Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2277 **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year A 25th October 2026**

Psalter Week 2 Readings can be found on page 146 in the Parish Mass Book

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 25th October 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Roma Loboda RIP & Tom Walsh RIP
Sunday	**8.15am**	Tom Walsh RIP
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Zak Gowing & Sebastian Greer*
	11.15am	Joan Avern (a) & People of the Parish
	6pm	Gerry Stokes RIP **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Brian Bullivant RIP
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Alma Salcedo RIP
Wednesday		**NO MASS**
Thursday	*6pm*	*Holy Hour*
	7pm	Josef Paul (a)
Friday	**9.30am**	Lilian Nnodim RIP
Saturday	**9.30am**	Geoffrey Beamond (a)
		Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP

Solemnity of All Saints Sundaty 1st November 2026

Sunday	**8.15am**	James & Eileen Herlihy RIP
	11.15am	Anthony Juwah & Fest Ozieh RIP
	6pm	Val & Anne Fanning (a) **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of ***Aleksandra & Callum (30th B'day)***
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Stanley Cater (A)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of ***Tony Deehan (A)***
Next week the lamp burns for the intentions of ***Jane Elliott (sick)***

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, 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, Christopher Lamare, Harry Doherty

For the dead . . .
Please pray for ***BERNARD CANNON,*** *Funeral Mass 11.30am Monday 2nd November,* ***DAWN MURRAY****, Funeral Mass 12.30pm Tuesday 3rd November,* ***JAMES LUBY*** *Funeral Mass 11.45am Tuesday 10th November*

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – ALL SOUL'S DAY & REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

November is a special month when we celebrate the saints in heaven and we remember our loved ones who have died. You are warmly invited to join us for these special liturgies as a parish family.

All Saints' Day – Sunday 1st November

We give thanks for all the saints in heaven, whose lives inspire us to follow Christ. Mass times :
Saturday 31 October – 5pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 1 November – 8.15am, 11.15am & 6pm

All Souls' Day – Monday 2nd November

We remember all the faithful departed and commend our loved ones to the loving mercy of God. Mass times:
9.00am – St Thomas More School
9.30am – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
6.00pm – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

November – Holy Souls Envelopes

Holy Souls envelopes are available at the back of church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones and include your offering. Envelopes can be returned to the casket in church from 1 November. Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls throughout November and the coming year.

Mass for the Bereaved – Saturday 7 November

At 5pm, we celebrate a special Mass remembering by name parishioners who have died over the past twelve months. Anyone who has lost a loved one is warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

Blessing of Graves

Sunday 8 November – 2pm Abbey Cemetery, beginning with short service in the Abbey Chapel
Sunday 15 November – 2pm Hadzor Cemetery
Grave candles are on sale at the back of the Church in the piety shop.

Plenary Indulgence

Can be gained for the faithful departed on Monday. A devout visit to the church with recitation of the Our Father, the Creed and prayer for the Pope's intentions, sacramental confession and reception of Holy Communion in the near future.

Let us come together in faith and prayer, giving thanks for the saints and remembering all our departed loved ones. May the Lord comfort all who mourn, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.*

Baptism

If you have a baby/child needing Baptism, please get 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.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	17/18 October 2026
1st Collection	£717.19
2nd Collection	£321.49 (Missio)
	£15 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	624

Standing Orders for August £3377.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
Team 2 J McHugh C Morgan A Chatterley
COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

Seniors Next Meeting
1pm Thursday
29th October

JOHNSON ASSOCIATION FUND - Annual Collection 31 October & 1 November 2026
The Johnson Clergy Association (Birmingham) CIO has supported priests for over 315 years. These priests who are sick, infirm or retired often depend on support of the Association. During the past year the Association gave grants of over £399,000 to approximately 60 priests. Please help us to care for them who have cared for you. Your financial generosity is greatly appreciated but please remember to pray for the work of the Association and for its members. Donations can be made in the collection, online, by standing order (please refer to the flyer). Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will meet **this week from 4pm to 6pm** for a social get together and every three weeks from then on.
All young adults are warmly welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & RAFFLE : Saturday 28 November at 12 noon :Parish Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Join us for a lovely for a lovely afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!
Menu : Soup, Pulled Pork Bap with Stuffing, Dessert, Gaelic Coffee
Entertainment : Christmas Raffle with cash prizes $150, £100 and £50, Every Time a Prize Tombola, Unwanted Gifts Stall
Christmas Raffle Tickets
Raffle tickets will be available next week after Mass and from the parish office, at £5 per book. Please take a few books home to sell and return the money and counterfoils well before the Christmas Lunch.
Donations Welcome!
We would be very grateful for donations towards the raffle prizes, bottles for the tombola and unwanted gifts for the stalls.
Thank you for your generosity and support in helping to make our parish Christmas celebration a success.
All proceeds will go towards the Parish Hall fund.

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!

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 for our parish.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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 a date to be arranged 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

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
Wednesday 9 December @6pm STM Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Tuesday 15 December @6.30pm STA Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church
Wednesday 16 December @6pm MCS Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

Prayer & Coffee Morning
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 4th & 18th November
Everyone welcome

FAIRTRADE SALE
Many thanks to all who supported the recent sale. Your purchases really do make a difference to people's lives in places such as Ghana, Palestine and Malawi. It is a great way to help our sisters and brothers trade their way out of poverty. Our next one will be in the run up to Christmas – details soon.

ON LOVE FOR THE POOR
Pope Leo's call to action, *Dilexi Te,* published last year, calls us to make Christ's enduring love for the poor love visible in concrete action. This will be explained and explored at this year's Diocesan Justice and Peace gathering. This free event, led by the Community of the Passion, takes place in the Grimshaw Room at St Chad's on Saturday 31st October, 10.30 till 3.30. Come and explore this inspiring piece of Church teaching with parishioners from around the diocese. Refreshments provided but please bring your own lunch. For more information and to book your free place please go to: https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/annual-assemblies.html

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 27th October at 6pm in the parish hall.

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. Contact sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk