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Newsletter 2266 Nineteenth Sunday Year A 9th August 2026 *Psalter Week 2*

Readings can be found on page 114 in the Parish Mass Book

A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Mass this weekend; special welcome also to those visiting the parish.
"*Command me to come to you*," the words of St. Peter to our Lord strikes deeply in the heart. This is what prayer is — the union with God or if we are lacking it, the desire for the union with God.

This week for the 11:15 mass we welcome Fr David Krol, who is a Jesuit priest. He is also the chaplain at the University of Birmingham. I am celebrating my Thanksgiving Mass at Erdington Abbey where I had pastoral experience on a weekly basis whilst I was at Oscott College — assisting at Mass and visiting the sick etc.

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 9th August 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Chris & Colman Burke (a)
Sunday	**8.15am**	Mary Guilfoyle RIP
	11.15am	Anna Rose Sedgwick (b'day a) & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Lucas Ferris*
	6pm	John Lynch (b'day a) **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Jose & Henry McGowan RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Paddy Dooley RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Private Intention (Fr Jithin)
Friday	**9.30am**	Val & Anne Fanning (Wedd A)
Saturday	**9.30am**	Roma Loboda RIP
	10am	*Confessions NB No Adoration & Benediction*
	11am	*Keralan First Holy Communions Mass*
	5pm	Colman Butler (a) & Ints of Andrew & Jen Turner (60th Wedd A)

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 15th August

Sunday	**8.15am**	Pius McDermott RIP
	11.15am	Deacon Doug Taylor (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Allan Trahearn 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, Margaret Williams, Bernard Cannon, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Ellis Mitchell, Jane Elliott, , Pascale Breyne, 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

Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

For evangelisation in the city—let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of ***Peter Robinson***
Next week in loving memory of ***P V George (A)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week ***Free at the moment***
Next week in loving memory of ***P V George (A)***

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for the Holy Sisters of the Needy

ROSARY As Jesus withdrew to pray, let us prepare for Mass by praying the Rosary with Mary before the Blessed Sacrament. From **Sunday, 16 August**, the **Solemnity of the Assumption**, the Rosary will be prayed before our Sunday Masses, beginning with the **11:15 am Mass**. We hope to extend this to every Sunday Mass with the help of volunteers.
If you are willing to **lead the Rosary**, or simply **join us in prayer**, please speak to the parish office or one of the clergy.

ALTAR SERVERS We will be holding a series of training sessions for altar servers. If your child wishes to attend, please contact the parish office to register. It is important that we know how many children will be attending so that we can organise the sessions accordingly.

Young Adults : *Important Notice:* The Young Adults group will meet this **Sunday, 9 August** following the 6 PM Mass. The plan for the evening is to walk around the Arrow Valley lake and recite the Rosary.

Parish Pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton

Planning is well underway for our parish pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton on Saturday 12 September. The pilgrimage will start at 12 noon for prayers and reflections prior to our departure. We aim to return to Mount Carmel at about 4.15pm in time for refreshments in the parish hall before ending the pilgrimage with Mass at 5pm. Further details will be published when planning is complete, however, if you already know you will be coming please let the parish office now so we can collate numbers attending. Thank you.

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*

Oppose Assisted Suicide Bill—*Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide*

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.
For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide *or* righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	1/2 August 2026
1st Collection	£820.18
2nd Collection	£309.16 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	390

Standing Orders for June £3750.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 2 C Morgan J McHugh A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 27th August
2pm Parish Hall

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.

FOODBANK : Our donation to the Redditch Foodbank this week was 24.5kg, this was really appreciated as due to financial pressures donations have reduced, so much so it has been necessary to purchase supplies from Supermarkets to 'top up' the donations. We continue to be a welcome and valued supporter of the Foodbank, please keep up the generous donations, we are making a difference to families lives. Thank you.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS—UNCLAIMED PRIZES

15th Prize Cava Ticket No 00422 Clare Hannon
16th Prize Vanity Bag Ticket No 02931 Seby
20th Prize Garden Gloves Ticket No 01151 Angie Chatterley
21st Prize LED Mirror Ticket No 01515 Margaret Groves
22nd Prize Quality Street Ticket No 01311 Brian Green
24th Prize Fererro Rocher Ticket No 01690 Jomon

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesdays 19th August, 2nd & 16th September
Everyone welcome

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 in the first week of September.
Date to be arranged

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.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS ……

Saturday 12 September Pilgrimage from OLMC to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton
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

A relaxing afternoon of beautiful piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Taylor.
Further details in the newsletter at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE—Due to unforeseen circumstances this fundraiser is cancelled.
A parishioner is hosting an Afternoon Tea to raise funds in aid of Breast Cancer on Saturday 15 August at 2pm at 12 Dagnell End Road, Bordesley, Redditch B98 9BH

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)

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

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

This year's Journey in Faith Course begins in September and takes place on a Thursday evening 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