



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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NEWSLETTER 2250 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 29TH MARCH 2026**

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21 Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66 Psalter Wk 2

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES 2026

Welcome to Mass as we begin **THE MOST IMPORTANT & SACRED WEEK OF THE YEAR - HOLY WEEK**. This Sunday we commemorate Palm Sunday. The readings begin with the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem; they end with the Passion of Our Lord. In the proclamations of the passage we asked to be the voice of the crowd and respond: **'Crucify him.'** It is unimaginable that for the One who affirmed the love of God the Father, embraced the sinner, and sought out the lost, we could repeat these words. Yet, it continues today, not through words but with actions that wound Jesus and fracture the Body of Christ.

Dear Parishioners, pray this week that we may have a permanent conversion of heart, that as we begin the holiest of weeks, we make sure our actions do not to say, **'Crucify him'** but rather: **'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord... Hosanna in the Highest.'**

HOLY THURSDAY MASS - 2ND APRIL 7.00 P.M.

The Sacred Triduum begins on the evening of Holy Thursday, as Catholics gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The liturgy commemorates Jesus' last meal with his disciples. It was then that He established Holy Communion and instituted the priesthood. During the Lord's Last Supper, He washed the feet of His disciples - an act carried out at parishes as priests wash the feet of parishioners, mirroring Jesus' command to serve others.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY - 3RD APRIL 3.00 P.M.

Good Friday is the one day of the year when the Mass is not celebrated in the Catholic Church. The faithful, rather, gather to celebrate the Passion of the Lord usually during an afternoon service that opens in silence. Those in attendance are invited to come forward to venerate the cross, and Holy Communion is distributed. We pray the Stations of the Cross at 7pm at our church. A collection will be taken on Good Friday after the Liturgy of the Passion and Stations of the Cross for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL MASS - 4TH APRIL 8:00 P.M.

The Easter Vigil occurs on Holy Saturday - the high point of the Triduum - as we celebrate Jesus' glorious victory over death. The Easter Vigil is divided into four parts: the service of light when the Easter fire is blessed, and the paschal candle is lit; the Liturgy of the Word when we listen to some of the best readings of the church; Christian Initiation when we welcome our brothers and sisters in the faith and renew our own baptismal promises; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY - 5TH APRIL 8.15 A.M., 11.15 A.M. AND 6.00 P.M.

The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection is celebrated on Easter Sunday. During the liturgy, the faithful are invited to renew their baptismal promises.

Brothers and sisters, the days ahead are so important to us as Catholic Christians. Please do your very best to be part of the major ceremonies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please extend a welcome to family and friends and don't be afraid to let others know what you are celebrating this week.

God bless you all, **Fr Long Nguyen**

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 29th March 2026

Saturday 28th	5pm	Elizabeth Loboda (a) & Padraic Curran RIP
Sunday 29th	8.15am	Mary Theresa Bird (a)
	11.15am	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP & People of the Parish
	1pm	Reception of Luca Dore, Baptism of Roma Dore & Teddy Thomas
	6pm	Allan Trahearn RIP (live-streamed)
Monday	5.30pm	Adoration & Confessions
	6pm	Ints of Sumy & Justin in sickness
	7pm	Penitential service with visiting priests
Tuesday	9am	Adoration & Confessions
	9.30am	Ints of the Foley Family & Nellie Boyd RIP
Wednesday	----	No Mass

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet

7pm Conway Brewster (a) & Bill Reardon RIP
Watching at the Altar of Repose—Night Prayer at 11.45pm

Good Friday **9.30am** Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
8pm Fr Tony Rohan RIP & People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY—Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 5th **8.15am** John, Elizabeth & Chris Morrissey RIP
11.15am Ints of Gleetar (B'day) & Ints of Susan Doherty
6pm Paul Foley RIP & Ann Blundell RIP (live-streamed)

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

This is your traditional annual gift to the parish clergy. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that are being given with the bulletin this weekend and please return it on Easter Masses. Alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless Dona machines which are situated in the church porches. Please be generous

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

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **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, **MARTIN CONNELLY** Funeral Service 11am Friday 1st May at the Abbey Chapel, **JILL SPURRELL** Funeral details not yet known.



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **John Laugharne**

Next week the lamp burns for the intentions of **Reji George (b'day)**



Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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

Next week the lamp burns for the intentions of **Reji George (b'day)**



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*

Pope's Prayer Intention for April—For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PARENTS OF ALL ALTAR SERVERS – IMPORTANT!

I would very much appreciate the help of our Altar Servers at each of the liturgies during the Easter Triduum. These liturgies are different than a usual Sunday Mass, and it is therefore essential that we have a practice before each of them. These will be at the following times: **Holy Thursday at 6.15pm - Good Friday at 2pm - Holy Saturday at 7pm.**

THANK YOU

Just in case some of you missed my thank you in last week's newsletter I am repeating it in this week's newsletter.

I sincerely thank all of you for participating in my Induction Mass on Thursday 19th March. 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.

Weekly Statistics :

Weekend	21st/22nd March 2026
1st Collection	£505.54 + £177.00 (Dona)
2nd Collection	£226.88 + £50.00 (Dona) Parish Hall
Attendance	618

These figures do not include Standing Orders

COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 6 B Joy D Thomas J Joy J Jacob

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

No Counters required

Annual Easter Offerings to the Clergy

After Mass on Tuesdays

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

Gift Aid Envelopes 2026

These are available for collection from the Sacristy this weekend; there is a list of surnames and envelope numbers please note your envelope number may have changed. Please take the set of envelopes allocated to your surname.

Prayer & Coffee Morning

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church, Feckenham
10am Wednesday 1st & 15th April,
6th & 20th May 2026 Everyone welcome

Seniors Next Meeting

Thursday 16th April
2pm Parish Hall

Churches Together in Redditch Good Friday Walk of Witness 3 April
- gather at The Bandstand at 10am

Easter Fairtrade sale

Many thanks for all who supported the sale last weekend at Mount Carmel and at St Mary's yesterday. Particular thanks to those who donated by telling us to 'keep the change'. This will be sent on to CAFOD. Your purchases make a difference to people's lives here and overseas. You could call it shopping for the common good.

Foodbank:

Our donations continue to support local families who are in need, this week's donation has been the largest single one since we started to support the Redditch Foodbank, a massive 57. Kg, which included numerous Easter Eggs.

The volunteers wanted to send a big Thank You to everyone for this extra special donation and our continued support to them.

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 7pm 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 sg.olmc.redditch@rcaob.org.uk



