



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2186 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 29TH DECEMBER 2024

Readings : Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6 Psalm 127 Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel Luke 2:41-52 or

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 83 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Gospel Luke 2 : 41-52 Psalter Week 1

Reflection for this Sunday

If we aspire to a deeper understand 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 dwellingplace in Nazareth is an authentic scholl of the gospel. Here we admisre, put into practice, the divin4e 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 payer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community aseticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family Nazareth a model for every home. (Pope St John Paul II)



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 29th December 2024

Saturday	5pm	Fred Seaman
Sunday	8.15am	Ints of McNamee, Harte & Barratt Families
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Pat Reardon & People of the Parish
	6pm	Julia Kuras & Rafak Kuras (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Tom, Peggy & John McGillen
Tuesday	9.30am	Christine Burke (a)
	Midnight	Keralan Mass
New Year's Day		
Wednesday	9.45am	Polish
	11 am	Chris Fraser
Thursday	7pm	John Loftlus
Friday	9.30am	Emilia, Emmanuel & Holy Souls
	7pm	Latin Mass Ints of Hason & Zynon
Saturday	9.30am	Mary McGural
	5pm	Mick Russell & People of the Parish

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 28 December 10am-11am
or by appointment



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.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 5th January 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Stan & Stasia Duraj
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda
	6pm	Jimmy Stanley (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, FRANCIS JOE DILLON 'JOE' Funeral Service 11.45am Monday 20th January at the Abbey Chapel, TERESITA MORIANO former Headteacher at St Thomas More First School**



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **PAT REARDON**
Next week for the intentions of **REBECCA**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the Intentions of the **WHYTE & BAKER FAMILIES**
Next week for **MOLLY & HARRY MARKS**

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

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

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday 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 years, 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 381 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.

Friday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

First Friday

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 21/22 December 2024

1st Collection £524.14

2nd Collection £321.11 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 405 These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

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

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](#)

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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First Holy Communion Parish Class

for children in non-Catholic Schools begins on
Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 6pm
in Mount Carmel Church

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro



Wishing you all
Happy & Healthy New Year
From
Fr Tony, Fr Jason, Des
and all at Mount Carmel

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

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@mtcarmel.co.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns

