



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2243 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 8TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Readings: Isaiah 58:6-10 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel Matthew 5:13-16 Psalter Week 1

NEW PARISH PRIEST

We are delighted to welcome our new Parish Priest, Father Long Nguyen to Redditch as he celebrates masses here this weekend for the first time. Fr Long is very much looking forward to meeting all parishioners and getting to know both the parish and school communities. Please say hello to him when you get the chance and introduce yourself. We feel sure that he will very quickly settle into our warm and welcoming community.

Thank you to Fr Jason for his pastoral care for the parishioners of Redditch, especially over recent months.

Welcome to Deacon Titto

This weekend we also welcome to Deacon Jithin Titto who will be joining our ministry here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, for a placement until the end of June. Make sure that you give him a very warm welcome.

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.

WORLD DAY MASS FOR THE SICK

on Saturday, 14th February 11.00am

We would like to invite you, together with a friend or relative, to our special World Day Mass for the Sick. This Mass, which will include anointing of the sick, is a wonderful occasion for us to come together in communion with Christ on the glorious Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Refreshments will follow this Mass, too. Would you please let us know if you are able to attend the Mass and lunch, whether you will be accompanied by anyone and if you require transport.

Please sign the list in the porch or contact parish office by Thursday 12th February 2026.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 8th February 2026

Saturday	5pm	Lilly Paul (a) & Fr Tony Rohan
Sunday	8.15am	Maura Lawrence (a) & Fr Tony Rohan
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Thomas Meagher (B'day a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Charles Gallagher (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	George Yeates (a)
STM School	9am	Dec'd Hedgecox Family
Tuesday	9.30am	Tom McGillen (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Domnic (a) & Ints of Angela Martin in appreciation
STA School	9.30am	Annual Mass for Benefactors (Johnson Fund)
Friday	9.30am	Hughie Martin (b'day a) & Clive McColgan
Saturday	9.30am	NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS
	11am	World Day Mass for the Sick
	5pm	Clive McColgan

MASS INTENTIONS for the Sixth Sunday of the Year A 15th February 2026

Sunday	8.15am	Wendy Beddall 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of M & M Richardson & family & People of the Parish
	6pm	Teresa Carney (live-streamed)

**Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed —
Visit our website and click on 'Watch Live'**

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



CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Saturdays 10am-11am
or by appointment

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 & Family, Bill Reardon

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARY WEBB** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 26th February, Funeral Mass 2pm Friday 27th February



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of the **DOHERTY FAMILY**

Next week for the intentions of the **CHRISTINE MORRISSEY**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **STANLEY CATER**

Next week in loving memory of **CHRIS & JOAN AVERN (B'DAY A)**

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

Tuesday Saint Scholastica, Virgin

(480-547) St Scholastica was the twin sister of St Benedict. Following the rule of her brother, she founded the Order of Benedictine nuns. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting: three days later St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove.

Wednesday Our Lady of Lourdes—World Day for the Sick

This day marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen year old Marie Bernarde (St Bernadette) Soubirous. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on the 16 July 1858. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity.

Saturday Feast of Saint Cyril, Monk, and Saint Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

(+869) (+885) These two brothers evangelised Moravia, Bohemia and Bulgaria. They translated liturgical books into Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet which they invented. St Cyril died in Rome where he had one to seek the Pope's blessing. Methodius was consecrated bishop by Adrian II and ended his days in Pannonia (Hungary). Pope St John Paul II proclaimed them patron saints of Europe, along with St Benedict, abbot.



Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	31st Jan 2025/1st Feb 2026
1st Collection	£598.67
2nd Collection	£241,86 (Parish Hall)
Attendance	528

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Thank you

from Councillor Joanna Kane (parishioner), the Mayor of Redditch, to everyone involved in the Mayor's Civic Service at Mount Carmel last Sunday. A retiring collection raised just over £400, which will be shared between the ongoing refurbishment of the Parish Hall and the Mayor's chosen charity for the year, the Primrose Hospice and Family Support Centre. Thank you very much for your generosity.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

For this year's big Lent Walk the Laudato Si/CAFOD Group have signed up to complete, between them, CAFOD's 200km (120 miles) target. We hope that parishioners will sponsor this endeavor by donating directly to the [Just Giving page at OLMC fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD](#) Also if anyone would also like to walk, as much or as little as able, they are most welcome. Just let the group know by emailing : laudatesiolmc@proton.me

Message from Fr Cornelius

All in all, we thank God for everything especially for our good health. I have been in Kenya now for six months where I came to rest and to assist in one Parish in Kenya. May God bless you all and continue to keep you strong and healthy. Amen. Please extend my greetings to all in Mount Carmel and Alvechurch.

Mount Carmel 500 Club Winners for January 2026

First Prize	£120	No 251	C & M Wegrzyn
Second Prize	£50	No 7	Mary Messer

2026 Diaries (with Mass)

We have four Catholic Diaries left at £3.50 each available from the parish office.

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

Lift to Church

A parishioner who has difficulty getting to Mass and who lives in the Webheath area, has asked if there is anyone in her area who would be willing to give her a lift or share a taxi. If you can help, please contact the parish office.



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

PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

Prayer & Coffee Morning

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

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 10 B Gleetar G Stanly A Biju S Sebastian

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob

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

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 19th February 2026
Bingo 2pm Parish Hall

