Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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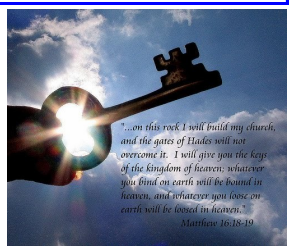
Newsletter 2268 Twenty-First Sunday of the Year A Sunday 23rd August 2026

Psalter Week 1 Readings can be found on page 120 in the Parish Mass Book



A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Mass this weekend; and a special welcome also to those visiting the parish.
"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."
While the keys given to St. Peter symbolise the unique authority handed down through his ministry, we all share in a vital role in opening the door of faith for others.

ALTAR SERVERS

We will be holding a series of training sessions for altar servers and these will begin on **Saturday 5th September at 11am**. If your child wishes to attend, please contact the parish office to register. It is important that we know how many children will be attending so that we can organise the sessions accordingly.

The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Altar Servers, Saturday 3 October at 12 noon in St Chad's Cathedral Celebrant Bishop Timothy Menezes—Registration is now open for attendance at this Mass, so Altar servers please let Fr Long, Fr Jithin or Paul Brewster know if you and members of your family wish to attend.

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 23rd August 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Bill Reardon RIP & Mr & Mrs Stack RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Deceased Arkkudom Family & People oof the Parish
	11.15am	Gareth Harris (a) & Pat Thompson (a)
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Hallie & Edie Lappin*
	6pm	Mary Guilfoyle RIP **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Philomena Kenny
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Jane Doyle (b'day a) & Richard Donnelly RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Mary Shanley (a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Michael Bobowski (b'day a) & Ints of Julia
Saturday	**9.30am**	Deceased Manackapaily Family & May Dunne RIP
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Bill Reardon RIP & People of the Parish

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year A 30th August 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	Martha Reaney RIP
	11.15am	Bill & Pat Reardon RIP
	1pm	*Baptism of Olivia Chima & Kathleen Wild*
	6pm	Winifreda Olga Hall (B'day a) **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week for the **People of the Parish***
*Next week in loving memory of **Charlotte Louise Severn***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week for the **People of the Parish***
*Next week for **James Whyte (Birthday)***

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, Margaret Williams, Bernard Cannon, Jane-Christina Thomson, Jean Maitland, Mary Fallon, Ellis Mitchell, Jane Elliott, Pascale Breyne, 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 details not yet known* **Robert Hadley** *Funeral details not yet known* **Pat Miles** *friend of parishioner community.*

ROSARY

The Rosary will now be prayed **20 minutes before the 11:15 am Sunday Mass**, as we do on weekdays. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary at this or another Mass, please arrive **30 minutes beforehand** and speak to Fr Jithin or Deacon David.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will meet **after the 6pm Mass this Sunday 23 August**. All young adults are warmly welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton—Saturday 12th September

(New time 11:30 hrs) Our pilgrimage on Saturday 12th September marks the 'Season of Creation' and the 8th centenary of the death of St Francis. In order to provide time for participants to have some light refreshments (bring your own) , at St Michaels Church prior to the walk to St Francis of Assisi Church we have changed the start time to **11:30.** Please arrive for a prompt start at Our Lady of Mount Carmel so we can return for mass at 5pm. The pilgrimage gives us an opportunity to think about the wonders of creation and how we can look after 'Mother Earth' for future generations. It also gives time, in our busy lives for some quiet reflection and conversation with God. Take this opportunity and sign up in 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

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 days 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*

Oppose Assisted Suicide Bill—*Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide*

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide *or* *righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote*

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	15/16 August 2026
1st Collection	£531.67
2nd Collection	£299.95 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	388

Standing Orders for July £3435.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 4 A Jacob D Davis L Jacob S |Jose
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 5 A Paul A Robin J Vembili J Joseph

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesdays
2nd & 16th September
Everyone welcome

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.

FOODBANK : Thank you for this week's very generous donation of 28kg of food. In the basket there were two Fresh Salads, one containing salmon, these had to be thrown away obviously. **Please do not donate perishable items**, we collect and deliver to the foodbank once a week, however not on a regular day. At the moment they have a high priority for **tinned sweetcorn, carrots, long life milk, pasta sauce & tinned meats**

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS—UNCLAIMED PRIZES

15th Prize Cava Ticket No 00422 Clare Hannon
16th Prize Vanity Bag Ticket No 02931 Seby
21st Prize LED Mirror Ticket No 01515 Margaret Groves
22nd Prize Quality Street Ticket No 01311 Brian Green

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 27th August
2pm Parish Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
It is hoped this will begin at the 11.15am Mass towards the end of September. If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please contact the parish office. A Diocesan DBS certificate is required. There will be a meeting for all Children's Liturgy volunteers in the first week of September.
Date to be arranged

Message from CAFOD

Christine Allen, CAFOD's director, would like to share a message of thanks with all parishes supporting CAFOD. She has recently visited projects that show the real impact of your donations, including the floating gardens mentioned at the end of Mass Fast Day talks last Lent. The video message can be viewed at: **https://cafod.org.uk/christine-message-of-thanks.**

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 12 September Pilgrimage from OLMC to St Francis of Assisi Church, Baddesley Clinton
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

PIANO RECITAL—2PM SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE CHURCH, FECKENHAM

A relaxing afternoon of beautiful piano music, played by parishioner, Rebekah Taylor.
Further details in the newsletter at a later date.

VACANCY AT MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL for a Lunchtime Supervisor 5hrs 25 min per week. Term time only. Closing date 7th September. To start September. Apply via MNT (My New Term)

Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Thursday 17 September

This year's Journey in Faith Course begins on **Thursday, 17th September at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. It is a programme for those who wish to join the Catholic Church and also for parishioners who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you or if you know of someone who would be interested in this course, or require more information please contact the parish office by phone 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk or olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

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.

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