Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2274 Twenty-Seventh Sunday Year A Sunday 4th October 2026

Psalter Week 3 Readings can be found on page 137 in the Parish Mass Book

New Children's Liturgy

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!

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND – SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER, 11AM

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by refreshments. Please sign the list in the porch or contact the parish office by Monday 5th October

PIETY SHOP REOPENING NEXT WEEKEND

Our Piety Shop will reopen next weekend at the back of the church, offering rosaries, medals, cards, prayer books, candles, gifts and other sacred items. Volunteers are needed to run the Piety Shop after Masses at the weekend. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Fr Long, Fr Jithin or the parish office.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Envelopes are available at the church porches. Please write the names of those you wish to remember and return the envelope, together with your offering, in the collection bag the next time you come to Mass or through the parish office letter box. The names will be placed in the Holy Souls Box before the altar on Sunday 1 November and remembered at Mass throughout November and the coming year.

Important dates:

· Sunday 1 November – All Saints: Mass at 5.00pm (Vigil), 8.15am, 11.15am and 6.00pm.
· Monday 2 November – All Souls: Mass at 9.30am and 6.00pm.
· Saturday 7 November: Mass for Deceased Parishioners, followed by refreshments at 5.00pm.
· Sunday 8 November, 2.00pm: Blessing of Graves at Abbey Cemetery, beginning with a short service at the Abbey Chapel

ENROLMENT IN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Next Sunday, we warmly welcome the Year 3 children and their families from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic First School to the 11.15am Mass. During the Mass, they will formally enrol in the preparation programmes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

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 4th October 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Ann & John Loftus (a)
Sunday	**8.15am**	Ints of Fr Jithin
	11.15am	Alice Russell RIP
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Elsie & Charlie Newton*
	6pm	Billie Redmond RIP & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at MC School*
	6pm	Michael McNamee (b'day a)
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Tom Walsh RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.15am*	*Mass at STA*
	6pm	*Holy Hour*
	7pm	Martin Fanning (a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Holy Souls
Saturday	**9.30am**	Michael McNamee (a)
		NB No Confessions, Adoration or Benediction
	11am	**Mass for the Sick of the Parish**
	5pm	People of the Parish

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Sunday	**8.15am**	Jean Cooper
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda RIP
		MCS FHC Enrolment Mass
	6pm	Ann Crompton RIP & Rachel Hemming RIP **(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, John Brown, Julian McRandal, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Vilma Willis, Mary Fallon, Bernard Cannon, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Ellis Mitchell, Pascale Breyne, Jane Elliott, 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, Julie Martin, Christopher Lamare

SILENCE IN CHURCH -

May I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Please silence your mobile phone and also not to speak during Mass itself.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving of ***Michael & Winifred Conboy***
Next week in loving memory of ***Mary O'Brien (a)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the ***Deceased of the Whyte Family***
Next week in loving memory of ***Thomas & Bridie Meagher***

LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OF OCTOBER

For mental health ministry—let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses

BAPTISM

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.

Saints for the Week

Monday **Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**

Born in the village of Glogowiec, near Lodz in Poland in 1905, and dying in Krakow in 1938, St Faustina spent her short life amongst the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In the Diary of her soul, the sanctuary of her encounter with the Lord Jesus, she herself recounts what the Lord worked in her for the benefit of all; listening to Him who is Love and Mercy she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. Canonised in the year 2000 by St John Paul II, the name of Faustina quickly became known around the world, thereby promoting in all the parts of the People of God, Pastors and lay faithful alike, the invocation of Divine Mercy and its credible witness in the conduct of the lives of believers.

Tuesday **Saint Bruno, Priest**

St Bruno was born in Cologne about the year 1035. Following his studies in Paris and priestly ordination, he wanted to live a life of solitude and founded the monastery of La Grande Chartreuse and the Carthusian Order of absolute contemplative life. Pope Urban II called upon his wise advice and counsel. He died in 1101.

Wednesday **Our Lady of the Rosary**

Friday **Feast of Saint John Henry Newman, Priest**

St John Henry Newman was born in London in 1801. As an Anglican clergyman he was influential in the Oxford Movement. He was received into full communion with the Church by Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God on this day in 1845 while living at Littlemore, Oxford. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he founded the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England. Through his writings, sermons and pastoral care he brought Christian instruction and encouragement to many people. He was beatified by Pope Benedict IVI in Birmingham in September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis in 2019.

Saturday **Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop** *or of* **Saints Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs** *or of* **Saint John Leonardi, Priest** *or of* **Our Lady on Saturday**

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 26/27 September 2026

1st Collection	£556.42
2nd Collection	£251.85 (Fr Hudsons)
	£15 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	469

Standing Orders for August £3377.00

Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY
or if you prefer you can donate to CAFOD online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call 0303 3033030 or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. There CAFOD envelopes available in the porches but **PLEASE ONLY USE THE ENVELOPE IF YOU WISH TO GIFT AID YOUR DONATION.**

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 10 B Gleetar G Stanly A Biju B Sunny
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob M Reyes

Seniors Next Meeting
1pm Thursday
15th October

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 7th & 21st October
Everyone welcome

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to **Rebekah Thacker** for the wonderful piano recital last Saturday, and to everyone who took part and helped prepare for the event. A special thank you to all who provided the lovely tea, coffee and cakes. Your generosity, hard work and support helped make the occasion such a joyful and memorable one. We are delighted to have raised **£426.81 for the Parish Hall**.
Thank you all for your generous support, and may God bless you!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will meet **tonight** after the 6pm Mass for a social get together. All young adults are warmly welcome.

FAIRTRADE SALE

This takes place after all Masses next weekend 10/11 October. Please support this great way to help our sisters and brothers trade their way out of poverty. Cash only please.

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
Saturday 28 November @12noon Christmas Lunch in Parish Hall
Tuesday 15 December @6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Wednesday 16 December @6pm MCS Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

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.

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
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