



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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FACEBOOK OLMC Redditch



NEWSLETTER 2254 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026** Psalter Week 2

Readings can be found on page 268 in the Parish Mass Book

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Welcome to all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. In a special way we wish to greet new parishioners, those who are visiting, and of course, our wonderful parishioners who are the backbone of this great parish community of faith.

Thank you to every parishioner who took part in our recent parish consultation. Your presence, prayers, ideas, and honest sharing are deeply appreciated. It was encouraging to see our parish community coming together to reflect on our future and mission. We are grateful for your support, commitment, and love for our parish.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Bishop David, who represented the Diocese, and to our Dean, Canon Gary Buckby, for their vision, encouragement, and support for the future plans of our parish. Their guidance and commitment are greatly appreciated as we continue to grow together in faith and mission. Please continue to keep this journey in your prayers as we move forward together in faith and hope

MAY DEVOTION—We have begun Mary's Month of May, please do pray a decade of the rosary each day and please also light a candle when you come to Mass, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for peace in our life and in the world. Please join us for the Rosary twenty minutes before each weekday Mass.

THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—On this great day we celebrate the joy of our Risen Lord ascending into heaven where he intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father and promises to remain with us until the end of time. It is to heaven that we are called on our pilgrim journey. Such an important feast demands that we come to Mass and celebrate this beautiful reality together. Thursday is therefore a Holy Day of Obligation, and we are bound to attend Holy Mass. Our Masses are 9.30am and 7.00pm. School Masses as listed below.

PENTECOST NOVENA—We begin the great Novena to the Holy Spirit calling on the Spirit to be renewed within us and in the whole Church. The Prayer begins on Thursday, Ascension of the Lord and lasts until the great Solemnity of Pentecost nine days later. If we could offer this prayer for the renewal of faith in our families and the growth of our parish at this time.

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 10th May 2026

Saturday	5pm	John Morrissey (a) & Mary Webb RIP
Sunday	8.15am	Norah & Eddie O'Hara RIP & Ints of Kennedy Family
	11.15am	John Quinn RIP & a People of the Parish
	6pm	Jim Fallon RIP & Mary Hickey RIP (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Zanita Glenda Plaga RIP & Diomedes Borres Jr RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Percy Fernadel (a) & Linda Horne RIP
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord—Holyday of Obligation		
	9am	Mass at MCS—Holy Souls
	9.30am	Mary Doyle RIP
	11am	Mass at STA—Ann Crompton
	2pm	Mass at STM—Holy Souls
	2pm	Mass at STB—Holy Souls
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Phinomina Vareedhukutty RIP
Friday	9.30am	Ann Blundell RIP & Ints of Fr Long (b'day)
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of J & P.T. Jones & family & Martin Fawlk (b'day a)
	10am	Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda RIP & Mary Hawkes (a)
Seventh Sunday of Easter 17th May 2026		
Sunday	8.15am	Ints of Elijah Kott (1st b'day) & Padder McGovern RIP
	11.15am	People of the Parish
	1pm	Baptism of Sophia Bushell, Archie Dunleavy, Ilaira Elliott & Paddy Wall
	6pm	Anna McGoldrick (a) (live-streamed)



PETITIONS TO LOURDES— A parishioner is going to Lourdes with the Diocese over the May half term and would be happy to take petitions of the parish to the Grotto. If you have any petitions you would like taken, please put in an envelope and hand in to one of the clergy or the parish office before Sunday 18th May.

For the Sick ...

Please pray for Brian Dixon, Caroline & Bob Holland, Eddie & Geraldine McGoarty, Delia Bree, Fr Michael White, Paul McConnell, Annie Cleary, Michael & Maria Yates, Julian McRandal, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Vilma Willis, Margaret Williams, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Lexi Bradbury, Ellis Mitchell, Gary Dallow, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Bernard Cannon, Pascale Breyne, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Sheila Twist, Doris Flynn, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Janet Davies, Christine Morrissey, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn, Amy Pinfold, Michelle Millichap,

For the Dead ...

MARY GUILFOYLE Funeral Mass 2pm Tuesday 26th May, **JOHN MCFALL** Funeral Service 2pm Friday 5th June at the Abbey Chapel, **STEPHEN MURPHY**, friend of parishioner, **JEAN DONEGAN**, late of this parish, relative of parishioner

Pope's Prayer Intention for May : that everyone might have food. We pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **Elijah (1st b'day)**
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Danuta Zdanko**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for **Susie, Charlie Doherty & family**
Next week in loving memory of **Paraskiewicz & Wasył Sluzala**

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*

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

Next Saturday 16th May at 6.00pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets are on sale at the Church's main entrance after Mass and at school receptions, you can also pay via dona machines

If you would like to volunteer to cook and bring a dish to represent your homeland, please do not think it needs to be a banquet - a plate or dish of food to share is absolutely perfect. There will be sign in lists situated in the church porches for you to sign up should you wish to do this. Alternatively, you can email office@mtcarmel.co.uk or call the Parish office on 01527 63096 and leave a message with your Mobile number, Name and dish you will be providing, and we will add your name to the list. Also if you have any hidden talents that you would like to share to entertain on the night, please let us know.

Only a week to go now, so if you haven't already bought a ticket, it's not too late!!

Many thanks to those who have already bought tickets and to those who have volunteered to bring food

NB. For those who have volunteered to bring food, this can be brought to the parish hall from 4pm on the day

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	2/3 May 2026
1st Collection	£453.47 + £217.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£237.41 + £42 (Dona) Parish Hall
Attendance	431
Standing Orders for March	raised £3,682.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

There is a meeting of the Parish Social Committee to finalise the Multi-Cultural Evening on **TUESDAY 12 MAY** at 6pm in the parish hall

INTERCULTURAL MASS 11.15AM PENTECOST SUNDAY—24TH MAY 2026

All parishioners are invited to celebrate this day by wearing traditional dress from your homeland and bring along a National flag that will represent your homeland. It would be lovely if we could translate the readings and bidding prayers in a variety of home languages too. Perhaps we could share a traditional hymn in another language. We will process into Church with our flags and fully celebrate the true meaning of Pentecost Sunday by thanking God for the spread of the Catholic faith around the world. We will also continue the celebration by sharing tea, coffee and cakes in the hall afterwards. Would you like to help by reading, bidding prayers, singing, playing a traditional instrument, supply cakes or generally help with the organisation of the Mass on Pentecost Sunday? Then please sign up on the list at the back of the Church and email parish office or speak to Father Long.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish relies greatly on the goodwill, kindness, and generous time of volunteers. Perhaps you might consider helping your church as part of a new resolution? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of important ministries and tasks, including: * **Welcoming Team** * **Children's Liturgy** * **Sacristan** * **Flower Arranging** * **Gardening** * **Tea & Coffee after 11.15am Mass** If you are able to help in any way, whether regularly or occasionally, please speak to Fr. Long or contact the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered.

Young Adults (over 18s) group beginning Sunday 31st May, 6-9pm in Parish Hall

If you are interested in being involved, please email office@mtcarmel.co.uk so we can keep in touch and it would be helpful if you shared any ideas or suggestions for activities or topics you would like the group to include. We hope this group will be a welcoming space to grow in faith, build community, and share meaningful experiences together.

FOODBANK: Our parish continues to be a great support to the Redditch Foodbank this week our donation was 11.3Kg Between 13-20 May the Fairtrade Foundation is supporting 'A Million Acts of Hope' which is a celebration of everyday acts of kindness. They are asking schools and parishes to join in by pledging to donate Fairtrade products to local food banks, in this way we are supporting the growers and the local people in need. Perhaps this was one of the pledges you made at the end of the Jubilee year? So during this period pick up a single Fairtrade item and donate to our weekly collection. Thank you for your continued generous support.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

Saturday 16 May @ 6pm Multicultural Evening – Fundraising for the parish

Sunday 24 May @ 11.15am International Mass Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 31 May @ 11.15am Deacon Des 25th Anniversary followed by refreshments

Sunday 31 May @ 6pm-9pm Young Adults (over 18) Group in the Parish Hall

Thursday 16 July @ 7pm OLMC Feast Day —Social & BBQ

Sunday 19 July @ 11.15am Fr Jithin & Deacon David's Thanksgiving Mass followed by refreshments

Saturday 10 October @ 11am Mass for the Sick followed by refreshments

Saturday 7 November @ 5pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners followed by refreshments

St Augustine's Catholic High School Choirathon 2026!

On Tuesday 30th June, the STA Choir will tour around St Peter's Church, Bromsgrove, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch and St Peter's Church, Crabbs Cross, performing for friends, family, members of the public and parishioners! Anticipated times are:- ***St Peter's, Bromsgrove 6pm-6.30pm**, ***Mount Carmel, Redditch 7pm-7.30pm**, ***St Peter's, Crabbs Cross 8pm-8.30pm** Please put the date in your diaries and come and hear their fantastic choir sing!

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

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 21st May

Trip tbc

2pm Parish Hall

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham

10am Wednesday 20th May
Everyone welcome

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



