Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2264 Seventeenth Sunday Year A 26th July 2026 *Psalter Week 1*

Readings can be found on page 108 in the Parish Mass Book

A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Mass this weekend, and a special welcome if you are visiting our Parish. I am currently away in Vietnam visiting my family and, of course, continuing to support and monitor my charity, Học Bổng Một Chút Thương (A Little Love Scholarship), which helps provide education for many underprivileged children.

During my absence, Fr Jithin will kindly provide cover for the parish. We are also very blessed to welcome Fr Jibu Mathew, Fr Craig Szmidt, Fr David Krol (University Chaplain), and Fr Louis Van Hong Le, who will be celebrating the 11.15am Sunday Masses while Fr Jithin celebrates his Thanksgiving Masses at different locations during August. I am sure they will receive a very warm welcome from the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

While I am away, I know many of you will also be enjoying holidays, visiting family and friends. I wish you all a happy and restful summer break, and I look forward to seeing you again when I return. Please remember, if you are travelling to another country or another part of the UK, try to attend Sunday Mass there and remain close to the Lord.

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Long.

MESSAGE FROM FR JITHIN & DEACON DAVID

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Just a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do and have done to support us in our ministry. Particularly grateful to Fr. Long, the Choir, Altar servers, Social Committee, Keralan Community, cleaners, other volunteers and everyone else who plays a part in our parish.

On Tuesday, we celebrate the memorial of **St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, FCC**, the first saint from Kerala and the first person born in India to be canonised. All are welcome.

FR LONG'S CHARITY – HỌC BỔNG MỘT CHÚT THƯƠNG "A Little Love Scholarship"

Thank you to everyone who has supported Fr Long's charity, "A Little Love Scholarship." Through your generous donations, the parish appeal has raised £1,773.00. This will enable Father Long to support the school fees of 27 disadvantaged children in the new academic year. Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity, and continued support for this worthwhile charity. Your love and compassion are making a real difference in the lives of these children.

TEA & COFFEE after the 11.15am Mass every Sunday—a lovely way to socialise with your fellow parishioners

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Sunday 26th July 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Mary Westlake (a)
Sunday	**8.15am**	Philippa Wainwright RIP & People of the Parish
	11.15am	Charlie & Mary McLoughlin RIP
	1pm	*Baptism of Joseph Bayliss*
	6pm	Maureen Kelleher RIP **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Kay Morton (a)
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Holy Souls
Friday	**9.30am**	Lynch & Argue Family & Seamus O'Callaghan RIP
Saturday	**9.30am**	Ints of SJJ & family
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda RIP & Roma Loboda (b'day a)

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year Sunday 2nd August 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Philippa Wainwright RIP
	11.15am	Ints of Chris Loboda & Ints of Louise Arigho
	6pm	John Lynch (a) & 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, Ellis Mitchell, Jane Elliott, Bernard Cannon, Pascale Breyne, Margaret Anne Seaman, Sheila Twist, Doris Flynn, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Christine Morrissey, Janet Davies, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn, Amy Pinfield, Michelle Millichap, Vinnie O'Reilly, Charlotte Gosnell, Paddy Dooley (Sligo)

Pope's Prayer Intention for July:

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of ***Willow (1st birthday)***

Next week in loving memory of ***James & Ellen Christina O'Brien (a)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of ***John & Josie Beard***

Next week in loving memory of ***John Lynch (b'day a)***

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 days 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	18/19 July 2026
1st Collection	£609.43
2nd Collection	£270.21 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	657

Standing Orders for June £3750.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob M Reyes
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 30th July
2pm Parish Hall

BAPTISMS

If you have a baby/child needing Baptism, please get in touch with the clergy or parish office to arrange this as soon as possible. It is important the little ones are baptised soon after their birth rather than leaving this before applications are made for places in school.

ALTAR SERVERS It is wonderful to be assisted each Sunday by our team of dedicated altar servers. I thank them for their continued generosity in service of the liturgy and our parish community. We are inviting new Altar Servers to join our parish team. Serving at the altar is a beautiful way to take part in the Holy Mass, grow in faith, and support our parish community. Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Long after Mass.

CAFOD

Last weekend we commenced gathering signatures on this year's Cafod debt petition, thank you for all who supported this. The continuing debt crisis means that poorer countries are servicing the debt and not having enough money for Healthcare, Food and Education. The UK is president of next year's G20 summit and it's an ideal opportunity for the UK to take the lead to address this problem. The wrong date was in last week's newsletter. Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK

The foodbank is still having an increased request for support and have a high priority need for the following items: Tinned sweetcorn & carrots, long life milk, tinned meats, tinned vegetarian meals, tinned rice pudding, pasta sauce. There is also a need for toilet rolls, soap, shower gel and large nappies (size 5 and above). Please remember **NO** clothing or bedding. Thank you for your continued support.

PATRONAL FEAST GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS—UNCLAIMED PRIZES

4th Prize Bombay Sapphire Gin Ticket No 02134 Roger Wills
6th Prize Absolut Vodka Ticket No 00781 Maria Fulton
8th Prize Small Jamesons Whisky Ticket No 01541 Wendy Cruise
15th Prize Cava Ticket No 00422 Clare Hannon
16th Prize Vanity Bag Ticket No 02931 Seby
17th Prize Freixenet Ticket No 00272 Paul Holder
20th Prize Garden Gloves Ticket No 01151 Angie Chatterley
21st Prize LED Mirror Ticket No 01515 Margaret Groves
22nd Prize Quality Street Ticket No 01311 Brian Green
24th Prize Fererro Rocher Ticket No 01690 Jomon
25th Prize Milk Tray Ticket No 01452 Phil Croft

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesdays 5th & 19th August
Everyone welcome

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

CAFOD DEBT PETITION 2026

Thank you to the many parishioners who signed CAFOD's 2026 Debt Petition over the past two weekends. This crisis puts extra strain on numerous countries who are serving private companies profits and are unable to provide healthcare, food and education to their communities. If you haven't signed you an do this online at **https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/5 reasons-to-sign-our-debt-petition** Pope Francis called repeatedly for action on the debt crisis, saying, 'More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice.' Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla of South Sudan says 'When debt repayment takes priority over essential services, the poorest suffer most', calling for a 'fairer and more compassionate debt system.' According to Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia, 'We must acknowledge that there has not just been a serious economic failure but a moral one.'

LAY READERS

We are really short of lay readers for the following Masses : 5pm Saturday, 8.15am & 6pm Sundays —if this is something you feel you would like to do, please contact the parish office or speak to either Fr Long or Fr Jithin.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS ……

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

AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER

A parishioner is hosting an Afternoon Tea to raise funds in aid of Breast Cancer on Saturday 15 August at 2pm at 12 Dagnell End Road, Bordesley, Redditch B98 9BH

VACANCY AT MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL for a Lunchtime Supervisor 5hrs 25 min per week. Term time only. Closing date 7th September. To start September. Apply via MNT (My New Term)

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

This year's Journey in Faith Course begins in September and takes place on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. It is a programme for those who wish to join the Catholic Church and also for parishioners who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you or if you know of someone who would be interested in this course, or require more information please contact the parish office by phone 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

'He sells all that he has and buys that field'

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

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