Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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NEWSLETTER 2259 **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 21ST JUNE 2026** *Psalter Week 4*
Readings can be found on page 93 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.

CONFIRMATIONS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS
Many congratulations to all the Yr 7 pupils of St Bede's School who were confirmed last Friday evening by Bishop David Evans and to the children in the Parish First Communion Class who made their First Holy Communion at the 11.15am Mass last Sunday. Beautiful celebrations!
May Jesus bless them and keep them and their families always in His loving care.

FR LONG'S CHARITY – "HỌC BỔNG MỘT CHÚT THƯƠNG" "A Little Love Scholarship"
Dear Parishioners,
This July, I will be travelling to Vietnam, where I will have the joy of celebrating Holy Mass with the 253 pupils supported by my charity, "A Little Love Scholarship."
Last year, through your incredible generosity, the charity raised $22,735, enabling 253 children from 19 parishes in my home Diocese of Vinh Long to receive vital educational support. For these children, your kindness has not only opened the door to education, but has also given them hope, dignity, and a future. Looking ahead to the school year 2026–2027, we hope once again to support around 250 pupils. While every child has the right to education, in reality, schooling in Vietnam remains an expensive burden for many families who simply cannot afford it. Without help, many children would be forced to abandon their studies. Your support truly changes lives. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Father Long's Charity" and return it via the parish post box, at Mass, or directly to Father Long by Sunday 19th July. Donations can also be made easily using the Dona contactless machine.
On behalf of all the children of "A Little Love Scholarship," thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and compassion. Your "little love" makes a very big difference. Please see more on Fr Long's Facebook page: Học Bổng Một Chút Thương

YOUNG ADULTS (OVER 18'S) GROUP will be meeting this Sunday evening at 5.30pm for a BBQ in the presbytery garden.

DAY OR LIFE—Second Collection this Sunday
The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England & Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year's theme is '*The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'*. The Day for Life fund distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death.

ST MARY'S ALVECHURCH
Bishop David Evans, together with Fr Long will celebrate a final Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Alvechurch on Friday 10th July at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the Mass. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to know numbers so could you please let us know either by phone or email if you intend being present at the Mass. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 21st June 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Christine Morrissey (a)
Sunday	**8.15am**	Mary & Joe Ginty RIP & People of the Parish
	11.15am	Bill Wilson (b'day a) & Ints of Deacon Des (25th A)
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Jenson Gordon & Sebastian Greer*
	6pm	Margaret Meyers RIP & Tiana (2nd A) **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at STM School Fr David Keniry (Johnson Fund)*
	6pm	Charlie Pogue RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Tony Gregory RIP & Helen Coyne RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*11.30am*	*MCS Yr 3 Mass in church Fr David Keniry (Johnson Fund)*
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Elizabeth, Michael, PJ, John & Seamus Sammin RIP
		Mary & Michael O'Connor (a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Michael & Antonina Bobowski (Wedd A)
	2pm	*Mass at STB School Fr Brian Wall (Johnson Fund)*
Saturday	**9.30am**	Pauline O'Grady RIP
	5pm	Joe & Mary Ginty RIP

Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Sunday 28th June 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Sid Marshall RIP & Stephen Murphy RIP
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda RIP & Ints of Paul Brewster
	6pm	Brenda Lancaster 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, Christine Morrissey, Janet Davies, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn, Amy Pinfold, Michelle Millichap, Vinnie O'Reilly

For the Dead …
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* **CHRISTOPHER CONWAY** *Funeral Mass 10.30am Monday 20th July at St Jude's, Maypole*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady
This week in loving memory of ***Theresa Jane Band (b'day a)***
Next week for the intentions of ***Nimisha (Birthday)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart
This week in loving memory of ***David Andrew Mantle (b'day a)***
Next week for the intentions of ***Nimisha (Birthday)***

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

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 2nd July
1pm 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 is a list at the back of church 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.

GIFT FOR FR JITHIN & DEACON DAVID FROM THE 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.

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	13/14 June 2026
1st Collection	£736.01 + £128.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£454.23 + £22.00 (Dona) *Parish Hall*
Attendance	781
Standing Orders for May	£3519.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 7 J Allen J Paul J Devassy P Joseph

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesdays
1st & 15th July
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

CAFOD THANK YOU—We have received a thank you from CAFOD for our donation of £806.91 towards their Lenten Fast Day Appeal.

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.

St Thomas More Catholic First School

STM 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 525821 or email STM FIrst School Office on **office@stm.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!

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Join the coach to March for Life UK on Saturday 5th September in London for the annual march. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. Fourteen Bishops attending. Coach leaves St George's, 1 Sansome Place WR1 1UG at 7.30pm. Adults £25, under 18's £10, under 5's Free (Priests/pastors free but all seats need booking)
Contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or email **izzyvs@gmail.com** for more information.