Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Psalter Week 1 Readings can be found on page 143 in the Parish Mass Book

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, we pray for the missionary activity of the Church across the world, bringing the Gospel to those who have never heard it and bringing transformation to the lives of people in difficult circumstances. Second collection this weekend is for this work of Missio. And if you can, please donate today using the envelopes or Dona machine in the porches, or at missio.org.uk. Thank you for your generosity, prayers and commitment to God's global family.

ENROLMENT IN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

This Sunday, we warmly welcome the Year 3 children and their families from St Thomas More Catholic First School to the 11.15am Mass for enrolment in the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programmes.

As the children begin this important journey of faith, we encourage them and their parents to attend Sunday Mass every week, helping them grow closer to Jesus and prepare well to receive these beautiful sacraments. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for these special encounters with Jesus.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOOL

If your child does not attend a Catholic school, but requires preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation, preparation classes will begin on Wednesday evenings in Church and the Parish Hall. All forms should be submitted by Monday 26th October 2026. The Enrolment/Information session for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, 30th October at 6pm at the parish Hall. All parents whose children are in Years 3 & 6 or above attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to make their sacraments need to attend this meeting and commit to all the sessions required. For more information, please speak to Fr Long or Fr Jithin after Sunday Masses or email the parish office: olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We are invited to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary each day for the intentions of peace in the world, our families and our parish community. The Rosary will be prayed each day before Mass.

PIETY SHOP NOW OPEN

Our Piety Shop is now open at the back of the church. Come and browse our selection of religious items and gifts.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Envelopes are available at the church porches. Please write the names of those you wish to remember and return the envelope, together with your offering, in the collection bag the next time you come to Mass or through the parish office letter box. The names will be placed in the Holy Souls Box before the altar on Sunday 1 November and remembered at Mass throughout November and the coming year.

Important dates:

Sunday 1 November – All Saints: Mass at 5pm (Vigil), 8.15am, 11.15am and 6pm.
Monday 2 November – All Souls: Mass at 9.30am and 6pm
Saturday 7 November – Mass for Deceased Parishioners, followed by refreshments at 5pm
Sunday 8 November – 2pm Blessing of Graves at Abbey Cemetery, beginning with a short service at the Abbey Chapel
Sunday 15 November – 2pm Blessing of Graves at Hadzor Cemetery

NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are delighted to announce the start of a new Children's Liturgy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Beginning on Sunday 8th November Children's Liturgy will take place during the 11.15am Mass and is open to all children from Reception age to Year 3.

Children's Liturgy provides a wonderful opportunity for our younger members of the parish to explore the Sunday Gospel in a way that is fun, engaging and appropriate for their age. Through stories, discussion, activities and prayer, we hope to help children grow in their understanding and love of Jesus and the Mass.

Children will begin Mass with the whole parish community before going to the parish hall for their own Children's Liturgy, returning to join everyone again during the celebration of Mass.

All children from Reception to Year 3 are very welcome. We look forward to welcoming our youngest parishioners and helping them discover the joy of celebrating and living their faith together. We hope to see lots of familiar faces — and plenty of new ones — on Sunday 8th November! At the end of the 11.15am Mass today a member of the Children's Liturgy Team will say a few words about Children's Liturgy.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

We are in the process of phasing out our **office@mtcarmel.co.uk** address and would ask that when emailing, you now use the following—for the office **olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk**, for finance **pt.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk** and for safeguarding **sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk.** Thank you

YOUTH ALPHA AT ST AUGUSTINE'S HIGH SCHOOL

Are you in Years 7-11? What's on your mind? Come to Alpha at All Saints.

Alpha is a space to listen, ask questions and explore the deeper questions of life and faith. A space to share what you think and how you feel. Everyone wants to be happy. What makes you happy?

All Saints, 4pm on 4th November – Register your interest now: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/VVfyjYyFmFday

VOTIVE CANDLES

Just a gentle reminder that a small offering is kindly requested when lighting votive candle. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p per candle to help cover the cost of replacement candles. Thank you very much for your understanding and generosity.

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.

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 18th October 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	John Morrissey (b'day a)
Sunday	**8.15am**	Tom Walsh RIP
	11.15am	Lou & Gladys Watson RIP
		STM FHC Enrolment Mass
	6pm	Allan Trahearn & Lilian Nnodim RIP **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at MCS School*
	6pm	Tony Hall
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Tony & Teresa Gregory RIP
Wednesday		**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.15am*	*Mass at STA*
	6pm	*Holy Hour*
	7pm	Gabriel McNamee
Friday	**9.30am**	Bernard Cannon
Saturday	**9.30am**	Myrtle Wilson (b'day a)
		Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	Roma Loboda RIP & Tom Walsh RIP

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year A 25th October 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Tom Walsh RIP
	11.15am	Joan Avern (a)
	12.30pm	*Zak Gowing & Sebastian Greer*
	6pm	Gerry Stokes RIP **(live-streamed)**

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 McRandal, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Vilma Willis, Mary Fallon, 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, Harry Doherty

For the dead . . .
*Please pray for **DAWN MURRAY**, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 3rd November,*
***BERNARD CANNON,** Funeral Mass 11.30am Monday 2nd November.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week the lamp burns for **Susie, Charlie Doherty & family***
*Next week the lamp burns for the intentions of **Aleksandra & Callum (30th b'day)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week the lamp burns for the **Deceased Dunn & Doherty Families***
*Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Tony Deehan (a)***

MASS INTENTIONS
We currently have very few Mass intentions for weekday and Sunday Masses. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to request Masses for the living, the deceased, the sick, or any special intention. Please book well in advance if you wish to have a Mass offered on a specific date, and check the weekly newsletter for your intention. This beautiful tradition brings spiritual blessings to the living and the dead. Your Mass stipend also helps support our priests and their ministry. Thank you.

SHRINE CANDLES – OUR LADY AND THE SACRED HEART
You are warmly invited to have a candle lit at the shrines of Our Lady or the Sacred Heart for one week, for your own intentions or those of your loved ones. We currently have very few shrine candle intentions, so please consider offering a candle as a prayer for someone dear to you or for a special intention. The offering is £5 per candle for one week. Thank you for your prayerful support of our parish.

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 before applications are made for places in school.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OF OCTOBER
For mental health ministry—let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 10/11 October 2026

1st Collection	£766.79
2nd Collection	£168.00
	£32 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	734

Standing Orders for August £3377.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 1 T Craig G Blundell L Kings T Cordha
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will meet **next week** after the 6pm Mass for a social get together and every three weeks from then on. All young adults are warmly welcome.

FOOD BANK
Our donation this week was 37kg (5 stone 11 pounds for those of us who remember!!) They also said that donations are down due to cost of living crisis and our regular contributions are really appreciated. They have need for tinned meats and jams. Thank you for your generous support.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS ……
Saturday 7 November @5pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners followed by refreshments
Sunday 8 November @2pm Blessing of the Graves Abbey Cemetery
Sunday 15 November @2pm Blessing of the Graves Hadzor Cemetery
Saturday 28 November @12noon Christmas Lunch in Parish Hall
Tuesday 15 December @6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Wednesday 16 December @6pm MCS Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

Seniors Next Meeting
1pm Thursday
29th October

SILENCE IN CHURCH
May I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Please silence your mobile phone and also not to speak during Mass itself.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times.
Our Parish Safe-guarding representatives are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon.
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