Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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NEWSLETTER 2258 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 14TH JUNE 2026** *Psalter Week 3*
Readings can be found on page 91 in the Parish Mass Book

WELCOME to all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. In a special way, we greet new parishioners, visitors, and, of course, our wonderful parishioners who are the backbone of this great parish community of faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Many congratulations to all the children of St Thomas More School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May Jesus bless them and keep them and their families always in His loving care.

This weekend we also welcome and pray for the children from non-Catholic schools who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.15am Mass. We pray that this will be a special moment that helps them and their families grow in faith and in their love of Christ and one another.

We are very fortunate that children attending other schools within the parish receive weekly sacramental preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. These sessions are led by Angela Martin, Margaret Lawless, and our trainee Deacon David. We would like to thank them most sincerely for their wonderful ministry in preparing our children. Their dedication not only helps the children understand the meaning of the sacraments but also prepares them spiritually to receive them with faith and devotion.

CONFIRMATION

On Friday, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we welcomed the children of St Bede Middle School, together with their parents and sponsors, as they took an important step in their faith journey by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop David Evans, who celebrated the Sacrament with the children and their families. We thank Bishop David for his visit and look forward to welcoming him again in the future. Please continue to keep Bishop David, the newly confirmed young people, and their families in your prayers.

We also thank Mr Roberts and the staff of St Bede Middle School for preparing the children so well for this important sacrament. You remain in our prayers and gratitude.

FR JITHIN AND DEACON DAVID

As you know, Deacon Jithin has been on pastoral placement in the parish with Fr Long since February. Archbishop Bernard has now appointed him Assistant Priest to Fr Long at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Deacon Jithin will be ordained to the priesthood on Monday 6th July.

Our trainee Deacon David will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 18th July at St Chad's Cathedral and will continue his ministry in our parish.

Fr Long invites parishioners who wish to do so to contribute towards a gift for Fr Jithin and Deacon David. These gifts will be presented at their Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 19th July at 11.15am. Special envelopes are available with this weekend's bulletin and may be returned over the next three weekends in the collection bags. Alternatively, offerings may be made through the contactless DONA machines located in the church porches. Thank you for your generosity and support.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 14th June 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Elizabeth Morrissey (a) & Bill Reardon RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Albert & Eva Langston RIP & Paul Jarvic (b'day a)
	11.15am	Roma Loboda RIP & Mary Guilfoyle RIP
	6pm	Allan Trahearn RIP & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at MCS School*
	6pm	Alan Gourley Jnr (a)
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Ints of Baby Gleetar (b'day)
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.30am*	*Mass at STA School*
	12 noon	Funeral Mass Susan Wyatt
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Ephrayim & Anila Kott (Wedd A)
Friday	**9.30am**	Bridie Meagher (a)
	2pm	*Mass at STB School*
Saturday	**9.30am**	Maureen Kellaher RIP
	12 noon	*Memorial Mass Pauline Clarke*
	5pm	Christine Morrissey (a)

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st June 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Mary & Joe Ginty RIP & People of the Parish
	11.15am	Bill Wilson (b'day a) & Ints of Deacon Des (25th A)
	6pm	Margaret Meyers RIP & Tiana (2nd A) **(live-streamed)**

For the Sick …

Please pray for Brian Dixon, Caroline & Bob Holland, Eddie & Geraldine McGroarty, Delia Bree, Fr Michael White, Paul McConnell, Annie Cleary, Michael & Maria Yates, Julian McRandal, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Vilma Willis, Margaret Williams, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Lexi Bradbury, Ellis Mitchell, Gary Dallow, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Bernard Cannon, Pascale Breyne, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Sheila Twist, Doris Flynn, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Christine Morrissey, Janet Davies, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn, Amy Pinfold, Michelle Millichap, Vinnie O'Reilly

For the Dead …

SUSAN WYATT *Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 18th June,* **CHARLES POGUE** *Funeral Service 11am Monday 22nd June at the Abbey Chapel,* **AGNES BONNAR** *Funeral Service 1.15pm Thursday 2nd July at the Abbey Chapel*

Pope's Prayer Intention for June : For the value of Sports We pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady
This week in ***Thanksgiving (Baby)***
Next week in loving memory of ***Theresa Jane Band***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart
This week in loving memory of ***Stanley Cater***
Next week in loving memory of ***David Andrew Mantle (b'day a)***

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

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 18th June
2pm Parish Hall

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*

Deacon Jithin's Ordination to the Priesthood at St Chad's on Monday 6 July at 2pm

We will be arranging a coach to go the St Chad's for Deacon Jithin's Ordination. The coach will leave Mount Carmel at 12 noon/12.15pm and leaving the Cathedral at 6.30pm back to Mount Carmel . We are limited to 25 parishioners from this parish and there be a list at the back of church this weekend to sign if you wish to go and whether you wish to go on the coach or make your own way there.

Deacon David's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday 18 July at 12 noon

There be a list at the back of church this weekend to sign if you wish to go on the coach.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Thursday 16th July – 7pm Mass followed by Parish Social and BBQ in the garden and parish hall

GRAND DRAW

Raffle tickets are now available from back of church and side porches. Please take a few books, sell the tickets, and return the money and counterfoils well before our Parish Feast Day on Thursday 16th July. This year we have a range of exciting prizes, together with cash prizes of £150, £100 and £75. Please support the parish raffle, which is a major fundraiser for the parish.

DONATIONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES URGENTLY NEEDED

We would be most grateful for donations of raffle prizes.

Do you have any unwanted gifts, unopened bottles of wine or spirits, boxes of chocolates, biscuits, or sweets?
Please bring them to church and place them in the collection box in the main porch.
Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	6/7 June 2026
1st Collection	£387.25 + £165.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£324.86 + £35.00 (Dona) *Parish Hall*
Flowers	*£200.00*
Attendance	496

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 5 A Paul A Robin J Joseph S Philip S Joseph
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 17th June
Everyone welcome

Future Parish Events ……

Thursday 16 July @ 7pm OLMC Feast Day Mass —Social & BBQ
Sunday 19 July @ 11.15am Fr Jithin & Deacon David's Thanksgiving Mass followed by refreshments
Saturday 10 October @11am Mass for the Sick followed by refreshments
Saturday 7 November @ 5pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners followed by refreshments
Sunday 8 November @ 2pm Blessing of the Graves Abbey Cemetery

Message from Deacon Des …
Thank you Fr Long and the parish for the lovely Mass and celebration for my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.
God bless you all

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to Arron Thacker and Paul Hewer for replacing the church lighting. Your generosity of time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Meeting

All are welcome to attend our meeting on Saturday 20 June at The Bridge Church Community Hall, Headless Cross. Refreshments at 11am followed by a study on 'Waiting in Hope with Mary'. We pray with Holy Scripture and have a shared lunch, finish at 2pm. Donations accepted to cover expenses.

Foodbank

We continue to provide excellent support to those using the Redditch Foodbank. This week's donation was a very generous 24kg. They are running low on supplies of tinned carrots and sweetcorn, but all donations are very welcome.

Spaces at St Bede's Catholic Middle School

As I am sure you are aware St Bede's is the most oversubscribed school in Worcestershire. There are waiting lists in nearly all year groups. However, there are a couple of spaces in the current Yr7 (Yr 8 September 2026). If you are interested, please contact reception at St Bede's and all information can be found on the website Welcome to St Bede's Catholic Middle School.

Mount Carmel Catholic First School

MCS have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on their Local Governing Body which they are looking to appoint. If interested please contact the school on 01527 63096 or email OLMC FIrst School Office olmc-office@olmc.magnificat.org.uk for further information.

St Augustine's Catholic High School Choirathon 2026!

On Tuesday 30th June, the STA Choir will be at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch 7pm-7.30pm performing for friends, family, members of the public and parishioners! Please put the date in your diaries and come and hear their fantastic choir sing!