Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2278 **Solemnity of All Saints Sunday 1st November 2026**

Psalter Week 3 Readings can be found on page 184 in the Parish Mass Book

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 1st November 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	James & Eileen Herlihy RIP & People of the Parish
All Saints	**11.15am**	Anthony Juwah & Festus Ozieh RIP
	6pm	Val & Anne Fanning (a) **(live-streamed)**
Monday - All Soul's Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		
	9.00am	Mass at STM School
	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6pm	Roma & Elizabeth Loboda RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Holy Souls & Ints of Matthew Roden)
Wednesday		**NO MASS**
Thursday		*Mass at STA School*
	6pm	*Holy Hour*
	7pm	Yvette Skinner & Klaus Gruswich RIP
Friday	**9.30am**	Bernard Cannon RIP *(STB Yr 5ABA/5MWI in church)*
Saturday	**9.30am**	Bill & Myrtle Wilson RIP (Wedd A)
		Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	Dec'd Parishioners and the Bereaved.

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday	**8.15am**	Paul Jarvis (a)
	11.15am	Bill Reardon RIP & John Sheehan (a)
	6pm	Nancy RIP & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Stanley Cater (A)***
Next week the lamp burns for the ***Holy Souls, Kott & Gleetar Families***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of ***Jane Elliott (sick)***
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Shanti V.J (Anniversary)***

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

A warm welcome to all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. Today we celebrate the great feast of heaven. We rejoice in our brothers and sisters who share in the communion of saints. May their witness and intercession spur us on our pilgrim way!

ALL SOULS' DAY – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

We remember all the faithful departed and commend our loved ones to the loving mercy of God. Mass times:
9.00am – St Thomas More School
9.30am – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
6.00pm – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Mass for the Bereaved – Saturday 7 November

At 5pm, we celebrate a special Mass remembering by name parishioners who have died over the past twelve months. Anyone who has lost a loved one is warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

Blessing of Graves

Sunday 8 November – 2pm Abbey Cemetery, beginning with short service in the Abbey Chapel
Sunday 15 November – 2pm Hadzor Cemetery
For other Cemeteries, please see notice board in the church porches

November – Holy Souls Envelopes

Holy Souls envelopes are available at the back of church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones and include your offering. Envelopes can be returned to the casket in church from 1 November. Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls throughout November and the coming year.

Grave candles are on sale at the back of the Church in the piety shop.

Plenary Indulgence

Can be gained for the faithful departed on Monday. A devout visit to the church with recitation of the Our Father, the Creed and prayer for the Pope's intentions, sacramental confession and reception of Holy Communion in the near future.

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, John Brown, Julian McRandal, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Vilma Willis, Mary Fallon, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Ellis Mitchell, Pascale Breyne, Jane Elliott, Doris Flynn, Margaret Anne Seaman, Sheila Twist, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Christine Morrissey, Janet Davies, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn, Amy Pinfield, Michelle Millichap, Vinnie O'Reilly, Charlotte Gosnell, Christopher Lamare, Harry Doherty, Mary Lynch

For the dead . . .
Please pray for ***BERNARD CANNON,*** *Funeral Mass 11.30am Monday 2nd November,* ***DAWN MURRAY****, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 3rd November,* ***JAMES LUBY*** *Funeral Mass 11.45am Tuesday 10th November*

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be Altar Servers Training next Saturday 7th November 11am-12noon

IMPORTANT MEETING

At the request of the Archdiocese, a meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at **6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd November** to discuss the future of the Mass Centres at Feckenham and Hadzor.
We strongly encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend, as this is an important opportunity to share your views and concerns. Thank you.

Baptism

If you have a baby/child needing Baptism, please get 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 before applications are made for places in school.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE JOHNSON ASSOCIATION FUND

The Johnson Clergy Association (Birmingham) CIO has supported priests for over 315 years. These priests who are sick, infirm or retired often depend on support of the Association. During the past year the Association gave grants of over £399,000 to approximately 60 priests. Please help us to care for them who have cared for you. Your financial generosity is greatly appreciated but please remember to pray for the work of the Association and for its members. Donations can be made in the collection, online, by standing order (please refer to the flyer). Thank you!

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	24/25 October 2026
1st Collection	£684.74
2nd Collection	£208.00 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	555

Standing Orders for September £3325.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 3 P & B Holder TTamburro
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 4 A Jacob D Davis L Jacob S Jose

Seniors Next Meeting
2pm Thursday
5th November Bingo

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will next meet **Sunday 15 November 4pm to 6pm** for a social get together and every three weeks from then on. All young adults are warmly welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & RAFFLE : Saturday 28 November at 12 noon :Parish Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Join us for a lovely for a lovely afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!
Menu : Soup, Pulled Pork Bap with Stuffing, Dessert, Gaelic Coffee
Entertainment : Christmas Raffle with cash prizes £150, £100 and £50, Every Time a Prize Tombola, Unwanted Gifts Stall
Christmas Raffle Tickets : Raffle tickets are available after Mass and from the parish office, at £5 per book. Please take a few books home to sell and return the money and counterfoils well before the Christmas Lunch.
Donations Welcome!
We would be very grateful for donations towards the raffle prizes, bottles for the tombola and unwanted gifts for the stalls.
Thank you for your generosity and support in helping to make our parish Christmas celebration a success.
All proceeds will go towards the Parish Hall fund.

NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINNING NEXT WEEK!

We are delighted to announce the start of a new Children's Liturgy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel!
Beginning on Sunday 8th November Children's Liturgy will take place during the 11.15am Mass and is open to all children from Reception age to Year 3. Children's Liturgy provides a wonderful opportunity for our younger members of the parish to explore the Sunday Gospel in a way that is fun, engaging and appropriate for their age. Through stories, discussion, activities and prayer, we hope to help children grow in their understanding and love of Jesus and the Mass. Children will begin Mass with the whole parish community before going to the parish hall for their own Children's Liturgy, returning to join everyone again during the celebration of Mass. All children from Reception to Year 3 are very welcome. We look forward to welcoming our youngest parishioners and helping them discover the joy of celebrating and living their faith together. We hope to see lots of familiar faces — and plenty of new ones — on Sunday 8th November!

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

I am delighted to invite all Parish volunteers and their partners to celebration of Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 10 December at 7pm. This will be followed by a celebration supper in the hall. This is my way to say 'Thank you' to all of the volunteers for their dedication and time that they give to ensure the smooth running Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. We have so many volunteers who work behind the scenes, giving up their free time for which I am so grateful. This invitation also includes our wonderful Altar Servers and their parents. For catering purposes, would please inform the parish office if you intend staying after Mass for refreshments.

HEATING COST

The autumn & winter heating season has now opened! The cost of heating our church and other properties has increased. We are very grateful for your support with heating cost through the weekly collections. Please continue to be generous so we can keep the church warm for celebrations.

MASS INTENTIONS

We currently have very few Mass intentions for weekday and Sunday Masses. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to request Masses for the living, the deceased, the sick, or any special intention. Please book well in advance if you wish to have a Mass offered on a specific date, and check the weekly newsletter for your intention. This beautiful tradition brings spiritual blessings to the living and the dead. Your Mass stipend also helps support our priests and their ministry. Thank you.

SHRINE CANDLES – OUR LADY AND THE SACRED HEART

You are warmly invited to have a candle lit at the shrines of Our Lady or the Sacred Heart for one week, for your own intentions or those of your loved ones. We currently have very few shrine candle intentions, so please consider offering a candle as a prayer for someone dear to you or for a special intention. The offering is £5 per candle for one week. Thank you for your prayerful support for our parish.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If your child does not attend a Catholic school, but requires preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation, preparation classes will begin on Wednesday evenings in Church and the Parish Hall. All forms should be submitted as soon ass possible. The Enrolment/Information session for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on a date to be arranged at 6pm at the parish Hall. All parents whose children are in Years 3 & 6 or above attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to make their sacraments need to attend this meeting and commit to all the sessions required. For more information, please speak to Fr Long or Fr Jithin after Sunday Masses or email the parish office: olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH EVENTS ……

Saturday 7 November @5pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners followed by refreshments
Sunday 8 November @2pm Blessing of the Graves Abbey Cemetery
Sunday 15 November @2pm Blessing of the Graves Hadzor Cemetery
Saturday 28 November @12noon Christmas Lunch in Parish Hall
Wednesday 9 December @6pm STM Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Thursday 10 December @7pm Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers followed by refreshments
Tuesday 15 December @6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Wednesday 16 December @6pm MCS Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 4th & 18th November
Everyone welcome

FOODBANK

We continue to provide considerable support to the Redditch Foodbank, which helps the multicultural community of Redditch and surrounding villages. Perhaps consider helping by providing tns of Halal meats in your donation, so extra help can be provided.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGEOF EMAIL ADDRESS

We are in the process of phasing out our **office@mtcarmel.co.uk** address and would ask that when emailing, you now use the following – for the office **olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk,** for finance **pt.olmc.redditch@racob.org.uk**
and for safeguarding **sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk.** Thank you.

VACANCIES

Mount Carmel School has a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor, 5hrs 25mins per week Monday-Friday. Please apply via MyNewTerm

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times.
Our Parish Safe-guarding representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon. Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk