



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2246 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 1ST MARCH 2026**

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm 32 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 Psalter Week 2

## SEASON OF LENT 2026

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.

The Mass is the heart of our parish life — the place where we are nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, and where we strengthen one another in faith and love. I especially encourage young families to bring your children and make this a time of prayer. Your presence brings life and joy to our parish family.

Today's Gospel reminds us we are to be transfigured by the grace of the Lord during these days of Lent. Our acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving assist us to respond to God's grace. This sacred season invites us to return to the Lord with renewed faith, hope, and trust in His mercy.

Please keep our parish in your prayers and pray for one another that we may continue to grow as the People of God from strength to strength.

**I wish you a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead.**

Fr Long



### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 1st March 2026

<b>Saturday 28th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Dick Doyle (b'day a)
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Stan & Stasia Duraj RIP
	<b>11.15am</b>	Helen Boyd RIP & People of the Parish
	1pm	Baptism of Stanley Morrissey
	<b>6pm</b>	Heather Judge RIP ( <b>live-streamed</b> )
<b>Monday</b>	9am	<b>Mass at STM School</b> Holy Souls
	5.30pm	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>6pm</b>	Celedonia Manalang RIP
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>9.30am</b>	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP & Andrash RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>Mass at STA School</b>
	6pm	<b>Holy Hour</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	Ints of Reka & Magdi & Fr Bob Wright (a)
<b>Friday</b>	9am	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>9.30am</b>	John & Mary Morrissey RIP
	10am	Stations of the Cross
	2pm	<b>STB Yr 6 Mass in church</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bridie & Paddy Joe McInerney RIP
	10am	Adoration & Confessions

### MASS INTENTIONS for the Third Sunday of Lent 8th March 2026

<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Mass for Vocations (Redditch Catenian Circle)
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Mary Butler (a)
	<b>11.15am</b>	Roma Loboda RIP & People of the Parish
	1pm	Baptism of Pearle & Gene Taylor, Brodie Street, Samuel & Alice Gardner
	2pm	Baptism of Isla Madison, Pearle & Gene Taylor
	<b>6pm</b>	Jenny McNamee (b'day a) ( <b>live-streamed</b> )

### PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Fr Long would like to establish a Parish Social Committee and we are looking for members to help raise funds for the parish, and to organise events. Please speak to Fr Long, Liz Hanley or Carol at the parish office if you have any good ideas or talent to bring the parish community together socially. You are very welcome to come to the first meeting at

**6pm on Tuesday 3rd March in the Parish Hall.**

### For the Sick ...

Please pray for Brian Dixon, Caroline & Bob Holland, Eddie & Geraldine McGroarty, Delia Bree, Fr Michael White, Paul McConnell, Annie Cleary, Julian McRandal, Michael & Maria Yates, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Margaret Williams, Lexi Bradbury, Vilma Willis, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Gary Dallow, Pascale Breyne Sheila Twist, Ellis Mitchell, Doris Flynn Bernard Cannon

### For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JANET HULSE** Funeral Mass 2.30pm Monday 16th March. **ANN BLUNDELL** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 25th March, Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 26th March, **BILL REARDON** Funeral details not yet known.



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **John & Mary Morrissey**

Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Bridie & Paddy Joe McInerney**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **John Beard**

Next week lamp burns in loving memory of **Fr Tony Rohan (B'day A)**

### Pope's Prayer Intention for March— for disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Monday and Friday after Holy Mass begins from first week of Lent.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT

There will be an opportunity to have 30 minutes of Adoration before Holy Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10am – 11 am as usual. Sacrament of Reconciliation Confession as shown

**HOLY HOUR** every Thursday at 6pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

## INDUCTION OF FR LONG & 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr Long will be inducted as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch; St Mary, Alvechurch; St John and St Thomas More, Feckenham and St Richard and St Hubert, Hadzor by Bishop David Evans on **Thursday 19th March at 7pm**, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary. This will also co-inside with his 12th Anniversary of being ordained into the Priesthood. His induction will be followed by a reception buffet and refreshments in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

## 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 Feast of Saint Chad, Bishop

*St Chad was born in the 7th century. He was educated at Lindisfarne. As a bishop he established his See at Lichfield. His reputation spread quickly and favourably as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick. He died at Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. He is the patron saint of the Archdiocese.*

### Wednesday Saint Casimir

*(1458-1484) He was the son of King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth, monarchs of Poland and Lithuania. In contrast to other members of the royal court, he was a shining example of faith, piety, humility and chastity. He had a great love for the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. He was named Patron Saint of Poland in 1602.*

### Friday First Friday. Women's World Day of Prayer

### Saturday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

*St Perpetua, a young mother of noble birth, and St Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave girl, were imprisoned at Carthage in 203 because of their Christian faith. Before they met their death, Felicity gave birth to a girl and Perpetua was still nursing her new-born son. They were thrown to wild beasts in the arena. The passion of St Perpetua provides a particularly vivid account of their martyrdom. They are included in the Roman Canon.*

## Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	21st/22nd Feb 2026
1st Collection	£606.34 + £146.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£322.46 + £22.00 (Dona) (Parish Hall)
Attendance	502

*These figures do not include Standing Orders*

**Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day**

**Seniors Next Meeting  
Thursday 5th March 2026  
2pm Parish Hall**

## The Real Easter Egg

These fairly traded eggs are made by the Meaningful Chocolate Co. The packaging is plastic free, the chocolate is palm oil free and the company supports food bans. Importantly they are the only Easter egg that promotes the real meaning of Easter. They are not available in supermarkets. A few will be at the fairtrade sale on 21st/22nd March but to be sure of getting one please order in advance by emailing [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me) by next Sunday 8th March. Milk chocolate £5.50, dark chocolate £6.50, both 150g.

## Churches Together in Redditch Good Friday Walk of Witness—be part of the story

Churches Together in Redditch are looking for volunteers to step into the roles of 'Jesus, Mary, A Roman Soldier' (costumes provided) for the Good Friday Walk of Witness, April 3rd in Redditch Town Centre. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please email [Paul@cafe-redditch.org.uk](mailto:Paul@cafe-redditch.org.uk)

## March for Life UK presents :

### COMMISSIONED PRO-LIFE MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday 18th April 10am—5pm at Birmingham Christian College  
Crowther Hall, Hamilton Drive, Selly Oak, B29 6AJ  
Ticket price £25, please bring a packed lunch.

COMMISSIONED is a pro-life men's conference calling all men to develop their personal vocation and build up a pro-life brotherhood. In a culture that too often sidelines the male voice we equip you to speak with credibility and courage.

For more info including speakers or to book your place go to:

<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference> or contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

### Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham  
10am Wednesday 4th & 18th March 2026  
Everyone welcome

### COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder A Tamburro

## Vacancy for Project Manager at Acts of Kindness

Acts of Kindness is a Redditch Charity responsible for Redditch Foodbank, Wellbeing and Financial Inclusion Services. We are looking to recruit a Project Manager to work 25 hours per week. The role will provide co-ordinated leadership for all areas of our work in Redditch. For more details and an application form, please email Caroline Baker at [cabaker2605@gmail.com](mailto:cabaker2605@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

