Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

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Newsletter 2273 Twenty-Sixth Sunday Year A Sunday 27th September 2026

Psalter Week 2 Readings can be found on page 134 in the Parish Mass Book

DEANERY VISITATION – CLOSING MEETING

We look forward to welcoming all deanery priests to join His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans for the closing meeting of the Deanery Visitation on Thursday 1 October at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch.
Please note that the holy hour at 6pm will be replaced by the daily parish Mass. There will be no Mass at 7pm on this occasion.
The evening will begin with a celebration of Evening Prayer at 7.00pm, followed by the closing meeting in the parish hall. All the faithful are warmly welcome to join us for Evening Prayer.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

This begins on Thursday 1st October. We are invited to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary each day for the intentions of peace in the world, our families and our parish community. The Rosary will be prayed each day before Mass.

FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY

The second collection today is for the work of our diocesan social care agency, Fr. Hudson's Caritas which supports many projects across the archdiocese, caring for people in great need, supporting families and the elderly; those who are asylum seekers, refugees and those who are trying to build a new life away from the streets. Thank you for your generosity.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER MASS COUNT

Over the next three weekends, the annual count of the number of people attending Mass in our parish will be taken, We can give thanks that Mass attendance generally remains strong in our parish. It is a moment to remind everyone that the weekly attendance at Mass in our parish is very important. Whilst there are times when we might have to go to another church, let's never forget the importance of coming to Mass in our parish, for it boosts and strengthens our worshipping community as the Body of Christ in this place and the witness we give to the Lord

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

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 27th September 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Michael & Catherine Conlon RIP & Mary McGuiness RIP
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)**
Monday	*9am*	*Mass at STM School*
	6pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Tom Walsh RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	*9.15am*	*Mass at STA*
	6pm	**NO HOLY HOUR**
NB Mass at 6pm		Holy Souls
Friday	**9.30am**	Ints of Rosie
Saturday	**9.30am**	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
	5pm	Ann & John Loftus (a)

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Sunday	**8.15am**	Ints of Fr Jithin
	11.15am	Alice Russell & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Elsie & Charlie Newton*
	6pm	Billie Redmond RIP **(live-streamed)**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

*This week for the deceased members of the **McCormack Family***
*Next week in loving memory of **Michael & Winifred Conboy***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week in loving memory of **James Kennedy (b'day a)***
*Next week **Free at the moment***

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

Please note—there is no Journey in Faith this Thursday due to the Closing Meeting of the Deanery Visitation

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.

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.

PIETY SHOP REOPENING SOON

Our Piety Shop will be **reopening soon** at the back of the Church. Please feel free to have a look before or after Mass.
We have a wide selection of items, including:

- Sacred items
- Holy water fonts
- Grave candles
- A beautiful selection of Rosary beads
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts
- New baby and Baptism gifts
- Prayer books for children and adults
- Books about the Saints for boys and girls
- Saint medals
- A comprehensive range of cards

Cards can be found on the display stand.
As we approach the **month of the Holy Souls and Advent**, we will also have grave candles, Christmas cards, Nativity sets and other Christmas gifts available.
All items are individually priced. **Payment can be made by cash into the wall collection box or by using the card machine.**
We hope you will enjoy browsing our Piety Shop and find something special for yourself or as a gift for a loved one.
If you would like to **order any items**, please contact the Parish Office.

Volunteers are needed to run the Piety Shop after Masses at the weekend—if this is something you would like to do please contact Fr Long, Fr Jithin or the parish office

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend 12/13 September 2026

1st Collection	£556.42
2nd Collection	£266.46 (Catholic Evangelisation)
`	£20 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	426

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 B Sunny

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
This will begin at the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 8th November.

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.

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 illnesses

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.

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

Seniors Next Meeting
2pm Thursday
1st October

SEASON OF CREATION

This concludes next Saturday, 4th October on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Thank you to all who have prayed and supported our activities for the Care of Creation.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL

This is next **Friday, 2nd October** and members of the CAFOD group will be speaking at all Masses this weekend with qn update on CAFOD's work. The **Second Collection next weekend is for CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal**, or donate to CAFOD online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call 0303 3033030 or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. There CAFOD envelopes available in the porches but **PLEASE ONLY USE THE ENVELOPE IF YOU WISH TO GIFT AID YOUR DONATION.**

FAIRTRADE SALE The next one is after all Masses on the weekend of 10/11 October.

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
Wednesday 16 December @6pm MCS Carol Service in Mt Carmel Church

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.

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.

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

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

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