



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2251 **2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026**

Readings can be found on page 255 in the Parish Mass Book

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today we continue to rejoice in the gift of the Resurrection of the Lord as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the Octave Day of Easter. The Easter season concludes on Sunday 24th May 2026 with the Solemnity of Pentecost. Last weekend I was delighted to welcome so many people to our parish for the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses. They were very blessed celebrations, and it was so good to see a full church at most liturgies. We pray that this time of Easter may be a season of renewal and hope for our parish community.



Divine Chaplet Prayer and Benediction at 3pm.

At 3pm there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet and prayers of the Divine Mercy. Please come and share in this great devotion of the Church.

THANK YOU

To everybody who has worked to make the Holy week and Easter Sunday a very special time in our parish community. With gratitude we wish to give our thanks to all those who have helped in so many ways; stewards, choir, musicians, readers and Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, flower arrangers, all those who have cleaned the church and many others who in small and big ways have made a contribution to this great week and celebration of Easter. Please forgive me if we have left anybody out. Each and everyone of you have our gratitude.

A big thank you to all for the cards, gifts and good wishes received and for your most generous Easter Offerings. We pray and ask God to bless and reward you all for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 12th April 2026

Easter Saturday	5pm	Ints of Reji George (b'day) & Paddy & Mary Jo Loftus (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Paily Ouseph (a) & Aleyamma Philip (1st A)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda RIP & People of the Parish
	1pm	Baptism of Kende & Kevin Beregszaszi, Isabelle Beaman
	2pm	Natalia Jolliffe-Hingston
	3pm	Holy Hour & Divine Mercy Chaplet
	6pm	Robert Stack (a) (live-streamed)
Monday	9am	Mass st STM School
	6pm	Cummin & Bridget Burke (a)
Tuesday	9.30am	Intention for faith & healing in the U.K & Padraic Curran RIP
Wednesday	- - -	No Mass
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Deacon Doug Taylor (b'day a) & Michelle Kirby (a)
Friday	9.30am	Tony & Teresa Gregory RIP & Ints of Fr Long on his Induction and 12th Anniversary
	12 noon	Funeral Mass Ann Crompton
Saturday	9.30am	Francie Carney RIP & Ints of Sally & family
	5pm	Mary Webb RIP & Bill Reardon RIP
Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026		
Sunday	8.15am	Geevar Kott (a) & Liam Boyd (a)
	11.15am	Ints of Caroline & Bob Holland
	6pm	Richard Whyte (a) & People of the Parish (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, 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, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Pascale Breyne, Sheila Twist, Doris Flynn, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Janet Davies, Christine Morrissey, Marion Behan

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ANN CROMPTON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 17th April, **JILL SPURRELL** Funeral Mass 2pm Friday 17th April at St Mary's, Studley, **JEAN WILSON** Funeral Mass 11.45 Monday 20th April, **MARTINA QUINN** Reception of Body 4pm Monday 20th April, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 21st April, **JIM FALLON** 12.30pm Monday 27th April.

Friends of the Holy Land Appeal

Next weekend (18th/19th) Brendan Metcalfe will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. The 2nd Collection will be for Friends of the Holy Land.



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Thomas & Bridie Meagher**
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Boyd**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Michael Purcell (a)**
Next week the lamp burns for the **Darcy Family**

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

NB FROM THIS SUNDAY ONWARDS THE LOWER CAR PARK GATES WILL BE OPEN EVERY SUNDAY TO EASE CONGESTION AFTER MASS

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*

Pope's Prayer Intention for April—For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Weekly Statistics :

Holy Week
Maundy Thursday £147.16 (Parish)
Good Friday £455.85 (Holy Places)
Attendance 4th/5th April 865
These figures do not include Standing Orders

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 7 J Alen J Paul J Devassy P Joseph
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 8 B Joseph J Chacko M Gonsalves M Johnson

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 16th April
2pm Parish Hall

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

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

With food and entertainment from around the world.

This is the first time this has been held in the parish and it will be a most wonderful event where all of our parish families come together and share food from their homelands. Please try to come along and support this event.

Ticket prices: First school child: Free --- Middle school child £5 --- Adult £10.

This includes a drink and a plate of absolutely delicious food.

Tickets will be on sale soon for Multi-Cultural Evening at Church and Schools.

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.

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.

Welcoming Team

The Welcoming Team helps create a warm and friendly atmosphere before Mass. Volunteers greet parishioners and visitors, hand out newsletters, assist newcomers, and help people feel at home in our parish community. 3 or 4 people at each Mass.

Children's Liturgy

During the 11.15am Sunday Mass, young children are invited to take part in their own liturgy in the

parish hall next door. They rejoin the congregation at the Offertory. DBS check required.

Sacristan

The Sacristan helps care for the sacristy and prepares everything needed for liturgical celebrations, including weekday and Sunday Mass. DBS check required.

Flower Arranging

Our volunteer flower arrangers help make the church beautiful throughout the year, especially during major celebrations such as Christmas and Easter.

Gardening

Volunteers help keep the church grounds neat, tidy, and welcoming for all. Your time and generosity help make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community. Thank you for considering how you might help.

Tea & Coffee

Volunteers to serve Tea, Coffee and biscuits after the 11.15am Sunday Mass to encourage families to socialise after Mass.

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

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 15th April,
6th & 20th May 2026
Everyone welcome

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

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group
Next Meeting Saturday 18th April
at the Bridge Community Centre,
Headless Cross—11am—2pm
'Waiting in Hope with Mary'
Shared lunch

Gift Aid Envelopes 2026

These are available for collection from the Sacristy; there is a list of surnames and envelope numbers please note your envelope number may have changed. Please take the set of envelopes allocated to your surname.

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 Dcn Des 25th Anniversary followed by refreshments

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

Sunday 19 July @ 11.15am Fr Jithin & Dcn 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

Missio: During 2025 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has raised £718 through the red boxes and direct debit givers. This formed part of over £200,000 raised by Birmingham Archdiocese and £2,258,461 raised nationally. Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission and through your generosity and prayer many Catholic Communities and missionaries across the world can continue to thrive. On behalf of all those a massive thank you!

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

