Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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NEWSLETTER 2260 **SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL 28TH JUNE 2026** *Psalter Week 1*
Readings can be found on page 170 in the Parish Mass Book

A WARM 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.

PETER'S PENCE

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. There will be the annual second collection for Peter's Pence. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. These offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Thank you for your support to the Holy Father's Ministry.

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.

REMEMBERING THOSE NO LONGER PRESENT

Do you know of any parishioner who is no longer able to come to Mass, but would benefit from a house visit? Please let Fr Long know as soon as possible and we can make arrangements. We are trying to keep in touch with as many sick and housebound parishioners, so your help is gratefully appreciated. If you would like to add yourself, a relative or friend to the sick list you must complete a consent form, please contact the office for the sick form.

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.

REFERENCES

As Fr Long is new to the parish, anyone wishing to request a reference from him is kindly asked to attend Sunday Mass regularly and introduce yourself before submitting his name for this purpose. This will help Fr Long to get to know you and enable him to provide references with confidence and accuracy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 28th June 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Joe & Mary Ginty RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Sid Marshall RIP Stephen Murphy RIP
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda RIP & Ints of Paul Brewster
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Antoni Cichon & Kyla Kamtochukdu Chibueze*
	6pm	Brenda Lancaster RIP & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Maureen Kelleher RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Jimmy Manners (a) & Bernie Kahn (b'day a)
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.30am*	*Mass at STA Fr Brian Wall (Johnson Fund)*
	1.15pm	*Funeral Service at the Abbey Chapel Agnes Bonnar*
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Holy Souls
Friday	**9.30am**	Ints of Nimisha (20th b'day)
Saturday	**….**	**NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS**
		Keralan Feast Day Mass
	5pm	Tom Casey (a)

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year Sunday 5th July 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	James & Eileen Herlihy (b'day a)
	11.15am	Fr Tony Rohan & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Sebastian Greer & Erin Russell*
	6pm	Ints of Mick Anslow **(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 Pinfold, Michelle Millichap, Vinnie O'Reilly, Charlotte Gosnell

For the Dead …

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*

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 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)***

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

The coach will leave Mount Carmel at 12 noon/12.15pm and leaving the Cathedral at 6.30pm back to Mount Carmel.

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

Parishioners wishing to contribute towards a gift for Fr Jithin and Deacon David may use the special envelopes available the porches and return them in the collection bags this weekend. Donations may also be made via the DONA machines. The gifts will presented at their Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 19th July at 11.11am. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Fr Long

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	20/21 June 2026
1st Collection	£460.28 + £159.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£270.93 *(Day for Life)*
	£17.00 (Dona) *Parish Hall*
Attendance	522

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

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 2nd July
1pm Parish Hall

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!

FOODBANK Friday 19th June The Standard published an appeal for donations to the Foodbank in Church Green East. The cost of living pressures are meaning demand is rising but donations are falling. Our parish community continues to be a very big support to the work of the Foodbank, last weeks donation of nearly 35Kg will mean people within our community who are in need can feed their family. So let's continue our work supporting those in need, just one item from each of us makes a real impact.

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.

VACANCY AT MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL for a lunchtime Supervisor from September 26. Working term time only for 5 hrs 25 mins per week Monday-Friday. Apply via MNT (my new term)

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