



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2249 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 22ND MARCH 2026

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 129 Romans 8:18-11 Gospel John 11:1-45 (3-7,17,20-27,33-45) Psalter Wk 1

WELCOME TO MASS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT!

As you can see, the statues and cross in the church are now veiled as we enter Passiontide. Our journey towards Jerusalem and Holy Week becomes ever more intense and real. Let us concentrate our efforts to use this time well for our spiritual nourishment in preparation for the joy of Easter. This weekend at the 11.15am Mass, we welcome the children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and St Thomas More School who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in June.

THANK YOU

I sincerely thank all of you for participating in my Induction Mass on Thursday. It was a joyous occasion, coming together to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our parishes as I began my ministry as your parish priest.

I am especially grateful to Bishop David, all the clergy from our own diocese and beyond, and to all the people of God who joined in these celebrations.

My thanks go to the Social Committee, Indian parishioners, parish and school choirs, altar servers, sacristans, florists, church cleaners, stewards and all the generous people who donated food and all those who have helped and organised to set up the Hall, and prepared our buffet and did many other jobs to make this Mass so prayerful, and actually to make the whole evening so special and beautiful.

Everyone present enjoyed the evening, and those who came from afar were deeply touched by the warmth and hospitality they received. Let us give thanks to God and pray that, through the intercessions of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our parish may continue to grow and flourish in faith, joy, and love for God and our neighbours.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Reminder that extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned and recommissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Will all ministers please ensure they can attend. Fr Long would like to meet with you and has arranged a short meeting for next **Thursday 26th March** after evening Mass. *I wish you a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead. Fr Long*

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning 22nd March 2026

Saturday 21st	5pm	Mary & Thomas Butler (a) & Roger Allcock (a)
Sunday 22nd	8.15am	Percy & Madge Holder
	11.15am	Dick Doyle (a) & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Baptism of <i>Ozzy Harper, Connie Crum & Ellie Belcher</i>
	6pm	Barbara & Marcin Nowak RIP (live-streamed)
Monday	9am	Mass at MC School Holy Souls
	5.30pm	Adoration & Confessions
	6pm	Helen Boyd RIP & Bill Reardon RIP
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	9am	Adoration & Confessions
	9.30am	Marjory McElroy RIP & Dec'd Darcy Family & Barbara (a)
Wednesday	9.30am	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
		Ints of Miriam Thomason (b'day)
	5pm	Reception of Body Ann Blundell
Thursday	12 noon	Funeral Mass Ann Blundell
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Helen Boyd RIP & Private Intention
Friday	9am	Adoration & Confessions
	9.30am	Bronislaw & Wojciech Slobodzian RIP
	10am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.30am	Bridie & Paddy Joe McInerney RIP
	10am	Adoration & Confessions
MASS INTENTIONS for Palm Sunday 29th March 2026		
Saturday 28th	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda (a) & Padraic Curran RIP
Sunday 29th	8.15am	Mary Theresa Bird RIP
	11.15am	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Baptism of <i>Roma & Luca Dore, Teddy Thomas & Maddie Ward</i>
	6pm	Allan Trahearn 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, Julian McRandal, Michael & Maria Yates, Pius McDermott, John Brown, Alistair Crowle, Helen Horvath, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Vilma Willis Margaret Williams, Lexi Bradbury, Gary Dallow, Tracey Hawthorne, Jane Elliott, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Pascale Breynne, Sheila Twist, Ellis Mitchell, Doris Flynn, Bernard Cannon, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Christine Morrissey

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **ANN BLUNDELL** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 25th March, Funeral Mass 12 noon Thursday 26th March, **BILL REARDON** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 9th April, Funeral Mass 9.30am Friday 10th April, **ANN CROMPTON** Funeral Mass 12 noon Friday 17th April, **DELLA 'MARTINA' QUINN** Reception of Body 4pm Monday 20th April, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 21st April, **JILL SPURRELL** Funeral details not yet known



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Michael & Winifred Conboy**
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **John Laugharne**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Margaret Whyte**
Next week lamp burns in loving memory of **Sheelagh Hill**

Pope's Prayer Intention for March—

for disarmament and peace—Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE—MONDAY 30TH MARCH AT 7PM

Some of our deanery priests will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. This is the best way to prepare for Easter, please make time for this.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES AT MOUNT CARMEL

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available before all weekly Masses leading up to Holy week

PALM SUNDAY—29TH MARCH

5.00pm (Vigil Mass)

8.15am, 11.15am, 6.00pm

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 30th March at 7.00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY—2ND APRIL

N.B. No Morning Mass

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

with watching until midnight
Night prayer at 11.45pm.

GOOD FRIDAY—3RD APRIL

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY—4TH APRIL

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.00pm EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY—5TH APRIL

8.15am, 11.15am and 6.00pm

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord



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*

Saint for the Week

Monday Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

(1538-1606) St Turibius was born in Mayorga (Spain) and worked for many years as a professor of law at Salamanca. In 1580, even though still a layman, he was appointed Archbishop of Lima (Peru), where, after being ordained, he did much to consolidate ecclesiastical discipline and champion the rights of indigenous people.

Wednesday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	14th/15th March 2026
1st Collection	£600.50 + £168.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£252.14 + £19.00 (Dona) Parish Hall
Attendance	543

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Easter Fairtrade Sale this weekend

This will take place after all masses in St Joseph's Chapel at the back of church. On sale will be a variety of items which help those in need around the world. Such as toiletries and food items from Zaytoun including their olive oil which is used by the diocese for Chrism oils; Refu juice and plenty of Easter Chocolate including the Real Easter Egg. Also, a selection of hand carved olive wood devotional items made by Mary, Joseph and Elias in Bethlehem. **Cash only please.**

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Please join other parishioners on Saturday March 28th for a 3 mile walk around Arrow Valley Lake. Even if you haven't signed up for the Big Lent Walk [The Big Lent Walk 2026 (cafod.org.uk)], you can still join the parish walk, sponsored if possible, but if not your miles can be added to our parish total. Please meet outside the church at 2pm for a short, enjoyable, but meaningful stroll. With your effort and sponsorship this Lent, we can change families' lives for good.

FOODBANK: Our weekly donations continue to provide essential support to families and so far our donations during Lent have been an amazing 108kgs (in 3 donations). The following items are particularly in short supply: Long Life milk, tinned carrots, tinned sweetcorn and tinned meat. As we are approaching Easter they would appreciate gifts of Easter Eggs, so they can add something special for people. Once again they want to give us a very big **THANK YOU** for our continued support.

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 8th & 22nd April,
6th & 20th May 2026 Everyone welcome

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 5 A Paul A Robin J Joseph S Philip
S Joseph

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 26th March 2026
1pm Parish Hall

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

Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner—Friday 24th April

Councillor Joanna Kane (parishioner), the Mayor of Redditch, is holding the Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner in aid of the Primrose Hospice on Friday 24th April 2026 at the Abbey Hotel, Hithergreen Lane, Redditch B98 9BE. Dress code : black tie/smart wear. Tickets cost £45 per head. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Susie Lisle at s.lisle@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk by Tuesday 2nd April if you would like to attend.

St Augustine's Catholic High School Choirathon 2026!

On Tuesday 30th June, the STA Choir will tour around St Peter's Church, Bromsgrove, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch and St Peter's Church, Crabbs Cross, performing for friends, family, members of the public and parishioners! Anticipated times are:- ***St Peter's, Bromsgrove 6pm-6.30pm, *Mount Carmel, Redditch 7pm-7.30pm, *St Peter's, Crabbs Cross 8pm-8.30pm** Please put the date in your diaries and come and hear their fantastic choir sing!



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

Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed —
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