



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2247 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 8TH MARCH 2026**

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 94 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 Gospel John 4:5-42 (5-15,19-26,39-42) Psalter Wk 3

## Welcome to Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent

We begin Week 3 of Lent with the Woman at the Well and her dialogue with Jesus. It reminds us of our need for an encounter with the Lord this Lent, so he can give us living water. We find this encounter in prayer and in the Sacraments. We also find it in our encounter with him in others, especially those in need and those who have never heard the Gospel. Let us take the step to meet the Lord and seek his living water this week.

**Next weekend we will be celebrating Mother's Day**

Please encourage people to come to Mass on that day and celebrate with our mothers and to acknowledge the importance of our family life together.



### PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Penitential service will take place on Monday 30th March at 7pm. Some of our deanery priests will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. This is the best way to prepare for Easter, please make time for this.

**I wish you a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead.**

Fr Long

### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 8th March 2026

<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Mass for Vocations (Redditch Catenian Circle)
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Mary Butler (a) & Kay Morton (b'day a)
	<b>11.15am</b>	Roma Loboda RIP & People of the Parish
	<b>1pm</b>	Baptism of Brodie Street, Samuel & Alice Gardner, Gene Taylor & Reception of Pearle Taylor
	<b>2pm</b>	Baptism of Isla Maddison
	<b>6pm</b>	Jenny McNamee (b'day a) <b>(live-streamed)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass at MC School</b> Holy Souls
	<b>5.30pm</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>6pm</b>	Ints of Fr Francis Maple
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>9.30am</b>	Bridie & Paddy Joe McNerney & Lenny McGrath RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	Mary Webb RIP & Bill Reardon RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Adoration & Confessions
	<b>9.30am</b>	Ints of Somma Juwah
	<b>10am</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Adoration at STB School (Class 7KBR)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP
	<b>10am</b>	Adoration & Confessions

### MASS INTENTIONS for the Fourth Sunday of Lent 15th March 2026

<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Fr Tony Rohan (b'day a)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Dec'd Srebniak & Duraj Families
	<b>11.15am</b>	Pat Reardon (a) & (b'day a) & People of the Parish
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Baptism of Nuala Kember
	<b>6pm</b>	Allan Trahearn RIP & Dec'd Doherty & Dunne Family

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

### 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, Bernard Cannon

### For the Dead ...

Please pray for **JANET HULSE** Funeral Mass 2pm Monday 16th March. **ANN BLUNDELL** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 25th March, Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 26th March, **BILL REARDON** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 9th March, Funeral Mass 9.30am Friday 10th March.



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Bridie & Paddy Joe McNerney**

Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Pat Reardon (Anniversary & B'day Anniv)**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Fr Tony Rohan (B'day A)**

Next week lamp burns for the intentions of **Fr Long (12th Anniv of Ordination to the Priesthood)**

### Pope's Prayer Intention for March—

**for disarmament and peace**—Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## 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.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES AT MOUNT CARMEL

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available before all weekly Masses leading up to Holy week.

**PALM SUNDAY**—29th March  
5.00pm (Vigil Mass)  
8.15am, 11.15am, 6.00pm

**LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**  
Monday 30th March at 7.00pm

### MAUNDY THURSDAY—2ND APRIL

N.B. No Morning Mass

**7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
*with watching until midnight*  
*Night prayer at 11.45pm.*

### GOOD FRIDAY—3RD APRIL

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
**3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**  
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY—4TH APRIL

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
**8.00pm EASTER VIGIL**

### EASTER SUNDAY—5TH APRIL

8.15am, 11.15am and 6.00pm  
**Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

## 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*

## Saint for the Week ....

### Monday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

(1384-1440) *St Frances was a married woman, and a mother of six children. She was zealous in the performance of every household duty, saying, 'A married woman must often leave God at the altar to find Him in her household care'. She patiently endured many trials, including the death of two of her children, the exile of her husband and the confiscation of their estates. In 1433 she founded the Benedictine Oblates of the Tor de'Specchi to continue her works of charity, and after her husband died in 1436 she became their superior.*

### Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 28th Feb/1st March 2026  
1st Collection £771.05 + £201 (Dona)  
2nd Collection £365 + £95.00 (Dona) (Cafod)  
£27 (Dona) Parish Hall  
Attendance 541

*These figures do not include Standing Orders*

**Second Collection this weekend is for Cathedral Maintenance**

### COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

### COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 4 A Jacob D Davis L Jacob S Jose

### Easter Fairtrade sale after all Masses 21st/22nd March

This Sunday is the deadline for ordering Real Easter Eggs. These fairly traded eggs are the only ones that promote the real meaning of Easter. They are not available in supermarkets. A few will be on sale after masses on 21st/22nd March but to be sure of getting one please order in advance by emailing [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me) by Monday morning (9th). Milk chocolate £5.50, dark chocolate £6.50, both 150g.

### CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

The parish Laudato Si/Cafod group are aiming, between them, to achieve the CAFOD target of 200km (120 miles) walked and £200 raised. Could you help them do this? Please sponsor them by donating directly to the JustGiving page at: [OLMC fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD](#) or go to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and put OLMC fundraising page in the search box. If you would like to help them achieve the distance just let the group know by emailing: [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me)

**FOODBANK:** Our weekly donations continue to provide essential support to families and so far our donations during Lent have been an amazing 108kgs (in 3 donations). The following items are particularly in short supply: Long Life milk, tinned carrots, tinned sweetcorn and tinned meat. As we are approaching Easter they would appreciate gifts of Easter Eggs, so they can add something special for people. Once again they want to give us a very big **THANK YOU** for our continued support.

### St Augustine's Catholic High School

As part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, they are looking to build up a small stock of spare outdoor kit and equipment for students who may need it or forget to bring it on expeditions. If you have any old or unused outdoor equipment at home that you would be willing to donate, they would be extremely grateful. This could include items such as rucksacks, waterproofs, walking boots, sleeping mats, gloves, beanies, mid-layers etc or any other suitable expedition equipment. Items do not need to be new, but they should be safe and in usable condition. Donations like these make a real difference in helping all students access and fully participate in DofE expeditions. If you are able to help, please drop off at school reception. Thank you.

St Augustine's are also fundraising for 'Marys Meals' and warmly invite parishioners to support them in their efforts. At St Augustine's they develop students to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Children in Malawi, Kenya, South Sudan, and Haiti go hungry daily with kind hearts and a hunger for Justice, we must act. Please see the address <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P500000jplsYIAU> and give if you can. Thank you.

### Men's Rosary in the City 2026—Saturday March 21st, 12 noon, Chamberlain Square by the fountain.

We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully to into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector defender and servant. For more information contact Ben on 07885 505116

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](mailto:sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

**Prayer & Coffee Morning**  
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham  
10am Wednesday 18th March 2026  
Everyone welcome

