Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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OLMC Redditch

Newsletter 2272 Twenty-Fifth Sunday Year A Sunday 20th September 2026

Psalter Week 1 Readings can be found on page 131 in the Parish Mass Book

A VERY WARM WELCOME to everyone joining us for Mass this weekend! We especially welcome our new parishioners and visitors. Thank you to all our parishioners who help make Mount Carmel such a welcoming and vibrant community of faith.

Today we celebrate **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**, giving thanks for the joy of the Gospel and praying for the mission of sharing our faith with others. Let us pray that, through our words and the way we live, we may bring the joy and love of Christ to those around us.

There is a second collection today for the Bishops' Conference work of evangelisation. Thank you for your generosity.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

FAREWELL TO FR JASON

This weekend we say farewell to Fr Jason, thanking him for his 8 years of ministry with us at Mount Carmel. We wish him every blessing as he begins his new ministry as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima, Quinton, and assure him of our prayers. Thank you to the Social Committee and all our parishioners who helped make his Thanksgiving Mass and farewell a beautiful celebration.

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 20th September 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Charlotte Louise Servern RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Clive Stevens
	11.15am	Rob Carter (1st A) & Peter Cornyn (a)
	12.30pm	*Baptism Of Arley Turton*
	6pm	Allan Trahearn & People of the Parish **(live-streamed)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at MC School*
	6pm	Int of Deacon David & Deceased of the Allen Family
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Marcella Coleman RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.15am*	*Mass at STA*
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Christopher McNamee (b'day a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Tom Walsh RIP
	11.45am	**Funeral Mass for Tom Walsh**
Saturday	**9.30am**	Yolande & Derek Skinner RIP
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Michael & Catherine Conlon RIP

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year A 27th September 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Antonina Bobowska (a)
	11.15am	Hughie Martin (a) & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Arabella Turner*
	6pm	Theresa Ooroth (a) **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in Thanksgiving for the life of ***Janusz Mieczakowski***
Next week ***Free at the moment***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week in loving memory of ***John Beard (b'day a)***
Next week in loving memory of ***James Kennedy (b'day a)***

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

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, Mary Fallon, Bernard Cannon, 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

For the dead . . .

Please pray for **Tommy Walsh** *Funeral Mass* ***11.45pm*** *Friday 25th September,* **James Kennedy** *late of this parish,* **Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick** retired priest of the diocese, who died on 15th September, Funeral St Finians, Waterville, Co Kerry Saturday 26th September at 12noon

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.

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

MASS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND ON SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026 AT 11.00 AM

Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited, together with a friend or relative, to join us for Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 11am. Transport can be provided for anyone who needs it, and refreshments will be served afterwards, offering an opportunity to spend time together as a parish family. Please save the date and let us know whether you will be able to attend the Mass and refreshments, whether you will be accompanied by anyone, and whether you require transport. Please sign the list in the porch or contact the parish office directly by Sunday 4 October. We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 12/13 September 2026

1st Collection	£564.42
2nd Collection	£278.09 (catholic education)
	£5 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	478

Standing Orders for July £3435.00

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
2pm Thursday
1st October

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will next meet after the 6pm Mass on **Sunday 4th October** for a social get together. All young adults are warmly welcome.

FOODBANK

Once again the Redditch Foodbank send a **Thank you** for our donation, which was 16.4kg this week. They have high priority needs for the following: Tinned Carrots, Tinned meats (Stewing Steak, Chilli, Curry) and Long Life Milk.

SEASON OF CREATION

This Tuesday (22nd) at 9.30am is our parish Mass for the Care of Creation. It would be wonderful to see many parishioners there for this special celebration of Mass. The Novena to St Francis for a world under threat commences next Saturday (26th). Novena booklets are available on line on the parish Facebook page and website. Go to: our parish>parishgroups>CAFOD https://www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk/cafod.html A limited number of copies will also available in the porches.

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 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
Saturday 28 November @ 12noon Christmas Lunch in Parish Hall
Tuesday 15 December @ 6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

Men's Rosary in the City—Saturday 3 October at 12 noon

Meet in Chamberlain Square by the fountain in the heart of Birmingham B3 3AX next to the Art Gallery with easy access by bus or tram. We are called to be shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant. For more information contact Ben on 07885 505116

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a meeting for all Children's Liturgy volunteers on **Monday 21st September at 7pm in the Presbytery**
It is hoped this will begin at the 11.15am Mass at the beginning of November. If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office.
A Diocesan DBS certificate is required.

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 7th & 21st October
Everyone welcome

PIANO RECITAL
2PM SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM B96 6HS
A relaxing afternoon of classical piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Thacker to include Chopin, Mendelssohn, Debussy, Schubert, Rachmaninov and more.
Adults £10, under 16's £5, tickets available from: Felicity 07812 336263, Rebekah 07790 815365, Village Shop, Parish Office 01527 63096
All proceeds to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR REQUIRED FOR OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact the school office either by email rkennedy@straphaelcmat.co.uk or phone 01527 546398 for further information.

On your mind?—join a conversation on life, faith & purpose

Alpha Youth has launched this at St Augustine's and it began on 23 September—Sessions take place on a Wednesday at 4pm lasting one hour and are open to anyone in Year 7 and above—you don't have to be a student at St Augustine's to join. For more information, visit https://alpha.org.uk/youth

MOUNT CARMEL 500 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST	1st Prize £120 Marek Duraj	2nd Prize £50 Jane Craig
SEPTEMBER	1st Prize £120 Ann Colley	2nd Prize £50 Louise Ganderton

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE 500 CLUB

Due to the fall in numbers, the 500 club is no longer viable in its present form, it is, in fact, now running at a loss. We are, therefore temporarily closing it down. No subscriptions are due and if you pay by direct debit, please cancel them. We hope to bring it back again in November but with different costings. Thank you all for your support.

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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