Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2270 Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year A Sunday 6th September 2026

Psalter Week 3 Readings can be found on page 125 in the Parish Mass Book

WELCOME to Fr Kevin McDonagh who will be speaking at all our Masses this weekend. Fr Kevin is a Columban priest and a member the Columban Order's Justice, Peace and Environment Team. He will be speaking about the Season of Creation.

PARISH SCHOOLS Please keep our schools in your prayers as they begin the new academic year. Here in the parish, we are blessed to have Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Thomas More, St Bede's and St Augustine's Schools. Each school works hard to support the needs of our children and provides a welcoming place where faith can be shared and nurtured. Together, our parish schools help to fulfil the mission of the parish by proclaiming the Good News and encouraging families, schools and the parish community to work together for the good of our young people.

You are all invited to attend the Schools Opening Masses: Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Monday 7 September in the school hall at 9am. St Bede's: Friday 11 September at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 9.30am (KS2) and 11am (KS3). St Augustine's: Friday 11 September at 2.30pm (Year 9 & Year 12). St Thomas More: Monday 14 September in the school hall at 9.00am.

Next Sunday, we are invited to pray especially for the mission of Catholic education in this country. Please join us in prayer for our pupils, families, teachers and all those who support the life and work of our schools.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND ON SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026 AT 11.00 AM

Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited, together with a friend or relative, to join us for Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 11.00 am. Transport can be provided for anyone who needs it, and refreshments will be served afterwards, offering an opportunity to spend time together as a parish family.

Please save the date and let us know whether you will be able to attend the Mass and refreshments, whether you will be accompanied by anyone, and whether you require transport. Please sign the list in the porch or contact the parish office directly by Sunday 4 October. We look forward to welcoming you.

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 6th September 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Mary Webb RIP and Ints of M & L Conboy
Sunday	**8.15am**	Deceased Pallicka Family
	11.15am	Michael Bobowski & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Rayah Pinfield & Liasa James-Moore*
	6pm	Ian Tavernor RIP **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at MC School*
	6pm	Ints of Ken
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Roma Loboda RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Intentions of Erin in thanksgiving
Friday	**9.30am**	*STB's Mass (KS2)* Jan Burak (a)
	11am	*STB's Mass (KS3)*
	2.30pm	*Mass at STA (Yr 9 & 12)*
Saturday	**9.30am**	Gerry Bree (b'day a)
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Teresa Gregory (a)

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Sunday	**8.15am**	People of the Parish
	11.15am	Dr P C Varghese RIP
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Harper Hope Devane-Dodd*
	6pm	Holy Souls **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of ***Bill Reardon (b'day a)***
Next week in loving memory of ***Rob Carter (A)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the repose of the soul of ***Tommy Walsh***
Next week ***Free at the moment***

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

For the dead . . .

Please pray for **Elizabeth Mary Jarvis** *Funeral 2pm Thursday 17th September at the Abbey Chapel,* **Robert Hadley** *Funeral 11am Friday 18th September at the Abbey Chapel,* **Tommy Walsh** *Funeral Mass* ***11.45pm*** *Friday 25th September*

In remembrance—*Baby Amelia Mandie Morrissey, 4th Anniversary, loved and missed everyday and good friend Luther Powell.*

SEASON OF CREATION This began last Tuesday on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation during which Pope Leo celebrated a Mass for the Care of Creation. Watch the video at: https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/55780. Our own parish Mass will be on Tuesday 22nd September at 9.30am. Other events during the season will be: the Parish Pilgrimage to the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton next Saturday 12th September, beginning at OLMC at 11.30am returning to Mount Carmel for 5pm Mass; the special parish Mass and a Novena to St Francis which begins on Saturday 26th September ending Sunday 4th October, St Francis' Feast Day and this concludes the end of the Season of Creation

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 days 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*

ROSARY

The Rosary will now be prayed **20 minutes before the 11:15 am Sunday Mass**, as we do on weekdays. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary at this or another Mass, please arrive **30 minutes beforehand** and speak to Fr Jithin or Deacon David

ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults End Of Life Bill is being brought back to Parliament and its second reading will be voted on 11th September. Our new Prime Minister has said that attention needs to be directed towards adult and Palliative Care before considering this legislation. Could you contact your local MP asking them to vote against this forthcoming Bill? See the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website for an online letter you could send: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	29/30 August 2026
1st Collection	£661.18
2nd Collection	£279.36 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	451

Standing Orders for July £3435.00

Second Collection – Fr Jason's Thanksgiving Mass

The Second Collection **this weekend** is for the leaving presentation for **Fr Jason** at his Farewell Mass on **Friday 18th September at 7pm** followed by a reception in the parish hall.
Special envelopes for this collection are available in the church.
Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER …
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 10th September
Trip Severn Valley Railway

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 5 A Paul A Robin J Vembill J Joseph
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

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

LAY READERS : We are really short of lay readers for the following Masses :
5pm Saturday, 8.15am & 6pm Sundays —if this is something you feel you would like to do, please contact the parish office or speak to either Fr Long or Fr Jithin.

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 16th September
Everyone welcome

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS ……

Saturday 12 September Pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton
Friday 18 September @ 7pm Fr Jason's Thanksgiving Mass
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

PIANO RECITAL—2PM SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM B96 6HS
A relaxing afternoon of beautiful piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Taylor.
Adults £10, under 16's £5, tickets available from:
Felicity 07812 336263, Rebekah 07790 815365, Village Shop, Parish Office 01527 63096
All proceeds to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall

Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Thursday 17 September

This year's Journey in Faith Course begins on **Thursday, 17th September at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. It is a programme for those who wish to join the Catholic Church and also for parishioners who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you or if you know of someone who would be interested in this course, or require more information please contact the parish office by phone 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk or olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

FOODBANK : Thank you for your continued support. **Please do not donate perishable items**, we collect and deliver to the foodbank once a week, however not on a regular day. At the moment they have a high priority for **tinned sweetcorn, carrots, long life milk, pasta sauce & tinned meats**

VACANCY AT MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL for a Lunchtime Supervisor 5hrs 25 min per week. Term time only. Closing date 7th September. To start September. Apply via MNT (My New Term)

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is hoped this will begin at the 11.15am Mass towards the end of September. If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office.
A Diocesan DBS certificate is required.
There will be a meeting for all Children's Liturgy volunteers at a date to be arranged.