



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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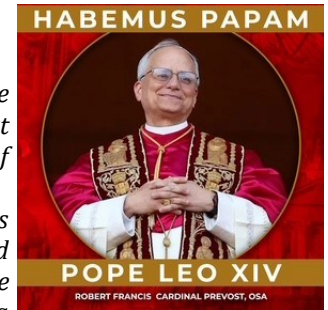
NEWSLETTER 2205 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 11TH MAY 2025**

Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52 Psalm 99 Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 Gospel John 10:27-30

Habemus Papam!—Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley

I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023.

I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 11th May 2025

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| Saturday | 5pm | John Morrissey (a) & Mary Hickey (b'day a) |
| Sunday | 8.15am | Norah & Eddie O'Hara (a) 9.45am (Polish) |
| | 11.15am | Ints of Joseph & People of the Parish |
| | 6pm | Paddy Ryan (live-streamed) |
| Monday | 6pm | Ints of Ann Lough |
| STM School | 9am | Ints of Fr Tony |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Jacqui Feelan |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | John (a), PJ, Seamus, Michael & Elizabeth Sammin |
| Thursday | 5pm | Reception of Body Pamela Noonan |
| | 7pm | Elizabeth Loboda |
| Friday | 9.30am | Mary Hawkes (a) & Martin Fawlk (b'day a) |
| | 10.30am | Funeral Mass Pamela Noonan |
| Saturday | 9.30am | Roger Allcock |
| | 5pm | John Doran (a) |

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May 2025

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| Sunday | 8.15am | Mary O'Dowd 9.45am (Polish) |
| | 11.15am | Margaret Geraghty (a) & People of the Parish |
| | 6pm | Anna McGoldrick (live-streamed) |

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, PAUL MCCONNELL, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, DAVID CRUISE, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, LORNA PARSONAGE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY & JOHN HAWTHORNE, BARBARA HARTHILL, JANE ELLIOTT, RYAN MARSDEN, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, ROBERT CARTER, DAVID BUTCHER, SUSAN PORTER**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **PAMELA NOONAN** Reception into Church 5pm Thursday 15th May, Funeral Mass 10.30am Friday 16th May, **MARC VON VICKERSON** Graveside Service 2pm 20th May at Edgioake Lane Cemetery, Astwood Bank, **EUNICE 'LYN' BAYLEY** Funeral Service at the Abbey Chapel 2.45pm Thursday 22nd May, **MARY 'MAURA' HEATH** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 4th June, Funeral Mass 10.30am Thursday 5th June, **MICHAEL RYAN** Reception into church 5pm Monday 9th June, Funeral Mass 1pm Tuesday 10th June, **BETTY TONGUE** Funeral details not yet known



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **RICHARD & JANE DOYLE**
Next week for the intentions of **CHRISTINE CONBOY**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **LIZ MUNNERLEY (A)**
Next week in loving memory of **ADAM BOBOWSKI (B'DAY A)**

Sr Joanne Walsh RIP

Well loved Presentation Sister who served here in Redditch and left in 1995 for missionary work in Namibia has died.
May she rest in peace

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

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturday 10am-11am or by appointment

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

Income & Expenditure Sheet for 2023 & 2024
Available from the back of church and porches
Please take one home with you

Jubilee Year 2025 Feckenham Flower Festival
Next Weekend Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May

SS John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham

Refreshments & BBQ

1.30pm Saturday & Sunday — Choir
10.15am Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr Van
Intention : Bernadette & Barry Rugen

Needed 3/4 people to man the BBQ on Saturday
Please contact Parish Office

Donations towards the cost of the flowers would be gratefully received (mark envelope Flowers Feckenham) and can be handed into the parish office.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE & MIDDLE EAST

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 our 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

Monday Ss Nerius and Achilleus, Martyrs or of Saint Pancras, Martyr

St Nereus and Achilleus were Roman soldiers during the reign of Diocletian. They embraced the true faith. As a result, they were martyred. (+304) Barely 14 years old, St Pancras was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. According to tradition he preferred rather to die than renounce his faith in Christ. He was buried on the via Aurelia where Pope Symmachus built a basilica over his tomb.

Tuesday Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima (Portugal) on the 13th day for six consecutive months in 1917. She brought a message of peace and reparation for sin, encouraging devotion to her Immaculate Heart and the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Wednesday Feast of St Matthias, Apostle

(+64) After the Ascension of Our Lord, St Peter proposed that the disciples select an apostle in the place of Judas. They chose Matthias, who joined the eleven Apostles. He worked for the faith in Palestine, and later was stoned to death.

Weekly Statistics :

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| Weekend | 3/4 May 2025 |
| 1st Collection | £540.23 |
| 2nd Collection | £309.41 (Parish Hall) |
| Attendance | 421 |

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Seniors Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 22nd May
in the Parish Hall

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 4 A Shibu D Davis L Jacob S Jose

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 5 A Paul J Joseph S Philip S Joseph

Please vote against the Assisted Dying Bill at Third Reading.

There are cards in church for you to sign and send to your MP at the House of Commons. Please take one home after Mass.

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to join our group at the Bridge Church Community Hall, Headless Cross, for our meeting on Saturday 17th May, 11am to 2pm. As well as meditating with Scripture we will have input from the nuns in Walsingham via Zoom as spiritual inspiration. Bring some food to share for lunch if you can stay, but come for a shorter time if you wish. We look forward to welcoming you.

Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Retreat

This will be held on 31st May at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham. A day of reflection for the Jubilee year and how it calls us to rest, renew our faith and commit to building a fairer world where all may flourish. There will be reflection on how different themes from Luke 4:16-21 can guide and inspire us to be pilgrims of hope in today's world. For more details please see poster in church porches or go to <https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/retreat.html>

Faith in Action Volunteer Opportunity

Are you passionate about faith, justice, and making a difference in the world? The Columban Missionaries are recruiting for their 2025/26 Faith in Action Volunteer Programme, a transformative year lone opportunity to put your faith into action! A unique opportunity for young adults (aged 21-30) to dedicate a year to mission and social justice work. Based in Birmingham, volunteers engage in projects connected to refugees and asylum seekers, interfaith initiatives, and justice and peace education. More information at :

<https://columbans.co.uk/justice-peace/16040/faith-in-action-volunteer-programme-2025-26-applications-now-open/>

Permanent Deacons

Men (married or single) who might wish to reflect on the possibility of a vocation as a permanent deacon, or who simply wish to find out a little more, are warmly invited to attend Evening Prayer and Benediction followed by tea and light refreshments at Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Church, Acocks Green on Sunday 11th May at 4.30pm. Wives and family members are also very welcome. For further details Contact: dcn.tim.anthony@rcaob.org.uk or just turn up to reflect and listen.

Archdiocese of Birmingham—Safeguarding Voluntary Position

The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. We would welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role—

Further details available at [Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding) or visit

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding

Redditch Choral Society present Bach's St John's Passion

Saturday 7th June at Ss Matthias & George Church, Astwood Bank, B96 6EH.

The powerful re-telling of the days leading to Christ's Crucifixion set to music, sung in English. Professional Orchestra and directed by Emily Tyrell (parishioner). Tickets £15, £10 (Students) available from Ticket Source (Scan QR code to book)

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

Pilgrimage to Evesham

Saturday 12th July

Mass at St Egwins, Walk to the Abbey
concluding with Benediction

If you are interested in going, please register with the parish office so we have an idea of how many would like to go.

Churches Together in Redditch

Worship Together—1700th

Anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

Trinity Sunday 15th June at 3.30pm
in the Ecumenical Centre (adjoining
the Kingfisher Centre).

*Hosted by Emmanuel Church, Redditch
(Methodist & United Reformed)*

