shrine.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 29th December 2024

Sunday	8.15am	Ints of the McNamee, Harte & Barratt Families
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Pat Reardon & People of the Parish
	6pm	Julia Kuras & Rafak Kuras (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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for CAROL MOUNT Funeral Mass Monday 6th January at 10.30am, DANUTA ZDANKO Funeral Mass 11.45am Friday 17th January, TERESITA MORIANO former Headteacher at St Thomas More First School



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of CATHERINE CONBOY
Next week in loving memory of PAT REARDON



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the deceased of the MCKENNA, McILROY & BROWN FAMILY
Next week for the Intentions of the WHYTE & BAKER FAMILIES

Diaries for 2025
Available from the Parish Office
Only 3 Diaries left with Mass £3.50 each

There is only one collection at all Christmas Masses which is your traditional Christmas Offerings to the Clergy

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

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 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.

Thursday Feast of Saint Stephen, the first Martyr

He was the first Christian martyr. Stoned outside Jerusalem, he died praying for his executioners. He was one of the seven deacons who helped the Apostles: he was 'filled with faith and the Holy Spirit', and was 'full of fortitude'. The Church draws a comparison between the disciple and the Master, emphasising the imitation of Christ up to the complete gift of self. His name is in the Roman Canon.

Friday Feast of Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

Born in Bethsaida, he was called from mending the nets to follow Jesus. He became the Beloved Disciple of Jesus. He wrote the Fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. His passages on the pre-existence of the Word, who by his Incarnation became the light of the world and the life our souls, are among the finest of the New Testament. He is the evangelist of the divinity of Christ and of Fraternal love. With James, his brother, and Simon Peter, he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leant on the Master's breast. At the foot of the Cross, Jesus entrusted his Mother to his care. John's pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary. In later years, under Emperor Domitian, John was exiled to the island of Patmos.

Saturday Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighbourhood of Bethlehem. They were put to death by Herod, who was seeking to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ to a world which would not receive him.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 14/15 December 2024

1st Collection £501.58

2nd Collection £225.29 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 485 These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Unclaimed Grand Raffle Winners

1st Prize £100

Ticket No 00652 Kath Taylor

6th Prize Fuzzy Duck Bath Robe Ticket No 00533 Caren Price-Hunt 07716320717

Flowers for Christmas

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of the Christmas Flowers, please use the wall slots at the back of church. Thank you.

Foodbank

Thank you for your very generous donations this week which we are sure will make a great difference to lots of people's celebrations this Christmas.

Jubilee Year of Hope

On Christmas Eve Pope Francis will open the Holy Door to begin the Jubilee of Hope. The Holy Father invites us to pray, to prepare ourselves, so that this Jubilee may 'strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope'. The papal letter declaring the year can be read at [Spes non confundit—Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 \(9 May 2024\) Francis](#)

The Visitation

Mary meets Elizabeth



World Day of Prayer for Peace

This takes place on Wednesday January 1st, a day of prayer badly need in these troubled times. Please take time on this day to join with the Pope in praying "Forgive us our trespasses, Lord, as we forgive those who trespass against us. In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace, the peace that you alone can give".

Read the Pope's message at : [Message of the Holy Father Francis for the 58th World Day of Peace \(1 January 2025\)](#)

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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@dlmc@gmail.com 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 on **Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 6pm** in church. If you would like your child (Yr 3 or over) to attend, please contact the parish office either by email or in person.

Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

**Fr Tony, Fr Jason and all at Mount Carmel
wish you all the peace and Blessings of a joyful Christmas**

