



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2237 **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH** 28TH DECEMBER 2025

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Psalm 127 Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Reflection for this Sunday ...

If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen. Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so. For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small 'domestic church' that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

Blessed Pope John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 28th December 2025

Saturday	5pm	Fred Seaman (a) & Daniel & Mgt O'Brien & Dec'd Family
Sunday	8.15am	Gerry Bree 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	John Sheehan (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Liam Boyd (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	12 noon	Funeral Mass Allan Trahearn
	6pm	NO MASS
Tuesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS

Happy & Healthy New Year everyone!

New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday	7pm	Ints of Helen & Ken Woods & Chrissie Burke (a)
Friday	9.30am	Paul Jarvis & Ints of Tess Healy
	7pm	Latin Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Bro John O'Driscoll OSCO & Fr Tony Rohan (Ordination A)
	5pm	Thomas & Mary Butler

MASS INTENTIONS for the Second Sunday after the Nativity 4th January 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Dec'd Boyd & Shanley Family & Bob O'Connor
	9.45am (Polish)	11.15am Paul Jarvis & People of the Parish
	6pm	Bridie Gourley & tom, Peggy & John McGillen (live-streamed)

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, DELIA BREE, PAUL MCCONNELL, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS MCDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY HAWTHORNE, JANE ELLIOTT, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, EVELYN (5 YRS OLD), JOHN BROWN, LORNA PARSONAGE, GARY DALLOW, PASCALE BREYNE, SHEILA TWIST, ELLIS MITCHELL, MILSEY COLMAN**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ALLAN TRAHEARN** Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 29th December, **MICHAEL HOWELL** father of parishioner



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in **THANKSGIVING (RACHEL)**

Next week in loving memory of **ROB CARTER**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **BRIDIE O'SHEA & MICHAEL PURCELL**

Next week for the **BUTLER, QUIRK & DYHOUSE FAMILIES**

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE, MIDDLE EAST AND THE WORLD

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*

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday—Thursday
Open Friday as normal

After Mass on Tuesdays
Flame of Love of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Prayer Meeting



CONFESSION & BENEDICTION

Saturdays 10am-11am
or by appointment

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

★★ 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. STARS available next to
★★★ Our Lady's Shrine

Saints for the Week

Monday 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.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday Solemnity of Masry, the Holy Mother of God

Friday Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

(330-379) St Basil was a brilliant student born of a Christian family in Caesarea, Cappadocia (Turkey). For some year, he followed the monastic way of life. He vigorously fought the Arian heresy. He became the bishop of Caesarea in 370. The monks of the Eastern Church today still follow the monastic rules which he set down.

(330-390) St Gregory was also from Cappadocia. A friend of St Basil, he too followed the monastic way of life for some years. He was ordained a priest and in 380 became bishop of Constantinople. It was during this period when the Arian heresy was at its height. He was called 'The Theologian' because of his great learning and his talent for oratory.

Saturday The Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For prayer with the Word of God : Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, specially in the Middle East, may be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 20/21 December 2025
1st Collection £638.63
2nd Collection £235.57 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 422

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

2026 Calendars & Diaries (with Mass)

We have three calendars £1 each left and Catholic Diaries which include the Mass at £3.50 each available from the parish office (Weekdays 10am onwards)

Mount Carmel 500 club winners for November & December

1st Prize £120 2nd Prize £50

November 1st Prize No 158 Paul Brewster 2nd Prize No 268 Ann Crompton

December 1st Prize No 265 Kate Hartigan 2nd Prize No 162 Paul Skinner

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now due

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'. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes from the Parish Christmas Lunch

Raffle Nos : 256-260 (Candle & Chocolates), 266-270 (Tea Light Holder & lights), and 371-375 (Bottle of Wine) Please collect from the parish office.

Lift to Church

A parishioner who has difficulty getting to Mass and who lives in the Webheath area, has asked if there is anyone in her area who would be willing to give her a lift or share a taxi. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Vacancy for part time Domestic Operative at Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield

25 hours per week, 5 hours a day, to include some weekends and evenings, term time only. Deadline for applications is 11 January. Interviews will be held in mid-January, to start in February 2026. Job description and more information can be found at:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email? If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

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.

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 A Jacob D Davis L Jacob S Jose

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 5 A Paul S Robin J Joseph S Philip S Joseph

Parish First Holy Communion
Class beginning
Wednesday 7th January
6pm in church

*for children in non-Catholic schools
begins in January. Please contact the
parish office either by email or phone
if you wish to enrol your child/
children*

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham
10am Wednesdays
7th & 21st January 2026
Everyone welcome

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 8th January 2026
Chat & Planning talk



