Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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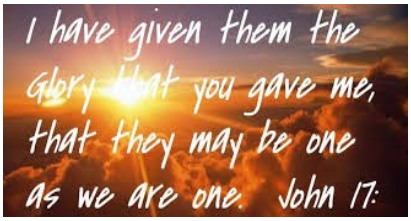
NEWSLETTER 2255 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026** *Psalter Week 2*
Readings can be found on page 275 in the Parish Mass Book

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY



This Sunday is set aside for prayerful intercession for the work of the media in spreading the Good News of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension. So often our world is filled with bad news and nothing that build up the world. The Gospel of Jesus is the complete opposite for He came to give us life to the full. Today we ask that we may consider the ways in which we communicate Christ and for the work of the media, including our own, in announcing this Good News of the Lord. The theme this year chosen by the late Pope Francis is *'Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.'*

THANK YOU

Welcome to all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. In a special way we wish to greet new parishioners, those who are visiting, and of course, our wonderful parishioners who are the backbone of this great parish community of faith. Thank you to every parishioner who took part in our recent parish consultation. Your presence, prayers, ideas, and honest sharing are deeply appreciated. It was encouraging to see our parish community coming together to reflect on our future and mission. We are grateful for your support, commitment, and love for our parish.

Copies of the Minutes of last Saturday's consultation meeting are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to take a copy home.

MAY DEVOTION—During Mary's Month of May, please do pray a decade of the rosary each day and please also light a candle when you come to Mass, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for peace in our life and in the world. Please join us for the Rosary twenty minutes before each weekday Mass.

PENTECOST NOVENA—We begin the great Novena to the Holy Spirit calling on the Spirit to be renewed within us and in the whole Church. The Prayer begins on Thursday, Ascension of the Lord and lasts until the great Solemnity of Pentecost nine days later. If we could offer this prayer for the renewal of faith in our families and the growth of our parish at this time.

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray: *O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PETITIONS TO LOURDES— A parishioner is going to Lourdes with the Diocese over the May half term and would be happy to take petitions of the parish to the Grotto. If you have any petitions you would like taken, please put in an envelope and hand in to one of the clergy or the parish office this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 17th May 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Elizabeth Loboda RIP & Mary Hawkes RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Ints of Elijah Kott (1st B'day) & Padder McGovern RIP
	11.15am	Dec'd & Living of the O'Brien Family
	1pm	*Baptism of Sophia Bushell, Archie Dunleavey & Ilaira Elliott*
	6pm	Anna McGoldrick (a) & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at STM*
	6pm	Julie Sargent RIP & Ints of Tom O'Brien
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Ints of Joy & Bincy (25th Wedding A)
	6pm	*Family Mass at STA*
Wednesday	….	NO MASS
Thursday	*9.30am*	*Mass at STA*
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Ints of Isaac for Strength in Suffering
Friday	**9.30am**	Bill Reardon RIP & Ints of Erin
	11.30am	*Patronal Feast Day Mass at STB KS2*
	1.45pm	*Patronal Feast Day Mass at STB KS3*
Saturday	**9.30am**	Ints of Christine Comnboy (b'day)
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Adam Bobowski (b'day a) & Alfonso Garofano RIP

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Bill Reardon RIP & Ann Crompton RIP
	11.15am	Lady Jeanne Hunt RIP & Cath & Mick Kennedy (30th Wedd A)
	6pm	Maureen Flatley RIP & People of the Parish **(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, Janet Davies, Christine Morrissey, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn, Amy Pinfold, Michelle Millichap,

For the Dead …

MARY GUILFOYLE *Funeral Mass 2pm Tuesday 26th May,* **JOHN MCFALL** *Funeral Service 2pm Friday 5th June at the Abbey Chapel,* **BRIDIE MCNAMARA** *sister of parishioner*

Pope's Prayer Intention for May : that everyone might have food. *We pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*

PARISH HALL FOR PUBLIC HIRE—

Our Parish Hall is available for public hire, ideal for parties, meetings, workshops, and community events. It offers a spacious hall, kitchen facilities, tables and chairs, and convenient parking in a welcoming and affordable setting.
For availability, pricing, and bookings, please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming you.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Danuta Zdanko***
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Parskawia & Wasly Sluzala***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Rafal Kuras***
Next week ***John & Josie Beard***

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*

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	9/10 May 2026
1st Collection	£473.82 + £151.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£207.39 + £47 (Dona) *Parish Hall*
Attendance	464

Standing Orders for March raised £3,682.00

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 4th June
2pm Parish Hall

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

NEXT WEEKEND INTERCULTURAL MASS 11.15AM PENTECOST SUNDAY—24TH MAY 2026

All parishioners are invited to celebrate this day by wearing traditional dress from your homeland and bring along a National flag that will represent your homeland. It would be lovely if we could translate the readings and bidding prayers in a variety of home languages too. Perhaps we could share a traditional hymn in another language. We will process into Church with our flags and fully celebrate the true meaning of Pentecost Sunday by thanking God for the spread of the Catholic faith around the world. We will also continue the celebration by sharing tea, coffee and cakes in the hall afterwards. If you would you like to help by reading, bidding prayers, singing, playing a traditional instrument, supply cakes or generally help with the organisation of the Mass on Pentecost Sunday, please either sign up on the list at the back of the Church , email the parish office or speak to Father Long.

Saints for the Week

Monday Saint John I, Pope, Martyr—*He was elected Pope in 523. The Arian King, Theodoric, sent him as his ambassador Emperor Justin in Constantinople. On his return, he was captured by the king, who was displeased at the outcome of the embassy, cast him into prison at Ravenna where he died a few days later.*

Tuesday Saint Dunstan, Bishop—*St Dunstan belonged to a noble family and served as abbot of Glastonbury (Somerset) and Bishop of Worcester and London and, finally Archbishop of Canterbury. He was zealous in building churches, promoting the monastic life and restoring ecclesiastical discipline. He was buried at Canterbury Cathedral.*

Wednesday Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary

Thursday Saint Christopher Magallanes Priest, and companions, Martyrs—*This feast recalls the martyrdom of 22 priests and 3 laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937. These witnesses include St Christopher Magallanes (1869-1927 who as a priest, founded a seminary in his home town of Totatiche and ministered zealously in the face of persecution. He was heard to shout from his cell, 'I am innocent and I will die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico.*

Friday Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious—*St Rita of Cascia was born near Spoleto and, despite wanting enter religious like, spent nearly 22 years inn as difficult marriage. After the deaths of her husband and her two sons, she joined the Augustinian House in Cascia. She is known as the 'Saint of the impossible'*

Volunteers

THANK YOU to all who have already volunteered to assist in a variety of important ministries and tasks for the parish. At the moment we have **4 volunteers for teas & coffee after 11.15am Mass, 7 for Children's Liturgy at 11.15am Mass, 9 for Welcoming at Masses, 4 for gardening, 6 for the flower rota, 1 for Sacristan and 1 for the Prison.** There is still room for more so If you are able to help in any way, whether regularly or occasionally, please speak to Fr. Long or contact the Parish Office.

Young Adults (over 18's) group beginning Sunday 31st May, 6-9pm in Parish Hall

If you are interested in being involved, please email office@mtcarmel.co.uk so we can keep in touch and it would be helpful if you shared any ideas or suggestions for activities or topics you would like the group to include. We hope this group will be a welcoming space to grow in faith, build community, and share meaningful experiences together.

Future Parish Events .....

Sunday 24 May @ 11.15am International Mass Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 31 May @11.15am Deacon Des 25th Anniversary followed by refreshments
Sunday 31 May @ 6pm-9pm Young Adults (over 18) Group in the Parish Hall
Thursday 16 July @ 7pm OLMC Feast Day —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

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 3rd & 17th May
Everyone welcome

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

St Augustine's Catholic High School Choirathon 2026!

On Tuesday 30th June, the STA Choir will tour around St Peter's Church, Bromsgrove, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch and St Peter's Church, Crabbs Cross, performing for friends, family, members of the public and parishioners! Anticipated times are:- ***St Peter's, Bromsgrove 6pm-6.30pm, *Mount Carmel, Redditch 7pm-7.30pm, *St Peter's, Crabbs Cross 8pm-8.30pm** Please put the date in your diaries and come and hear their fantastic choir sing!

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