



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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FACEBOOK OLMC Redditch



NEWSLETTER 2252 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 19TH APRIL 2026**

Readings can be found on page 258 in the Parish Mass Book

A WARM WELCOME

To all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. In a special way we wish to greet new parishioners, those who are visiting, and of course, our wonderful parishioners who are the backbone of this great parish community of faith. This weekend may I ask you to pray for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his Apostolic Journey in Africa. May the Lord guide and strengthen him as he brings a message of hope, peace, and reconciliation to all whom he meets. We continue to support his unstinting calls for peace across areas of conflict. We must never become indifferent to war, violence, and suffering, especially when so many of the most vulnerable bear the heaviest burdens. As people of faith, we are called to be instruments of peace and compassion in our world. We pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation across the world, and we pray for the Holy Father.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We pray that all the baptised may respond generously to Christ's call to discipleship, and that those whom God is calling to serve as priests and in consecrated life will have the courage to say "yes." Please keep this intention in your prayers throughout the coming week, especially for vocations within our Archdiocese and from our families. Next weekend's second collection supports the training of future priests. With formation lasting around seven years, the cost of preparing each candidate for priesthood is significant. Thank you for your generosity in helping to sustain this vital work.

New Altar Servers Training

There will be an opportunity to train new altar servers in the coming weeks. The next session is on Saturday, 25th April at 11:30 am in the church. I encourage all young people who want to serve to come on this day or speak to us when you see us. Some of our more regular altar servers will be leading these sessions

Young Adults (over 18s) group

We are looking to start a youth group for young adults aged 18–35. At this stage, we are exploring the best day and time to meet. If you would like to be involved, please email us — office@mtcarmel.co.uk so we can keep in touch. We will then send out a short poll to gather everyone's availability and find a time that works for the majority. In your email, it would also be really helpful if you could share any ideas or suggestions for activities or topics you would like the group to include. There will also be a sign-up sheet available at the end of Mass, where you can indicate your name and the days you are generally available. We hope this group will be a welcoming space to grow in faith, build community, and share meaningful experiences together

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 19th April 2026

Saturday	5pm	Mary Webb RIP & Bill Reardon RIP
Sunday	8.15am	Geevar Kott (a) & Liam Boyd (a)
	11.15am	Ints of Caroline & Bob Holland
	12.30pm	Baptism of Rory Wilkins, Reggie & Romeo Plant, Otis Young & Elidra Afam
	6pm	Richard Whyte (a) & People of the Parish (live-streamed)
Monday	9am	Mass st STM School
	11.45am	Funeral Service Jean Wilson
	4pm	Reception of Body Della 'Martina' Quinn
	6pm	Irene Kowalska RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Roma Loboda RIP & In Thanksgiving (MM)
	11am	Funeral Mass Martina Quinn
Wednesday	---	No Mass
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Michael Russell (B'day a) & Conversion of Yuna
Friday	9.30am	Mary Webb RIP & Ints of Pauline
Saturday	9.30am	Bill Reardon RIP & Ints of Mary Savage
	5pm	Eileen & Michael Mundy RIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter 'Good Shepherd Sunday' 26th April 2026

Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy (a)
	11.15am	Helen Boyd RIP & People of the Parish
	6pm	Leila Amarra RIP & Beatification of Elizabeth Kendelmann



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Boyd**

Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Anne Friel & Kathleen (a)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the **Darcy Family**

Next week the lamp burns for the **Cornyn Family**

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, Julian McRandal, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Vilma Willis, Margaret Williams, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Lexi Bradbury, Ellis Mitchell, Gary Dallow, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Bernard Cannon, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Pascale Breyne, Sheila Twist, Doris Flynn, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Janet Davies, Christine Morrissey, Marion Behan

For the Dead ...

JEAN WILSON Funeral Service 11.45 Monday 20th April, **MARTINA QUINN** Reception of Body 4pm Monday 20th April, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 21st April, **JIM FALLON** Funeral Mass 12.30pm Monday 27th April, **DENNIS CUDD**

Second Collection this weekend is for the Friends of the Holy Land

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

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*

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

Saturday 16th May at 6.00pm in the Church Hall.

With food and entertainment from around the world.

This is the first time this has been held in the parish and it will be a most wonderful event where all of our parish families come together and share food from their homelands. Please try to come along and support this event.

Ticket prices: First school child: Free --- Middle school child £5 --- Adult £10.

This includes a drink and a plate of absolutely delicious food.

Tickets are now on sale at the Church's main entrance after Mass and at school receptions.

If you would like to volunteer to cook and bring a dish to represent your homeland, please do not think it needs to be a banquet - a plate or dish of food to share is absolutely perfect. There will be sign in lists situated in the church porches for you to sign up should you wish to do this. Alternatively, you can email office@mtcarmel.co.uk or call the Parish office on 01527 63096 and leave a message with your Mobile number, Name and dish you will be providing, and we will add your name to the list.

Also if you have any hidden talents that you would like to share to entertain on the night, please let us know.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 11/12 April 2026
1st Collection £576.45 + £212.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection £270.00 + £39 (Dona) Parish Hall
Attendance 544

These figures do not include Standing Orders

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 8 B Joseph J Chacko M Gonsalves M Johnson

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 9 J Joseph L Mapranath M Vincent S Thomas

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 30th April

Bingo 2pm Parish Hall

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish relies greatly on the goodwill, kindness, and generous time of volunteers. Perhaps you might consider helping your church as part of a new resolution? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of important ministries and tasks, including:

- * Welcoming Team
- * Children's Liturgy
- * Sacristan
- * Flower Arranging
- * Gardening
- * Tea & Coffee after 11.15am Mass

If you are able to help in any way, whether regularly or occasionally, please speak to Fr. Long or contact the Parish Office.

Welcoming Team

The Welcoming Team helps create a warm and friendly atmosphere before Mass. Volunteers greet parishioners and visitors, hand out newsletters, assist newcomers, and help people feel at home in our parish community. 3 or 4 people at each Mass.

Children's Liturgy

During the 11.15am Sunday Mass, young children are invited to take part in their own liturgy in the

parish hall next door. They rejoin the congregation at the Offertory. DBS check required.

Sacristan

The Sacristan helps care for the sacristy and prepares everything needed for liturgical celebrations, including weekday and Sunday Mass. DBS check required.

Flower Arranging

Our volunteer flower arrangers help make the church beautiful throughout the year, especially during major celebrations such as Christmas and Easter.

Gardening

Volunteers help keep the church grounds neat, tidy, and welcoming for all. Your time and generosity help make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community. Thank you for considering how you might help.

Tea & Coffee

Volunteers to serve Tea, Coffee and biscuits after the 11.15am Sunday Mass to encourage families to socialise after Mass.

After Mass on Tuesdays

Flame of Love of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Prayer Meeting

Prayer & Coffee Morning

St John Fisher & Thomas More
Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 6th & 20th
May 2026 Everyone welcome

Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday

Mass is Live Streamed —
Visit our website and click on
'Watch Live'

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of
Evesham 'First Marian Shrine in
England' **Tuesday 5 May at St
Mary's & St Egwin's, Evesham**
2pm Rosary, 2.30pm Mass

Followed by a shared afternoon
tea For more information contact
Sarah Andrews on :

sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

Saturday 16 May @ 6pm Multicultural Evening – Fundraising for the parish

Sunday 24 May @ 11.15am International Mass Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 31 May @ 11.15am Deacon Des 25th Anniversary followed by refreshments

Thursday 16 July @ 7pm OLMC Feast Day —Social & BBQ

Sunday 19 July @ 11.15am Fr Jithin & Deacon David's Thanksgiving Mass followed by refreshments

Saturday 10 October @ 11am Mass for the Sick followed by refreshments

Saturday 7 November @ 5pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners followed by refreshments

NB THEE LOWER CAR PARK GATES WILL BE OPEN EVERY SUNDAY TO EASE CONGESTION AFTER MASS

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



