Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2271 Twenty-Fourth Sunday Year A Sunday 13th September 2026

Psalter Week 4 Readings can be found on page 128 in the Parish Mass Book

A WARM 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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY—*An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley* Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form Christi-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

There is a real need for more foundation directors and governors to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role; it is a true vocation and a practical way to serve Christ and His Church. If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required, as full training and support are provided. God's unconditional love and readiness to forgive our sins remind us that service is not always easy, but it is always fruitful when rooted in love. Please speak to Fr Long or visit the Diocesan Education Service website for further details and to complete an online application form: https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school and https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html. **Second Collection today for the Catholic Education Service**

MASS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND ON SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026 AT 11.00 AM

Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited, together with a friend or relative, to join us for Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 11am. Transport can be provided for anyone who needs it, and refreshments will be served afterwards, offering an opportunity to spend time together as a parish family. Please save the date and let us know whether you will be able to attend the Mass and refreshments, whether you will be accompanied by anyone, and whether you require transport. Please sign the list in the porch or contact the parish office directly by Sunday 4 October. We look forward to welcoming you.

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 13th September 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Teresa Gregory (a)
Sunday	**8.15am**	People of the Parish
	11.15am	Dr P C Varghese RIP
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Harper Hope Devane-Dodd*
	6pm	Holy Souls & Hinda & John McClarney **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at STM School*
	6pm	Christine Norton (b'day a)
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Elizabeth Loboda RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.15am*	*Mass at STA*
	11.30am	*MCS Yr 3 Going Forth Mass in church*
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Ints of Ebin
Friday	**9.30am**	Bill Norton (b'day a) *STB School 6RJA/6VSU in church*
	7pm	**Fr Jason's Thanksgiving Mass & Presentation**
Saturday	**9.30am**	Christopher McNamee (a)
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Charlotte Louise Servern RIP

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Sunday	**8.15am**	Clive Stevens RIP
	11.15am	Rob Carter (a) & Peter Cornyn (a)
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Arley Turton*
	6pm	Allan Trahearn RIP and People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of ***Rob Carter (1st A)***
Next week in Thanksgiving for the life of ***Janusz Mieczakowski***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for the Intentions of ***David (18th Birthday)***
Next week ***Free at the moment***

Gospel today— 'I say unto you, not seven times but seventy-seven times' Matthew 18:21-35

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

For the dead . . .

Please pray for **Elizabeth Mary Jarvis** *Funeral 2pm Thursday 17th September at the Abbey Chapel,* **Tommy Walsh** *Funeral Mass* ***11.45pm*** *Friday 25th September,* **Clive Stevens** *(Alvechurch)*

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER …

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Fr Jason's Thanksgiving Mass & Presentation
this Friday 18th September at 7pm
followed by a reception in the parish hall.
If you haven't already done so, Its's not too late to donate towards his Presentation, Special envelopes for this are available in the church.

Fr Kevin's visit

Many thanks to Fr Kevin McDonagh for spending time with us last weekend. His sermon was insightful and inspiring, ending with a rallying call to action to help combat climate change. But what can we actually do? Firstly pray. Prayer, as James the Apostle teaches, leads to action. Here are some suggestions: participate in the parish mass for the Care of Creation on 22nd September at 9.30am; pray the novena to St. Francis starting Sat 26th Sept; read *Laudato Si* (available free on Vatican website); visit diocesan webpage Season of Creation 2026: Living Water; join or support the parish Laudato Si/CAFOD group in their work, contact email is: laudatesiolmc@proton.me

Season of Creation - Peoples Emergency Briefing film

Up to date and honest information is needed in order to take action on the climate crisis. The latest evidence is excellently explained in the Peoples Emergency Briefing film, currently being shown nationwide. The film brings together leading UK scientists and experts. Last weekend Fr Kevin made clear the need to pray and take action. He has seen the film and highly recommends it.
The Redditch screening of the film takes place next Friday 18th September at The Ecumenical Centre, Evesham St. at 6. 45pm. Seats are free but limited so please book in advance on the website **https://www.nebriefing.org/peb** where you will find the screening map. Click on Redditch screening which gives all the details. Our MP, Chris Bloore, will be there.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 5/6 September 2026
1st Collection £672.59
2nd Collection Fr Jason's collection
£12.00 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance 493
Standing Orders for July £3435.00

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

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 16th September, 7th & 21st October
Everyone welcome

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will next meet after the 6pm Mass on **Sunday 20th September** for a social get together. All young adults are warmly welcome.

Seniors Next Meeting
2pm Thursday
17th September

THE IMAGE THAT SPEAKS—MOTHER OF THE UNBORN

Talk from Fr Paschal Uche on his visit to the shrine at Guadalupe and what tis image means for us today. Sunday 20th September, 3pm at St Joseph & St Helen's Hall, 84 Northfield Rd (entrance round the corner in Station Rd), Kings Norton B30 1JG. All are welcome to join this free event, refreshments provided. For more info or to get involved in 40 Days for Life Birmingham contact Isabel on 07773 501721 and email : izzyvs@gmail.com

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

Our next meeting is on Saturday 19th September at The Bridge Community Hall, Headless Cross. We start with refreshments around 11.00am and then move on to our study book. We pray together in a reflective way with the Gospel and finish around 2.00pm after a shared lunch. All are welcome.

CAFOD Event at St Chad's Cathedral

Join us on Saturday 19 September from 10am in the Masterson Room, St Chad's Cathedral to learn more about CAFOD's work. Prayer will be led by Archbishop Bernard. Guest speaker Teamrat Belai, Country Director for CST Ethopia, will share insights into the challenges facing communities in Ethiopia and the impact of CAFOD's work. Email birmingham@cafod.org.uk for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a meeting for all Children's Liturgy volunteers on **Monday 21st September at 7pm in the Presbytery**
It is hoped this will begin at the 11.15am Mass at the beginning of November. If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office.
A Diocesan DBS certificate is required.

Fruit of the Earth, work of human hands—Retreat 18+ at St Columban's Widney Manor, Solihull, B93 9AB

Take time to delight in God's creation. Join us for a retreat day where we exploe the beautiful grounds at St Columbans, make jam with the fruit of the land, and reflect on our connection with all creation on **Saturday 19 September 9.30am-6pm with Vigil Mass.**

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 ……

Friday 18 September @ 7pm Fr Jason's Thanksgiving Mass
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
Saturday 28 November @ 12noon Christmas Lunch in Parish Hall
Tuesday 15 December @ 6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

PIANO RECITAL—2PM SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM B96 6HS
A relaxing afternoon of classical piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Thacker to include Chopin, Mendelssohn, Debussy, Schubert, Rachmaninov and more.
Adults £10, under 16's £5, tickets available from:
Felicity 07812 336263, Rebekah 07790 815365, Village Shop, Parish Office 01527 63096
All proceeds to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Thursday 17 September

This year's Journey in Faith Course begins this **Thursday, 17th September 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 olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk