



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2240 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A** 18TH JANUARY 2026

Readings: Isaiah 49:3,5-6 Psalm 39 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Gospel John 1:29-34 Psalter Week 2

Announcement of Our New Parish Priest

We are pleased to share the joyful news that His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley has appointed Fr Long Nguyen as the new Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. He will be moving in on the first week of February 2026 and will be celebrating his first Mass with us on weekend 7th/8th February. Presently, Fr Long is the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima Quinton. He brings with him a generous pastoral heart, a deep love for the Church, and a sincere dedication to serving God's people with faith and compassion. We warmly welcome him into our parish family and assure him of our prayers and support as he begins his ministry among us.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 19th January 2026

Saturday	5pm	Paul Jarvis
Sunday	8.15am	Anthrayose 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Bill Wilson (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Gillian Samson (live-streamed)
Monday	6pm	Allan Trahearn
Tuesday	9.30am	Ints of Gleetar & Baby (Wedd A)
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS
Thursday	7pm	Mariamamma Chummar
Friday	9.30am	Mercy Abraham
Saturday	9.30am	M & M Richardson & Family
	5pm	Ints of Laura & Tom

MASS INTENTIONS for the Third Sunday of the Year A 25th January 2026

Sunday	8.15am	Robina (Nannie) Guy 9.45am (Polish)
	11.15am	Ints of Tommy & Rosanne Martin & People of the Parish
	6pm	Allan Trahearn (live-streamed)

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



**CONFESSION,
ADORATION &
BENEDICTION**

Saturdays 10am-11am
or by appointment

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, MARY FALLON, MARGARET WILLIAMS, LEXI BRADBURY, FR MICHAEL WHITE, ALISTAIR CROWLE, ANNIE CLEARY, VILMA WILLIS, TRACEY HAWTHORNE, JANE ELLIOTT, MARGARET ANNE SEAMAN, EVELYN (5 YRS OLD), JOHN BROWN, LORNA PARSONAGE, GARY DALLOW, PASCALE BREYNE, SHEILA TWIST, ELLIS MITCHELL, DENIS FLYNN & FAMILY**

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **EILEEN GIBBON** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 28th January, Funeral Mass 2pm Thursday 29th January, Burial at St Mary's, Studley, **HELEN BOYD** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 1st February, Funeral Mass 12 noon Monday 2nd February, Burial at the Abbey Cemetery.



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for the intentions of the **BREE FAMILY**
Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of **MARGARET ELLIOTT**
Next week for the intentions of the **BREE FAMILY**

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

Mayor's Civic Service—3.30pm Sunday 1st February at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Councillor Joanna Kane (parishioner), the Mayor of Redditch, is holding the Mayor's Civic Service at Mount Carmel on Sunday 1 February at 3.30pm. The Service will be led by the Mayor's chaplain, Canon Brian McGinley. This is a community event for the people of Redditch, and everyone is welcome.

There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. In order to arrange catering, it would be very helpful if you could please email Susie Lisle at s.lisle@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk if you would like 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

Monday Feast of Saint Wulstan, Bishop

(1008-1095) St Wulstan became a Benedictine monk at Worcester and, after serving, as Precentor and Prior, was appointed as Bishop in 1062. He was the only English man to retain his See after the Norman Conquest. His wise and benevolent rule lasted 32 years, during which he re-built his cathedral, reformed the diocese and tried to stop the slave trade at Bristol. (English slaves were sold to Norse traders in Ireland until the 12th century).

Tuesday Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr or of Saint Sebastian, Martyr

(+240) St Fabian was Pope from 236-250 AD. He promoted the consolidation and development of the Church. He divided Rome into seven dioceses for the purposes of extending aid to the poor. The papacy acquired such prestige during this time that he incurred the ire of the Emperor Decius.

(+300) St Sebastian, a native of Milan, was an officer in Diocletian's imperial guard. He became a Christian and suffered martyrdom upon the orders of the emperor. His tomb on the Via Appia (Rome) was soon visited by pilgrims.

Wednesday Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

(+304) St Agnes came from a noble Roman family. She was about 13 years old when she suffered martyrdom. After refusing to be married to a pagan, she was tortured and beheaded. Her name is included in the Roman Canon. Pope Damasus wrote a celebrated epitaph about her.

Thursday Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Friday Saint Nicholas Owen, Religious

St Nicholas Owen was born in 1550. He was a Jesuit lay brother. As a skilled carpenter, he built numerous priest holes during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England. After his final arrest, he died as a result of torture by prison authorities in the Tower of London in 1606.

Saturday Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

(1567-1622) Born in Thorens, Savoy (France). With apostolic zeal, St Francis de Sales fought Calvinism. He was Bishop of Geneva. With St Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation. He wrote the 'Introduction to the Devout Life', a classic of spiritual direction. He died in Lyons and was canonised in 1655. In 1877, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 10/11 January 2026

1st Collection £503.18

2nd Collection £209.35 (Parish Hall)

Attendance 412

These figures do not include Standing Orders or Dona payments

Jubilee Year 2025

This concluded on the Feast of the Epiphany. During the Jubilee Year we were called to be Pilgrims of Hope. To build a fairer world where every person and the earth can flourish. In the companion booklet Cardinal Vincent called us to work for the common good in a variety of ways including, working with CAFOD and the Diocesan Caritas to put love into action and be practical signs of hope. This was followed by an invitation to make a Jubilee pledge of action so we all can help to spread hope and create a fairer world. Next weekend will be our Jubilee pledge weekend.

Peace Sunday (in England & Wales)

Today is Peace Sunday. Read or watch the Pope's message at: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/29025-12/pope-peace-day-message-leo-unarmed-disarmed.html>. The second Collection this weekend will be for

Pax Christi — International Catholic Peace Movement.

2026 Diaries (with Mass)

We have several Catholic Diaries which include the Mass at £3.50 each available from the parish office.

Mount Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions now overdue

These can be brought to the parish office during the week, posted through the office letter box or by cheque in the post. Cheques should be made payable to 'Mount Carmel 500 Club'. Thank you to those who have already paid.

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

Lift to Church

A parishioner who has difficulty getting to Mass and who lives in the Webheath area, has asked if there is anyone in her area who would be willing to give her a lift or share a taxi. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

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

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 21st January, 4th & 18th February 2026
Everyone welcome



