



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2084 **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** 25TH DECEMBER 2022

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

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

REFLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

The shepherds, the simple souls, were the first to come to Jesus in the manger and to encounter the Redeemer of the world. The wise men from the East, representing those with social standing and fame, arrived much later. The shepherds lived nearby. They only needed to 'come over', as we do when we go to visit our neighbours. The wise men, however, lived far away. They had to undertake a long and arduous journey in order to arrive in Bethlehem. And they need guidance and direction. Today too there are simple and lowly souls who live very close to the Lord. They are, so to speak, his neighbours and they can easily go to see him. But most of us in the world today live far from Jesus Christ, the incarnate God who came to dwell amongst us. In all kinds of ways, God has to prod us and reach out to us again and again, so that we can manage to escape from the muddle of our thoughts and activities and discover the way that leads to him. But a path exists for all of us. The Lord provides everyone with tailor-made signals.

Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 25TH DECEMBER 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve

Saturday	5pm	First Mass of Christmas Peter Baker (a) & People of the Parish
	7pm	Keralan Mass
	10pm	Carols & Readings followed by Mass at
	10.30pm	John & Thomas Lawrence (a)

Christmas Day

Sunday	8.15am	Dec'd of the McNamee & Harte Families
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Hughie Martin & Deacon Doug Taylor
	6pm	NO EVENING MASS

St Stephen's Day—Boxing Day

Monday	9.45am	Polish Mass
	NB 11am	Teresa Fitzpatrick & John Smith
Tuesday	9.30am	Stasia Szalkowska
Wednesday	9.30am	Judy Reynolds
Thursday	7pm	Elizabeth Loboda & Michael & Christine Connolly
Friday	9.30am	Tom, Peggy & John McGillen
Saturday	9.30am	Martin Feeny
	1.30pm	Keralan Mass
	5pm	Christine Burke (a)

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023 : SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday	8.15am	Nick Bird	9.45am (Polish)	11.15am	Anthony Sampays
	6pm	David Taylor, Eileen Maher & Bridie O'Shea (a) live-streamed			



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

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

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

Link : 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 **ALAN BURKE** Funeral Service 3.30pm Tuesday 3rd January at the Abbey Chapel. **JOHN ELLIOTT** May their souls 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**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **HARRY & VIOLET NOLAN** ...
Next week for the **QUIRK, BUTLER & DYHOUSE FAMILIES**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **McKENNA, McILROY & BROWN FAMILIES** ...
Next week for **MICK, SARAH & DECEASED OF THE DURKAN FAMILY**

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*



ALTAR SERVERS ST STEPHEN'S MEDALS

We will be arranging a date sometime around Eastertide to present the St Stephen's medals. If you have served for more than a year, could you please let Paul Brewster know. Also if you have served for 10 years you will be eligible for a Silver Medal which we will have to order from the Guild.

OUTSIDE TOILETS

Please note the outside toilets are out of action until further notice due to a leak which has left us without electricity.

Please put mobile phones on Silent when at Mass thankyou

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 4—E Hanley

Food Bank Update

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

Saints for the week ...

Monday 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 disciples and the Master, emphasizing the imitation of Christ up to the complete gift of self. His name is in the Roman Canon.

Tuesday 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 of 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.

Wednesday Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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.

Thursday Feast of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

(1118-1170) St Thomas was born in London. After studying in Paris, he first became chancellor to the king and then in 1162 was chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury. He changed from being 'a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds', to being 'a shepherd of souls'. He threw himself into the duties of his new office, defending the rights of the Church against Henry II. This prompted the king to exile him to France for six years. After returning to his homeland, he endured many trials and was murdered by agents of the king. St Thomas is the Patron of the Pastoral Clergy in England and Wales.

Friday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday Saint Sylvester I, Pope

(+335) St Sylvester ruled the Church during the reign of Constantine, when the Arian heresy and the Donatist schism had provoked great discord. He convoked the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea.

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.

UNCLAIMED GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS (Christmas Afternoon Tea 3 December)

6th Prize Baileys Ticket No 01039 Mr Binaesh 24 Kingsley Avenue
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

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 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 or telephone 07979 608496.

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

2023 CATHOLIC DIARIES WITH ORDER OF MASS

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



