



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2130 **SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 26TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Readings : Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 22 1 Corinthians 15:2—26.29 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

## Reflection for this Sunday ...

Mother Teresa said : 'Many today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger—the hunger to be wanted, to be loved, to be recognised. Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect. And homelessness is not just want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for. The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour.' Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	5pm	Thomas Meagher (a) & Redditch Circle Catenian Mass for Dec'd Brothers & Wives
<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	People of the Parish & Charles Bright (b'day a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	John Sheehan (a) & Ints of Mgt Sheehan 6pm Tom, Peggy & John McGillen (live-streamed)
<b>Monday</b>	6pm	Peter Brogan & Ints of John Heatley (b'day)
<b>STM School</b>	9am	Anne Curry
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Holy Souls & Maureen Corrigan
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Mass for Deceased Parishioners (Nov 22-Nov 23)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Bronislawa & Wojciech Slobodzian (b'day a)
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	Richard Hughes
<b>STA School</b>	9.40am	Galton Trust
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Fr Michael Maguire
	11am	Funeral Mass Annie Cox
	6pm	Latin Mass Mgt Daniel (a)
	2.30pm	Adoration (8PMU)
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Kitty Goldberg
	5pm	Peter & David McHugh & P J Kennedy

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on Tuesday followed by Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

**CONFESSION & BENEDICTION**  
Saturdays 10am—11am  
or by appointment

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR B) 3RD DECEMBER 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	8.15am	Mick McElroy & Mary Emerita (a)	9.45am (Polish)	11.15am	People of the Parish & Holy Souls
	6pm	Myrtle Wilson (a) & Bridget Heatley (live-streamed)			

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

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ANNIE COX** Funeral Mass 11am Friday 1st December **JOHN J BURAK** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 7th December May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN MCRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, TOMMY CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATH WILLIAMS, BERTIE MCHUGH**

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in **THANKSGIVING (DELIA)**

Next week for **HUGH & JOE MCKENNA (B'DAY A)**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the **INTENTIONS OF CAROLINE HOLLAND**

Next week for **JAMES GUILFOYLE (B'DAY A)**



## Bel Canto Singers Evening of Seasonal Song

7.30pm Saturday 9 December  
in Mount Carmel Church

Tickets £8 from 07885 507899  
or 07985 238334

or [www.belcantosingers.org.uk](http://www.belcantosingers.org.uk)

Mince Pie, wine (or soft drink)  
and free prize draw included



## Religious Christmas Cards

Box of 18 £3.50. Pk of 12 £3.

Pk of 10 £1.50. Calendars £1.

for sale in parish office

Walk with Me Booklets & Advent

Calendars available in porches

Please take one home with you.

A donation of £1 for the booklet would be welcome but not necessary

## Thank you's .....

to the Keralan Community for their excellent buffet meal which raised £1000 for the parish hall and also to Liz Hanley & helpers for the Parish Christmas Lunch last Saturday which raised £696.51 also for the parish hall  
Thanks also to those who supported these events.

## 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 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

#### Thursday Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

(First century) St Andrew was born at Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman. He is called the Protokletos or 'first called', for he was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ and bring with him his brother, St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the gospel and was crucified at Patras, Greece. He is the patron of Scotland, where his relics were formerly venerated at St Andrews.

#### Friday Feast of Saint Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

(1540-1581) St Edmund Campion was born in London and educated at Christ's Hospital school. He was a brilliant student at Oxford. Reconciled to the Catholic Church, he passed on to Douai and then to Rome where he joined the Jesuits. Next, he worked in Bohemia, and finally for one year, on the English Mission. His extraordinary success caused him to be hunted down relentlessly. He was martyred at Tyburn.

#### Saturday Our Lady on Saturday

### Right to Life Prayer

Let us ask for the grace to minister to and pray for the least of our brethren, including the prisoner, the stranger, the sick and suffering, and the unborn. Lord hear us.

### Grand Raffle Winners

1st Prize £100.00 Ticket No 01844 Gabriel Ganderton **(taken)**

2nd Prize £50.00 Ticket No 01632 Alan Wood

3rd Prize Sainsbury's Voucher £20.00 Ticket No 01629 Alan Wood

4th Prize Sainsbury's Voucher £10.00 Ticket No 00629 Anne Colley **(taken)**

**Remainder of prizes at winner's choice—please come to the parish office and choose your prize**

Ticket No 00122 Mary Waldron

Ticket No 00144 G Lawless **(taken)**

Ticket No 00604 Oliva Claxton

Ticket No 00770 Liam McAuliffe

Ticket No 00550 Brigeen Hughes **(taken)**

Ticket No 00749 Darragh Durkan **(taken)**

Ticket No 00732 Liam McAuliffe

Ticket No 01774 C V Conboy **(taken)**

Ticket No 00022 Kate H

Ticket No 00558 Con Morrissey

**PARISH SENIORS' GROUP**  
**2.30pm in the Parish Hall**

**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday November 30th**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

for children in Year 7 or over attending non catholic schools who would like to be confirmed, please call at the Parish Office or contact us by phone or email. Also if you are a student at High School and missed making your confirmation and would like to do so, please contact us  
Email office@mtcarmel.co.uk  
Phone 01527 63096

**COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND** Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro  
**COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND** Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

### Future events .....

Saturday December 9th **Bel Canto Christmas Concert** 7.30pm in Mount Carmel

Friday December 12th **MCS KS2 Carol Concert** 5pm in Mount Carmel Church

Tuesday December 19th **St Augustine's Carol Concert** 7pm in Mount Carmel Church

**Wednesday December 20th Parish Christmas Carol Service** 7pm in Mount Carmel

Wednesday January 17th 2024 **Quiz Night** in Parish Hall

**Paid Private Tuition required for Maths, Chemistry and Biology (6th Form)**

Please contact the Presbytery on  
01527 63096 or  
email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

### Life Charity—Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron Saint of the Unborn Child.

will be held for the first time at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 12 December at 12.15pm celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley.

### First Holy Communion for children in non-Catholic schools

The parish Class begins **10th January 2024** on Wednesdays at 6pm during termtime. If you have a child in Year 3 or over who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office either in person or by email to enrol your child/children.

**CAFOD Emergency Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal—A donation today will provide essentials like food, water, and blankets to those who need it. Scan the QR Code (on notice board) or donate on line at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)**

### UN Climate Conference (COP28)

This starts this week and Pope Francis, who is attending, devotes a third of his recent Apostolic Exhortation to it. He writes: *May those taking part in the conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame. To the powerful, I can only repeat this question: 'What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power, only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?'* Please pray for the success of COP28.

### Fairtrade Christmas Sale

This takes place at the back of church in St Joseph's Chapel after all masses next weekend (2/3 December). It includes a good selection of cards, which support CAFOD, chocolate, seasonal ingredients and other goodies. The sale of food items helps community producers in developing countries. Cash only please.

### Mount Carmel 500 Club Winners for September & October

September	1st Prize £120	No 251	C & M Wegrzyn	2nd Prize £50	No 162	Paul Skinner
October	1st Prize £120	No 125	John Casey	2nd Prize £50	No 326	Bernadette Dempsey

### Churches Together in Redditch Joint Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 16th and 23rd December Carol Singing 11am-12noon in the Kingfisher Centre, on the mezzanine above Primark—A variety of well known carols—everyone welcome

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: [safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.

### **Winter Weather**

We urgently need help with protecting parishioners from any ice and snow falling this winter in the church car park and pedestrian areas. The task is to check the weather forecast the night before. If ice and snow are expected, the volunteer is asked to come to the church preferably before the first Mass of the day and spread salt from the existing bin. The areas at the entrances to the church and between the upper and lower car parks are critical. We hope to put together a rota. Help us prevent injury this winter! Please contact Trevor Hughes on 07479 013894