



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2233 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30TH NOVEMBER 2025**

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 121 Romans 13:11-14 Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 Psalter Week 1

REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY ...

With the first Sunday of Advent a new liturgical year begins: the People of God begin again on the way to living the mystery of Christ in history. Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever; history, instead changes and requires constant evangelisation; it needs to be renewed from within and the only true novelty is Christ: he is its fulfilment, the luminous future of humanity and of the world. Risen from the dead Jesus is the Lord to whom God subjects all enemies, including death itself. Advent is therefore the propitious time to awaken in our hearts the expectation of he 'who is and who was and who is to come'. Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 30th November 2025

Saturday	5pm	Pat Reardon & Peter & Judy Reynolds
Sunday	8.15am	David Hanney (b'day a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Bronislawa & Wojciech Slobodzian
	6pm	Beryl Rollins & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Vincent Hill
MC School	9am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Charlie (Doherty)
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	12.30pm	Funeral Mass Paul Jarvis
	7pm	Dec'd Hedgecox Family (Johnon Fund)
Friday	9.30am	David Hanney (a)
	7pm	Latin Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Myrtle Wilson (a)
	5pm	Mick & Sarah Durkan

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

Thank you from CAFOD
Special thanks this Harvest
to Our Lady of Mount
Carmel for raising £687.95
to support our global
family to overcome poverty
and build a better world.



**CONFESSION
& BENEDICTION
SATURDAYS
10AM - 11AM
OR BY
APPOINTMENT**

MASS INTENTIONS for the Second Sunday in Advent 7th December 2025

Sunday	8.15am	Matthew Palackal (a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Burak (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Mary Maura Heath (live-streamed)

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

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**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **CATHLEEN JONES** Funeral Service 1.15pm Tuesday 2nd December at the Abbey Chapel,
PAUL JARVIS Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 4th December, **JOHN WHYTE** Funeral Mass 2pm Tuesday 16 December



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of **JOHNNY**

Next week for the deceased of the **SREBNAK & DURAJ FAMILIES**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **JOHN & JOSIE BEARD (WEDD A)**

Next week in loving memory of **HUGH & JOE MCKENNA (B'DAY A)**

THANK YOU -

A big thank you to Rebekah Thacker for the 'sell-out' performance of the Piano Recital held last Saturday. A grand total of £1000 was raised for the Parish Hall Fund. Thank you also to those who helped in any way and to those who supported it.

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*

Saints for the Week

Monday 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.

Wednesday Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

(1506-1552) St Francis Xavier was born near Pamplona in what is now Spain and studied in Paris, where he became a follower of St Ignatius of Loyola. A founding member of the Society of Jesus, he tirelessly brought the Gospel to India, Borneo, Indonesia and Japan. He died of fever on Shangchuan Island in 1552 while travelling to China. He is now buried in Goa.

Thursday Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

St John Damascene was born in Damascus in the late 7th century. He was a monk and priest at the monastery of St Sabbas in Jerusalem. He is remembered for defending the faith and for his devotion to Our Lady. He died in 749.

Friday Feast of Saint Birinus, Bishop

St Birinus was sent to England by Pope Honorius I, was ordained as a bishop and established his See at Dorchester-on-Thames. He died in 650.

Saturday Saint Nicholas, Bishop

(Fourth Century) St Nicholas was born perhaps at Patara (now in Turkey) and became bishop of Myra., He was imprisoned under the Emperor Diocletian and had attended the Council of Nicea which opposed the Arian Heresy. The saint's relics were later brought to Bari (Italy).

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict : 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 22/23 November 2025
1st Collection £547.78
2nd Collection £245.29 (Parish Hall)
Attendance 452

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Foodbank

Thank you for your continuing generous donations to the Redditch foodbank, they really appreciate all your support. During our Advent preparation let us think about those in need. All supermarkets are filled with Christmas goodies, an extra one placed into our baskets and donated to the foodbank, may make someone's Christmas a little more special this year. (Perhaps a treat for the children). Once again a huge thank you for making a difference to our neighbours.

Christmas Fair Trade Sale Weekend 6/7th December

This takes place next weekend after all masses. On sale, in addition to Christmas cards, will be : Olive oil, foodstuffs and toiletries from Zaytoun (supports Palestinian farmers) Divine Chocolate (Ghanian farmers); Meaningful Chocolate Co (UK food banks and Ukraine civilians); Dalit soaps (disadvantaged women in Kerala & street children in Mumbai); RefuJuice (local Syrian and Ukrainian refugees). Not forgetting from Bethlehem: Mary, Joseph and their son Elias—hand made olive wood Christmas decorations. **Cash only please.**

SING IN EXULTATION! Christmas Music by Candlelight

7.30pm Saturday 6 December Trinity High School, Grove St, B98 8DS

Join Redditch Choral Society and the children of St Mary's Catholic School for an evening of festive delights, including carols new and old, and music from The Nutcracker. Tickets £12.50, accompanied children free - they are selling fast so don't miss out : <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/redditchchoralsociety>

Advent Rosary in the city - Saturday 6th December at 12 noon

Chamberlain Square, Birmingham City Centre

All are welcome—men, women and children to publicly pray and witness to our faith in the centre of Birmingham. We will pray for the conversion of our city and Nation, protection and blessing of family life, and a culture that values all life from conception. For more information contact Ben on 07885 505116

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'

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. Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

Seniors Next Meeting



Thursday 4th December

Trip to Christmas Market

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Carol Service

Tuesday 16th December

7pm in Mount Carmel

Mulled wine &
mince pies in parish
hall afterwards



Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

10am Wednesday 3rd & 17th December
Everyone welcome

Parish First Holy Communion

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

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS & ADVENT CALENDARS

Available in the porches this weekend,
please take one home with you. A
donation of £1 for the booklet would be
gratefully received but not
obligatory. Donations can be put in the
votive lights slot. Thank you

