Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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NEWSLETTER 2255 **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026** *Psalter Week 4*
Readings can be found on page 288 in the Parish Mass Book

PENTECOST SUNDAY - PARISH INTERCULTURAL MASS

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving them the courage to proclaim the Good News of Christ's Resurrection and to build the Church. Pentecost is known as the Birthday of the Church because from that moment the Gospel began to spread to every nation and people.

Today we also recognise that the same Holy Spirit has been poured out upon us. We are called to continue building the Church through our faith, love, and unity. God is one, and the human family He created is one. Yet God delights in diversity — many races, many nationalities, many languages, cultures, and traditions. Every person is unique, and each culture reflects something beautiful of God's creation.

I warmly welcome everyone to our first Parish Intercultural Mass at 11.15am, as we celebrate the richness of diversity within our parish family at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Did you know that more than over 20 different languages are spoken within our parish community? Today reminds us that although we come from many different backgrounds, cultures, and nations, we are united as one family in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Today members of our parish family from many different cultures and nationalities will share the readings, hymns, and bidding prayers in their home languages. This is a beautiful sign of the unity of the Church and of the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Following Mass, please join us in the hall for tea, coffee, and cakes as we continue our celebration together in friendship and fellowship.

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported our first wonderful Multi-Cultural Evening. From those who lovingly prepared and shared such a fantastic variety of dishes, to all who attended and helped throughout the night, your generosity and enthusiasm made the occasion truly special. The evening was a joyful celebration of our parish community, bringing people together to enjoy food from around the world, share conversation, laughter, and friendship in such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Special thanks to our Social Committee and volunteers for their dedication, hard work, and careful organisation behind the scenes. Events like this are only possible because of your commitment and teamwork. The total amount raised for the Parish Hall Fund was **£1648.00.** Thank you once again for your tremendous support and for helping make the evening such a memorable success.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 24th May 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Adam Bobowski (b'day a) & Alfonso Garofano RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Bill Reardon RIP & Ann Crompton RIP
	11.15am	Lady Jeane Hunt & Ints of Cath & Mick Kennedy (30th Wedd A)
	6pm	Maureen Flatley RIP & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Roma Loboda RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Ints of May Dunne (109th B'day)
	2pm	Funeral Mass Mary Guilfoyle
Wednesday	….	NO MASS
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Ints of Christine Morrissey
Friday	**9.30am**	In gratitude to Our Lady
Saturday	**9.30am**	Gabriel McNamee (a)
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Bill Reardon RIP & Ann Blundell RIP

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday 31st May 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Anthony Juwah (a) People of the Parish
	11.15am	Mary Webb RIP & Martin Connelly RIP
	6pm	Ints of the Skett Family **(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, 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 ***Parskawia & Wasly Sluzala***
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Anastasia, Gerry Purcell (a) & Theresa***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***John & Josie Beard***
Next week the lamp burns for ***David Andrew Mantle (b'day a)***

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

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: **Memorial of Mary**

This celebration was instituted in 2018 and added to General Roman Calendar. This celebration helps us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

Tuesday: **Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

(1515-1595) St Philip Neri was born in Florence, he was ordained a priest in 1551 and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. He is noted for his zeal in converting sinners through the Sacrament of Penance. He was a catechist and a spiritual guide of extraordinary talent. He died at 80 years of age.

Wednesday: **Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

(+605) St Augustine was sent by St Gregory the Great to England to convert the English people to Christianity. He baptised King Ethelbert of Kent and many of subjects. At Canterbury, he erected a monastery and there established his Episcopal See.

Thursday: **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected at no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered the human heart,

Friday: **Solemnity of Dedication**

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	16/17 May 2026
1st Collection	£470.56 + £172.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£226.40 + £47 (Dona) *Parish Hall*
Attendance	512

Standing Orders for April raised £3,532.00

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 4th June
2pm Parish Hall

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 3 P B Holder A Tamburro

Food Bank

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for this month is ***'That everyone might have Food'.*** This week's donation to the foodbank was a fantastic 36.3 kgs, which provides essential support to those in need. ***A great response from our parish community directly addressing the Pope's prayer intention.***

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.

Future Parish Events .....

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 June Everyone welcome

St Augustine's Catholic High School Choirathon 2026!

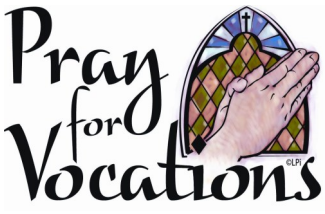
On Tuesday 30th June, the STA Choir will tour around St Peter's Church, Bromsgrove, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch and St Peter's Church, Crabbs Cross, performing for friends, family, members of the public and parishioners! Anticipated times are:- ***St Peter's, Bromsgrove 6pm-6.30pm, *Mount 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!

Can you help?
A lady who lives in the Hunt End area requires a lift to the 11.15am Mass—if you can help, please contact the office. Thankyou

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

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



'Use it or lose it'
Exercise class beginning in the parish hall on Thursdays 10.30—12 noon from 4th June contact Emma on 07816 821497