



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2253 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026**

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Good Shepherd Sunday Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese.

If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you – and if you are 17 or over – I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk. I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead.

Please pray for me and for all our priests.

This weekend the **Second Collection is for the Clergy Training Fund**. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at : www.vocations.org.uk/ctf



MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 26th April 2026

Saturday	5pm	Eileen & Michael Mundy RIP
Sunday	8.15am	James & Eileen Herlihy (a)
	11.15am	Helen Boyd RIP & People of the Parish
	1pm	Baptism of Connor James Stevens, Gerry Joseph Flynn
	2pm	Baptism of Darcie Rose & Phoebe Rose O'Neill
	6pm	Leila Amarra RIP & Beatification of Elizabeth Kindelmann (live-streamed)
Monday	9am	Mass at MC School
	12.30pm	Funeral Mass Jim Fallon
	6pm	Michael & Anna Marie O'Brien RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Hetty & Giovanni Facchetti RIP
Wednesday	---	No Mass
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Kitty Fanning (a) & Paulose Raphael (a)
Friday	9.30am	Joy Varghese RIP & Ints of Liz Hall
	7pm	Latin Mass Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Ints of S J Jones & Family
	10am	Confessions, Adoration & Benediction
	5pm	Bill Reardon RIP & Sarah Ellis RIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2026

Sunday	8.15am	Nellie Boyd RIP & Ann Blundell RIP
	11.15am	Marty & Catherine Cornyn (a)
	1.30pm	Baptism of Tyde Taylor & Lyla Adkins
	6pm	Mary Webb RIP & People of the Parish (live-streamed)



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

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



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the **Cornyn Family**
Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **Dr Josh (a)**

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, Pascale Breyne, Margaret Anne Seaman, Lorna Parsonage, Sheila Twist, Doris Flynn, Katherine Jarvis, Gabriel Allison, Janet Davies, Christine Morrissey, Marion Behan, Danny Flynn

For the Dead ...

JIM FALLON Funeral Mass 12.30pm Monday 27th April, **MICHAEL TIERNEY** Reception into church 5pm Tuesday 5th May, Funeral Mass 10.30am Wednesday 6th May

Pope's Prayer Intention for May : that everyone might have food. We pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

THANK YOU—Ellen & Dawn, daughters of Bill Reardon wish to thank everyone who attended their dad's funeral in person and via live-stream, and to all who sent mass cards, prayers, messages of sympathy & support, they were truly overwhelmed. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will offered for your intentions.

Volunteer Prison Visitors at HMP Hewell

For anyone who may feel called to come alongside members of our prison community and accompany during Saturday morning mass or be part of the bible study on a Tuesday afternoon you'd be very welcome. Volunteering in prison is both rewarding and challenging. This kind of role won't suit everyone but if it's the right fit for you, you may find it's a powerful way that God can work through you. Please contact Marina Barrett, Catholic Chaplain directly via email marina.barrett@justice.gov.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.

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 on sale at the Church's main entrance after Mass and at school receptions, you can also pay via dona machines

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.

Many thanks to those who have already bought tickets and to those who have volunteered to bring food

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 18/19 April 2026
1st Collection £476.36 + £197.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection £403.43 + £222.00 (Dona)
+ £155 direct to (Friends of the Holy Land)
Attendance 546
Standing Orders for March raised £3,682.00

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 9 J Joseph L Mapranath M Vincent S Thomas

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 10 B Gleetar G Stanly A Biju S Sebastian

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 30th April

Bingo 2pm Parish Hall

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

Church, Feckenham

10am Wednesday 6th & 20th

May 2026 Everyone welcome

After Mass on Tuesdays

Flame of Love of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Prayer Meeting

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

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.

Young Adults (over 18s) group beginning Sunday 31st May, 6-9pm in Parish Hall

If you are interested in being involved, please email office@mtcarmel.co.uk so we can keep in touch and it would be helpful if you shared any ideas or suggestions for activities or topics you would like the group to include. For those who have already been in touch, if you haven't received an email from Deacon Jithin, please email the office in case your email address has been misread. We hope this group will be a welcoming space to grow in faith, build community, and share meaningful experiences together.

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

Sunday 31 May @ 6pm-9pm Young Adults (over 18) Group in the Parish Hall

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

Mount Carmel 500 Club winners for February & March

February

1st Prize £120 No 13 Brian & Carolyn Green

2nd Prize £50 No 203 Mary Robinson

March

1st Prize £120 No 50 Fr Craig Davies

2nd Prize £50 No 86 Bincy Lizomon

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 sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk

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



