



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2244 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A 15TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 118 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 Psalter Week 2

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT SEASON 2026

A warm welcome to all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. As we begin the sacred Season of Lent with ashes on our forehead, we are reminded that our lives here on earth are merely a journey with an ultimate goal of eternal life which we all share. So, now is the time to assure that we are prepared for that moment when the Lord calls us to himself and judges in love and mercy. Thus, Lent is a special invitation to deepen our commitment to daily conversion so that we are living with integrity and holiness of life. With the help of our Lord, we achieve this radical transformation through **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. First is **prayer**, reminding us of our complete dependency on God. Secondly, **fasting** allows us to let go of the things that weigh us down and that we do not need, and to remind us that only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Finally, our recommitment to **'love your neighbour as yourself'** transforms our hearts, as we grow in generosity. It is my hope and prayer that this Lent is a source of abundant blessings for all the people of our parish and school and a time of recommitment to the Lord and His call to conversion.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Ash Wednesday 18th February** with blessing & imposition of ashes at **9.30am & 7pm Masses**. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence – All those 14 and over to abstain from meat. For all adults between ages of 18 & 60 you are required to fast with one meal and only two other light portions during the day. Those outside of these ages restriction may of course engage with the fast.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Each Monday and Friday after Holy Mass begins from first week of Lent.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT

There will be an opportunity to have 30 minutes of Adoration before Holy Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10am – 11 am as usual. Sacrament of Reconciliation Confession will be available at the below times.

**Holy Hour** will be resume on every Thursdays at 6pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

**Walk with Me Booklets & Calendars** are available this weekend. We would welcome a donation £1 for each booklet.

### MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 15th February 2026

<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	John, Elizabeth & Chris Morrissey
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Wendy Beddall
	<b>11.15am</b>	Ints of M & M Richardson & Family & People of the Parish
	1pm	<i>Baptism of Oli Maher-Miles</i>
	2pm	<i>Baptism of Carter Fereday</i>
	<b>6pm</b>	Teresa Carney ( <b>live-streamed</b> )
<b>Monday 16th</b>	5.30pm	<i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>
	<b>6pm</b>	Michael Howell & David Edward O'Brien
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	9am	<i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	Alan & Alice Gourley (a)
<b>Ash Wednesday 18th—Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>7pm</b>	Heather Judge
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	6pm	<b>Holy Hour</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	Edmund O'Connor (Patsy)
<b>Friday 20th</b>	9am	<i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	Ann Hennessey
	10am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ints of Wanda Skett
	10am	<i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>

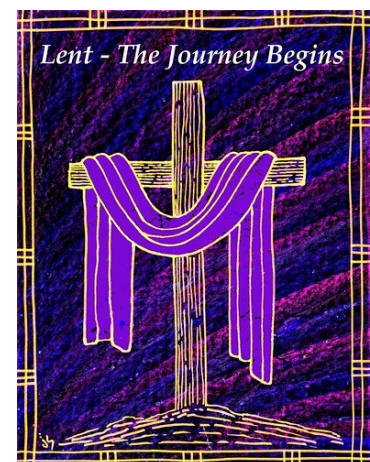
PLEASE PUT MOBILE PHONES ON SILENT AT MASS, THANKYOU

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

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

### MASS INTENTIONS for the First Sunday of Lent 22nd February 2026

<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Michael Russell
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	Paul Jarvis
	<b>11.15am</b>	Ints of M & L & Family & People of the Parish
	<b>6pm</b>	Guy Willis ( <b>live-streamed</b> )



## For the Sick ...

Please pray for Brian Dixon, Caroline & Bob Holland, Eddie & Geraldine McGroarty, Delia Bree, Fr Michael White, Paul McConnell, Annie Cleary, Julian McRandal, Michael & Maria Yates, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Margaret Williams, Lexi Bradbury, Vilma Willis, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Gary Dallow, Pascale Breyne Sheila Twist, Ellis Mitchell, Doris Flynn & Family, Bill Reardon

## For the Dead ...

Please pray for **MARY WEBB** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 26th February, Funeral Mass 2pm Friday 27th February  
**ANN BLUNDELL** Funeral details not yet known



### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of **NED & NORA MORRISSEY**

Next week in loving memory of **DEBRA TOLLEY**



### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **FR TONY ROHAN**

Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

## INDUCTION OF FR LONG & 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr Long will be inducted as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch; St Mary, Alvechurch; St John and St Thomas More, Feckenham and St Richard and St Hubert, Hadzor by Bishop David Evans on **Thursday 19th March at 7pm**, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary. This will also co-inside with his 12th Anniversary of being ordained into the Priesthood. His induction will be followed by a reception buffet and refreshments in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

## 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*

## Saints for the Week ....

### Tuesday Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Seven members of a Florentine confraternity founded the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Servites led an austere life of prayer and mortification, meditating constantly on the Passion of the Lord and venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows.

### Saturday Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(1007-1072) St Damian, a Benedictine monk, was the author of many important works on liturgy, theology and morals. Having served as an abbot, St Peter was made Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He supported Gregory VII in his struggle for the rights of the Church. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

## Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	7th/8th Feb 2026
1st Collection	£414.88
2nd Collection	£225.94(Parish Hall)
Attendance	666

*These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments*

## CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

This will be on Friday 27 February. Members of the CAFOD group will be speaking at the end of all Masses next weekend with brief news of how your donations help our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and Zimbabwe.

## CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

The Parish's Just Giving page for this is now live and can be found at [Just Giving page at OLMC fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD](#) the parish Laudato Si/CAFOD group are aiming, between them, to walk 200km (120 miles), and hope parishioners will sponsor them by donating directly to the Just Giving page. If anyone else would like to help them achieve this distance just let the group know by emailing : [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me)

## Date for your diary

Easter fairtrade sale, weekend of 21/22 March. Orders for the real Easter egg need to be sent to : [laudatesiolmc@proton.me](mailto:laudatesiolmc@proton.me) by Sunday 8 March.

## Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to join us as we meet together at The Bridge Church Community Centre, Headless Cross, Redditch. From 11am till 2pm on Saturday 21st February. We will reflect on our responsibilities towards God's creation and pray with holy Scripture. Finally we share lunch together. All welcome.

## 2026 Diaries (with Mass)

We have four Catholic Diaries left at £3.50 each available from the parish office.

## Would you like to receive your Newsletter via email?

If so, please contact the parish office either by phone 01527 63096 or email [office@mtcarmel.co.uk](mailto:office@mtcarmel.co.uk)

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](mailto:sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk)

## Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham  
10am Wednesday 18th February 2026  
Everyone welcome

## 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

## Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 5th March 2026

2pm Parish Hall



