



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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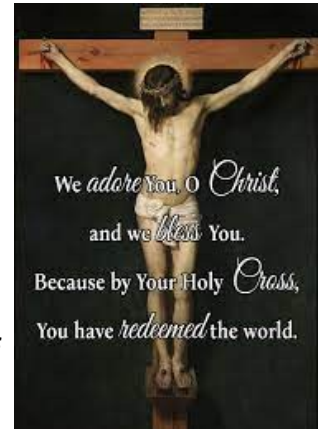


NEWSLETTER 2222 **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 77 Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel John 3:13-17 Psalter week 4

REFLECTION FOR TODAY ...

'What a great thing it is to possess the Cross! He who possesses it possesses a treasure' (St Andrew of Crete) On this day, the Gospel reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that men might be saved, The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross. By his Cross we are saved, The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God's judgement on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace, By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for mankind, for every man and woman. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew, In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust. (Pope Benedict XVI)



MEMORIAM CARDS FOR FR TONY

For those parishioners who could not attend Fr Tony's funeral and would like a Memoriam Card to remember him by, there are some available at the back of church in a basket on the offertory table.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 14th September 2025

Saturday	5pm	Dr P C Varghese (a)
Sunday	8.15am	Christine Norton (b'day a)
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Fr Tony Rohan & People of the Parish
	6pm	Ints of Victoria (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Fr Tony Rohan & Ints of Eric & Family
Tuesday	9.30am	Penny Gee (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	NO PUBLIC MASS Dec'd of the Hedgecox Family (Johnson Fund)
Thursday	7pm	Bill Norton (b'day a)
Friday	9.30am	Christopher McNamee (a)
Saturday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving (Domnic)
	5pm	Nellie & Paddy Darcy

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


**CONFESSION
& BENEDICTION
SATURDAYS
10AM - 11AM
OR BY
APPOINTMENT**

Sunday Twenty-fifth of the Year 21st September 2025

	8.15am	Margaret Rogers
	9.45am	(Polish)
	11.15am	Elizabeth Loboda & People of the Parish
	6pm	Michael Brennan (live-streamed)

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

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, DELIA BREE, PAUL MCCONNELL, JULIAN MCRANDAL, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, PIUS McDERMOTT, JANE-CHRISTINA THOMSON, HELEN HORVATH, JEAN MAITLAND, EILEEN GIBBON, FRANK & MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY HAWTHORNE, JANE ELLIOTT, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN ROBERT CARTER, SUSAN PORTER, BRIAN MCCRUDDEN, EVELYN (5 YRS OLD)**


For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARGARET PRICE-WARD** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 15th September, Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 16th September, **MICHAEL NEWMAN** Funeral Service 11am Friday 19th September in Mount Carmel, **ROMUALDA (ROMA) LOBODA** Funeral Mass 12 noon Tuesday 30th September

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

 This week in loving memory of **JAMES O'BRIEN, CHRISTINA & MARY O'BRIEN (A)**
Next week in loving memory of **ANTONINA BOBOWSKA (A)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

 This week in loving memory of **JOHN BEARD (B'DAU A)**
Next week for the intentions of **LOUELLA & GORDON D'LYMA**

Parish First Holy Communion Class for children in non-Catholic schools begins in January. Please contact the parish office either by email or phone if you wish to enrol your child/children

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

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 Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

(Third century) Pope Cornelius defended the faith against the Novatian heretics and, helped by St Cyprian, confirmed his authority. He died in exile.

St Cyprian was born in Carthage and became its bishop. He was a staunch defender of the faith and ecclesiastical discipline. He suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Valerian. Their names are included in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church or of Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

(1542-1621) St Robert Bellarmine was born at Montepulciano, Italy and joined the Society of Jesus. He was later created a Cardinal and was briefly Archbishop of Capua, although his greatest legacy is as a theologian and controversialist, especially in defending the Church from its protestant critics. He was canonised only 1930 and declared a Doctor of the Church the following year.

Hildegard was born in 1098 at Bermersheim, in Germany. At the age of 8 she was received as an oblate at the benedictine Abbey of Disibodenberg, where in 1115 she made her religious profession. Around 1150 she founded a monastery on the hill of Rupertsberg, near Bingen, where she was the Abbess. She cared for the spiritual and material well-being of her sisters, fostering in a special way community life, culture and the liturgy. She devoted herself actively to strengthening the Christian faith, opposing false teachings, and promoting Church reform through her writings and preaching. The profound spirituality of her writings had a significant influence both on the faithful and on important figures of her time and brought about an incisive renewal of theology, liturgy, natural sciences and music. Stricken by illness, Hildegard died on 17 September 1179.

Friday Saint Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop or of Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

St Theodore was born at Tarsus, Turkey, about 601. He was a monk in Italy who was not ordained priest until he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Pope Vitalian in 666 at the age of 65. He arrived in England in 669, and for the rest of his life reorganised and reformed the life of the Church throughout the country, holding visitations and synods, establishing new dioceses and a great school at Canterbury, and reconciling divisions between those of the Celtic and those of the Roman tradition. He is remembered for his scholarship and for bringing unity and organisation to a divided church. St Theodore died in Canterbury on this day in 690.

(Fourth century) St Januarius was bishop of Benevento, Italy. He died a martyr in Naples during the persecution of Diocletian. His dried blood contained in a phial liquefies several times each year.

Saturday Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

(19th century) The Christian faith was introduced into Korea during the 17th century through the zeal of a group of laypersons. But from the very beginning, these Christians suffered under terrible persecutions which, over the course of the 19th century, gave the Church many martyrs. Outstanding among these was the first Korean priest and devoted pastor, Andrew Kim of Taegu, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong of Hasang. Among the Korean martyrs who struggled valiantly for Christ were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were laity, men and women, married, single, young and old.

Weekly Statistics :


Weekend	6/7 September 2025
1st Collection	£563.51
2nd Collection	£256.38 (Parish Hall)
Attendance	438

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation—Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Fairtrade Fortnight

 This begins on 22nd September. A great way of helping producers in developing countries is to buy fairly traded goods (look out for the logo). Our fairtrade sale will be on the weekend of 27/28 September after all Masses.

Can you help?

A parishioner is trying to help a pregnant woman of 26 weeks gestation who has medical and financial problems and is in need of the following : a crib, baby carrier seat, formula milk, disposable nappies. Can be collected if in the Redditch area or brought to the parish office. If you can help please give Irene Wells a call on 07765 499669

Fields of Gold—a Seasonal Concert for charity—Saturday 11 October 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham

Tickets £10 including a glass of wine (tickets free for children)

Available from the Village Shop or www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham-st-john-the-baptist. In aid of Church Fabric Fund & The Leprosy Mission. For more info contact cf@paulfurey.com

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 6096 or by email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Seniors Next Meeting
2pm Thursday 18th September
in Parish Hall

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

QUIZ NIGHT & BUFFET

6pm Saturday 20 September
in the Parish Hall

Tickets available from the parish office
£7 per person

NB Admittance is by ticket only

Please bring your own alcohol

*Donations of bottles for the raffle
would be appreciated*

Inaugural Meeting

*Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church
Feckenham*

Prayers & Coffee Morning

10.30am Wednesday 24th September



**Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Begins Thursday 11 September
7.30pm in the parish hall**

This year's Journey in Faith course takes place this Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in the parish hall starting in September. It is the programme for those who wish to join the Catholic Church and for parishioners who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. For more information please contact the parish office on 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

LAMPS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

*To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones,
please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5*

