



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2253 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2026** Psalter Week 1

Readings can be found on page 262 in the Parish Mass Book

MAY DEVOTION

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.

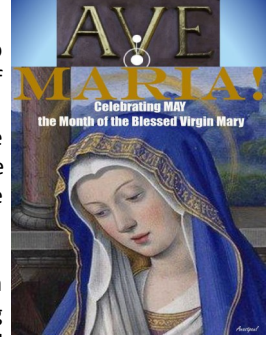
We have begun Mary's Month of May, please do pray a decade of the rosary each day and please also light a candle when you come to Mass, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for peace in our life and in the world. The Rosary will be said twenty minutes before weekday Mass beginning on Monday 4th May and volunteers to lead the Rosary would be welcome.

INTERCULTURAL MASS 11.15AM PENTECOST SUNDAY – 24TH MAY 2026

I am inviting all parishioners to celebrate this day by wearing traditional dress from your homeland and bring along a National flag that will represent your homeland. It would be lovely if we could translate the readings and bidding prayers in a variety of home languages too. Perhaps we could share a traditional hymn in another language. We will process into Church with our flags and fully celebrate the true meaning of Pentecost Sunday by thanking God for the spread of the Catholic faith around the world. We will also continue the celebration by sharing tea, coffee and cakes in the hall afterwards.

Would you like to help by reading, bidding prayers, singing, playing a traditional instrument, supply cakes or generally help with the organisation of the Mass on Pentecost Sunday? Then please sign up on the list at the back of the Church and email parish office or speak to Father Long.

Thank you



IMPORTANT MEETING

On the instructions of the Archdiocese, there will be a meeting in the Parish Hall at **2pm on Saturday 9th May** regarding the Mass Centres. It would be very much appreciated if as many parishioners as possible could attend. Thank you.

PETITIONS TO LOURDES— A parishioner is going to Lourdes with the Diocese over the May half term and would be happy to take petitions of the parish to the Grotto. If you have any petitions you would like taken, please put in an envelope and hand in to one of the clergy or the parish office before Sunday 18th May.

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, Michelle Millichap

For the Dead ...

MICHAEL TIERNEY Reception into church 5pm Tuesday 5th May, Funeral Mass 10.30am Wednesday 6th May, **LINDA HORNE** relative 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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 3rd May 2026

Saturday	5pm	Bill Reardon RIP & Sarah Ellis RIP
Sunday	8.15am	Nellie Boyd RIP & Ann Blundell RIP
	11.15am	Marty & Catherine Cornyn (a)
	1.30pm	Baptism of Tyde Taylor & Lyla Adkins
	6pm	Mary Webb RIP & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Mary Hallissey RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Dr Josh (1st A) & Ints of C.B. Jones & Family
	5pm	Reception of Body Michael Tierney
Wednesday	10.30am	Funeral Mass Michael Tierney
Thursday	9.30am	Mass at St Augustine's School
	6pm	NB No Holy Hour this week
	7pm	Ints of Chris, Zdzisia & Irus relatives of Slawek
Friday	9.30am	Christina O'Neill RIP & Ints of Mgt Brannan & family
	2pm	St Bede's School Yr7 Mass in church
Saturday	9.30am	Mary Webb RIP & Mary Hickey RIP
	10am	Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	John Morrissey (a)
Sixth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2026		
Sunday	8.15am	Norah & Eddie O'Hara RIP & Ints of Kennedy Family
	11.15am	John Quinn & People of the Parish
	6pm	Jim Fallon RIP (live-streamed)



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Dick & Jayne Doyle**
Next week the lamp burns for the intentions of **Elijah (b'day)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the **Dr Josh (1st A)**
Next week **Free at the moment**

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.

Volunteer Prison Visitors at HMP Hewell

For anyone who may feel called to come alongside members of our prison community and accompany during Saturday morning mass or be part of the bible study on a Tuesday afternoon you'd be very welcome. Volunteering in prison is both rewarding and challenging. This kind of role won't suit everyone but if it's the right fit for you, you may find it's a powerful way that God can work through you. Please contact Marina Barrett, Catholic Chaplain directly via email marina.barrett@justice.gov.uk

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*

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

Saturday 16th May at 6.00pm in the Church Hall.

With food and entertainment from around the world.

This is the first time this has been held in the parish and it will be a most wonderful event where all of our parish families come together and share food from their homelands. Please try to come along and support this event.

Ticket prices: First school child: Free --- Middle school child £5 --- Adult £10. This includes a drink and a plate of absolutely delicious food.

Tickets are on sale at the Church's main entrance after Mass and at school receptions, you can also pay via dona machines

If you would like to volunteer to cook and bring a dish to represent your homeland, please do not think it needs to be a banquet - a plate or dish of food to share is absolutely perfect. There will be sign in lists situated in the church porches

for you to sign up should you wish to do this. Alternatively, you can email office@mtcarmel.co.uk or call the Parish office on

01527 63096 and leave a message with your Mobile number, Name and dish you will be providing, and we will add your name to the list.

Also if you have any hidden talents that you would like to share to entertain on the night, please let us know.

Many thanks to those who have already bought tickets and to those who have volunteered to bring food

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 25/26 April 2026
1st Collection £489.76 + £145.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection £273.58 + £135 (Dona)
Clergy Training Fund
Attendance 473
Standing Orders for March raised £3,682.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 10 B Gleetar G Stanly A Biju S Sebastian

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu Binju Jacob

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 7th May

Afternoon Tea

1pm Parish Hall

Saints for the Week—Feast of the English Martyrs

MONDAY -This feast celebrates many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the Church. These included priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them, to arrange secret Masses, and to witness the Faith. They came from all ages and backgrounds, and their heroic witness helps us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the Priesthood.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish relies greatly on the goodwill, kindness, and generous time of volunteers. Perhaps you might consider helping your church as part of a new resolution? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of important ministries and tasks, including: * **Welcoming Team** * **Children's Liturgy** * **Sacristan** * **Flower Arranging** * **Gardening** * **Tea & Coffee after 11.15am Mass** If you are able to help in any way, whether regularly or occasionally, please speak to Fr. Long or contact the Parish Office.

Young Adults (over 18s) 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. For those who have already been in touch, if you haven't received an email from Deacon Jithin, please email the office in case your email address has been misread. We hope this group will be a welcoming space to grow in faith, build community, and share meaningful experiences together.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

Saturday 16 May @ 6pm Multicultural Evening – Fundraising for the parish

Sunday 24 May @ 11.15am International Mass Pentecost Sunday

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

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!

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

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

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Evesham 'First Marian Shrine in England' **Tuesday 5 May at St Mary's & St Egwin's, Evesham 2pm Rosary, 2.30pm Mass** Followed by a shared afternoon tea For more information contact Sarah Andrews on : sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 6th & 20th
May 2026 Everyone welcome



