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OLMC Redditch

Newsletter 2267 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 16th August 2026 *Psalter Week 4 Readings can be found on page 114 in the Parish Mass Book*

A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Mass this weekend; special welcome also to those visiting the parish.
Today, we particularly venerate Mary, who being so closely united to Her Son whilst on the earth, was assumed bodily into heaven at the appointed time. St. John sees in his vision, first the Ark of the Covenant, and then the Ark of the New Covenant — Mary, who bore the Son in Her Virginal womb. In the Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus,* Pius XII defined this as a Dogma for all to believe.

This week for the 11:15 mass we welcome Fr Louis Van Hong Le. He is a retired priest, also originally from Vietnam. I am celebrating my Thanksgiving Mass at St Chad's Cathedral, where I had my first pastoral placement, in the very beginning as a seminarian in the propaedeutic year at the seminary in Valladolid.

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 16th August 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Colman Butler (a) & Ints of Andrew & Jen Turner (60th Wedd A)
Sunday	**8.15am**	Pius McDermott RIP
	11.15am	Deacon Doug Taylor (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Allan Trahearn **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Tony Gregory (a)
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Bridie &John Heatley RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	P V George (a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Frances Beryl Hiles (a)
Saturday	**9.30am**	Dec'd Mankuzha Family
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Bill Reardon RIP & Mr & Mrs Stack RIP

Twenty-first Sunday of the Year A 23rd August 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Dec'd Arkkudom Family & People of the Parish
	11.15am	Gareth Harris (a) & Pat Thompson (a)
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Hallie & Edie Lappin*
	6pm	Mary Guilfoyle RIP **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady
This week in loving memory of ***P V George (a)***
Next week ***Free at the moment***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart
This week in loving memory of ***P V George (A)***
Next week ***Free at the moment***

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

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, Margaret Williams, Bernard Cannon, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Ellis Mitchell, Jane Elliott, , Pascale Breyne, 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

Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

For evangelisation in the city—let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

24-HOUR ADORATION We will have **24 hours of Adoration**, beginning after the **9:30 am Mass on Friday 21 August**. Please come and spend some time with the Lord, perhaps even during the night. Our particular intention will be **prayer for young people**. Confessions and Adoration will take place as usual after the **9:30 am Mass on Saturday 22 August**.

ROSARY The Rosary will now be prayed **20 minutes before the 11:15 am Sunday Mass**, as we do on weekdays. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary at this or another Mass, please arrive **30 minutes beforehand** and speak to Fr Jithin or Deacon David.

YOUNG ADULTS : Our Young Adults group will continue to meet **fortnightly**. The next meeting will be **after the 6 pm Mass on Sunday 23 August**. All young adults are warmly welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS We will be holding a series of training sessions for altar servers. If your child wishes to attend, please contact the parish office to register. It is important that we know how many children will be attending so that we can organise the sessions accordingly. **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Altar Servers, Saturday 3 October at 12 noon in St Chad's Cathedral**

Parish Pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton—12th September

Our pilgrimage will start with prayers in Mount Carmel at 12noon prior to travelling to the National Trust Car Park at Baddesley Clinton. Car sharing if possible. The total walking distance of the pilgrimage is just over 2 miles, along a lane and woodland footpath, with some tree roots. It is fairly flat. We will have a prayer stop at St Michael's Church, which is close to the car park and if you are unable to walk the distance, you could remain here until our return. We anticipate being back at OLMC at about 4.15pm for refreshments in the parish hall prior to 5pm Mass. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office.

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 days 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*

Oppose Assisted Suicide Bill—*Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide*

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.
For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide *or* *righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote*

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	8/9 August 2026
1st Collection	£633.96
2nd Collection	£265.84 *(Holy Sisters of the Needy Charity)*
Attendance	458
Standing Orders for June	£3750.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 4 A Jacob D Davis L Jacob S Jose

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 27th August
2pm Parish Hall

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.

FOODBANK : Thank you for this week's very generous donation of 28kg of food. In the basket there were two Fresh Salads, one containing salmon, these had to be thrown away obviously. **Please do not donate perishable items**, we collect and deliver to the foodbank once a week, however not on a regular day. At the moment they have a high priority for **tinned sweetcorn, carrots, long life milk, pasta sauce & tinned meats**

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS—UNCLAIMED PRIZES

15th Prize Cava Ticket No 00422 Clare Hannon
16th Prize Vanity Bag Ticket No 02931 Seby
21st Prize LED Mirror Ticket No 01515 Margaret Groves
22nd Prize Quality Street Ticket No 01311 Brian Green
24th Prize Fererro Rocher Ticket No 01690 Jomon

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesdays 19th August, 2nd & 16th September
Everyone welcome

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
It is hoped this will begin at the 11.15am Mass towards the end of September.
If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office. A Diocesan DBS certificate is required.
There will be a meeting for all Children's Liturgy volunteers in the first week of September.
Date to be arranged

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 ……

Saturday 12 September Pilgrimage from OLMC to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton
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

PIANO RECITAL—2PM SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM

A relaxing afternoon of beautiful piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Taylor.
Further details in the newsletter at a later date.

VACANCY AT MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL for a Lunchtime Supervisor 5hrs 25 min per week. Term time only. Closing date 7th September. To start September. Apply via MNT (My New Term)

Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Thursday 17 September

This year's Journey in Faith Course begins on
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 office@mtcarmel.co.uk or olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

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 Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon. Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

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