Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2275 Twenty-Eighth Sunday Year A Sunday 11th October 2026

Psalter Week 4 Readings can be found on page 140 in the Parish Mass Book

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today is a day of prayer for prisoners and dependents. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment — those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support.

ENROLMENT IN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

This Sunday, we warmly welcome the Year 3 children and their families from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic First School to the 11.15am Mass for enrolment in the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programmes.

As the children begin this important journey of faith, we encourage them and their parents to attend Sunday Mass every week, helping them grow closer to Jesus and prepare well to receive these beautiful sacraments.

Next Sunday, we will welcome the Year 3 children and their families from St Thomas More School. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for these special encounters with Jesus.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We are invited to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary each day for the intentions of peace in the world, our families and our parish community. The Rosary will be prayed each day before Mass.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Thank you to all who attended the Mass for the Sick. Such a moving and special Sacrament to receive, and the service was enjoyed by many of our parishioners. We will continue to pray for the sick of our Parish, especially those who were not well enough to attend in person. If you would like to be on the Parish sick list, please complete the form giving permission for your name to be on the weekly newsletter.

My sincere thanks go to all of the members of the Social committee and Young Adults Group. They generously gave up their time, baked cakes and desserts, made beautiful sandwiches, soups and served teas and coffee to us all in the hall following the Mass for the sick. The hall and tables looked so beautiful and the parishioners enjoyed your refreshments very much.

PIETY SHOP NOW OPEN

Our Piety Shop is open this weekend at the back of the church. Come and browse our selection of religious items and gifts.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Envelopes are available at the church porches. Please write the names of those you wish to remember and return the envelope, together with your offering, in the collection bag the next time you come to Mass or through the parish office letter box. The names will be placed in the Holy Souls Box before the altar on Sunday 1 November and remembered at Mass throughout November and the coming year.

Important dates:

Sunday 1 November – All Saints: Mass at 5.00pm (Vigil), 8.15am, 11.15am and 6.00pm.
Monday 2 November – All Souls: Mass at 9.30am and 6.00pm.
Saturday 7 November— Mass for Deceased Parishioners, followed by refreshments at 5.00pm.
Sunday 8 November— 2.00pm Blessing of Graves at Abbey Cemetery, beginning with a short service at the Abbey Chapel
Sunday 15 November—2.00pm Blessing of Graves at Hadzor Cemetery

New Children's Liturgy

We are delighted to announce the start of a new Children's Liturgy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Beginning on Sunday 8th November Children's Liturgy will take place during the 11.15am Mass and is open to all children from Reception age to Year 3.

Children's Liturgy provides a wonderful opportunity for our younger members of the parish to explore the Sunday Gospel in a way that is fun, engaging and appropriate for their age. Through stories, discussion, activities and prayer, we hope to help children grow in their understanding and love of Jesus and the Mass.

Children will begin Mass with the whole parish community before going to the parish hall for their own Children's Liturgy, returning to join everyone again during the celebration of Mass.

All children from Reception to Year 3 are very welcome. We look forward to welcoming our youngest parishioners and helping them discover the joy of celebrating and living their faith together. We hope to see lots of familiar faces — and plenty of new ones — on Sunday 8th November! At the end of the 11.15am Mass today a member of the Children's Liturgy Team will say a few words about what the children

Please Note change of email address

We are in the process of phasing out our **office@mtcarmel.co.uk** address and would ask that when emailing, you now use the following—for the office **olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk**, for finance **pt.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk** and for safeguarding **sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk.** Thank you

TEA & COFFEE after the 11.15am Mass every Sunday—a lovely way to socialise with your fellow parishioners.

Induction of Fr Jason as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima, Quinton

Please keep Fr Jason in your prayers as he is formally inducted as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, 15 October at 7pm.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 11th October 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	People of the Parish
Sunday	**8.15am**	Jean Cooper & Clive Stevens RIP
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda & Ints of Margaret Elliott
		MCS FHC Enrolment Mass
	6pm	Ann Crompton RIP & Rachel Hemming RIP **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at STM School*
	6pm	Paddy Cassidy RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.15am*	*Mass at STA*
	6pm	*Holy Hour*
	7pm	Peter Butler (a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Christopher McNamee (b;day a)
Saturday	**9.30am**	Holy Souls
		Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	John Morrissey (b'day a)

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Sunday	**8.15am**	Tom Walsh RIP
	11.15am	Lou & Gladys Watson RIP
		STM School FHC Enrolment Mass
	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, Mary Fallon, Bernard Cannon, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Ellis Mitchell, Pascale Breyne, Jane Elliott, 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, Christopher Lamare, Harry Doherty

For the dead . . .

Please pray for **Dawn Murray,** *Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 3rd November,*
Bernard Cannon, *Funeral details not yet known*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of ***Mary O'Brien (a)***
Next week ***Free at the moment***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of ***Thomas & Bridie Meagher***
Next week ***Free at the Moment***

Seniors Next Meeting

1pm Thursday 15th October

SILENCE IN CHURCH

May I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Please silence your mobile phone and also not to speak during Mass itself.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OF OCTOBER

For mental health ministry—let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses

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.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 3/4 October 2026

1st Collection	£660.13
2nd Collection	£617.27 (CAFOD)
	£22 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	460

Standing Orders for August £3377.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 11 S Jose B Babu B Jacob M Reyes

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 21st October
Everyone welcome

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will meet **next week** after the 6pm Mass for a social get together. All young adults are warmly welcome.

FAIRTRADE SALE This takes place after all Masses this weekend. As usual there will be a range of products supporting farmers in : Ghana, Palestine and Malawi; soap from Nablus; bath salts from the Dead Sea and apple juice supporting Syrian refugees locally. Please support this great way to help our sisters and brothers trade their way out of poverty. Cash only please.

THANK YOU for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day—thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group Next meeting will take place at the Bridge Community Hall, Headless Cross, on Saturday, 17th October from 11am til 2pm. We will practise Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) and study our book entitled 'Waiting in Hope with Mary'. We finish with a shared lunch. All are welcome to join for anytime that you are able.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS ……

Saturday 7 November @5pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners followed by refreshments
Sunday 8 November @2pm Blessing of the Graves Abbey Cemetery
Sunday 15 November @2pm Blessing of the Graves Hadzor Cemetery
Saturday 28 November @12noon Christmas Lunch in Parish Hall
Tuesday 15 December @6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Wednesday 16 December @6pm MCS Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

PARISH HALL FOR PUBLIC HIRE

Our Parish Hall is available for public hire, ideal for parties, meetings, workshops, and community events. It offers a spacious hall, kitchen facilities, tables and chairs, and convenient parking in a welcoming and affordable setting. For availability, pricing, and bookings, please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safe-guarding representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon. Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

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