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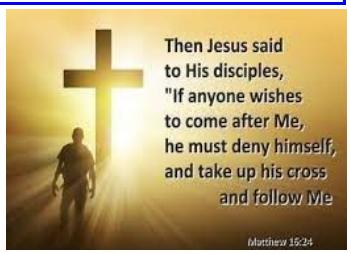
Newsletter 2269 Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year A Sunday 30th August 2026

Psalter Week 2 Readings can be found on page 122 in the Parish Mass Book



WELCOME BACK to the celebration of Sunday Mass on this final weekend of the school summer holiday. September is always a busy and exciting month. This week our schools welcome back teachers and children to their classrooms. We hope they have had a refreshing and blessed summer break. We pray for all our children, principals, teachers, governors and staff at this important time.

WELCOME BACK FATHER LONG

We warmly welcome back Father Long. We very much hope that he has enjoyed his holiday and had some much-needed time with his family and friends in Vietnam. Father Long was able to spend time with the staff and pupils of his charity "A little love scholarship." He wishes to thank all parishioners most sincerely for their valued donations raising £2700 and this paid for 45 children to attend school in the new school year. A most worthwhile charity to support because in this country, attendance in school is a right not a privilege. However, in the small villages of Vietnam, attending school is a privilege and many families cannot afford to do this. So please continue to donate to this charity as even a little amount can go a very long way.

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 please let Fr Long, Fr Jithin or Paul Brewster know if you and members of your family wish to.

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 30th August 2026

Saturday	**5pm**	Bill Reardon RIP & People of the Parish
Sunday	**8.15am**	Martha Reaney RIP & Fr Brendan O'Malley (a)
	11.15am	Bill & Pat Reardon RIP
	1pm	*Baptism of Kathleen Wild & Olivia Chima*
	6pm	Winifreda Olga Hall (B'day a) **(live-streamed)**
Monday	**6pm**	Roma Loboda (a) & Healing of Csilla *(Chilla)*
Tuesday	**9.30am**	Nellie & Paddy Darcy (a) & Tommy Walsh RIP
Wednesday	….	**NO MASS**
Thursday	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm	Janusz Mieczakowski RIP *(Janush Miechakowski)*
Friday	**9.30am**	Michael Cooney RIP & Ints of Peter
Saturday	**9.30am**	Bill Reardon (B'day a)
	10am	*Confessions, Adoration & Benediction*
		Wedding Weronika Hennig & Relja Dulic
	5pm	Mary Webb RIP & Ints of M & L Conboy

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Sunday	**8.15am**	Deceased Pallicka Family
	11.15am	Michael Bobowski (a) & People of the Parish
	12.30pm	*Baptism of Rayah Pinfield & Liasa James-Moore*
	6pm	Ian Tavernor RIP **(live-streamed)**

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

For the dead . . .

Please pray for **Tommy Walsh** *Funeral Mass 12.45pm Friday 25th September,* **Robert Hadley** *Funeral 11am Friday 18th September at the Abbey Chapel,* **Elizabeth Mary Jarvis** *Funeral 2pm Thursday 17th September at the Abbey Chapel*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week in loving memory of ***Charlotte Louise Severn***

Next week in loving memory of ***Bill Reardon (B'day A)***

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for ***James Whyte (Birthday)***

Next week for the repose of the soul of ***Tommy Walsh***

The **Second Collection on the weekend of 5/6 September** is for **Fr Jason in thanksgiving** for his eight years here at Mount Carmel. There are envelopes especially for this available in church.

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

Our parish pilgrimage to commemorate the year of St Franis and to mark the Season of Creation will start at OLMC at 11.30am, we will then drive (car sharing) to the National Trust car park at Baddesley Clinton where we will all meet next to the cycle parking near the entrance to the property. Please bring your own drinks and food. The total walking distance is about 2 miles, if you feel unable to undertake this you can remain at St Michael's Church, which is close to the car park and wait in quiet prayer until we arrive back from St Francis of Assisi Church. We will return to the parish hall for some light refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) in time for ending the pilgrimage at 5pm Mass. Please register your intentions to come with the parish office.

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*

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

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 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	22/23 August 2026
1st Collection	£736.84
2nd Collection	£252.78 *(Parish Hall)*
Attendance	484

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

Have you lost a sandal? We have one in the office!!

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.

Seniors Next Meeting
Thursday 10th September
Trip Severn Valley Railway

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER … For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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**

SEASON OF CREATION: This begins on Tuesday, 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Leo's message for which can be read at **https://cafod.org.uk/news/uk-news/elebrate-world-day-of-prayer** Next weekend we welcome Fr Kevin McDonagh who will preach at all of our Masses. Fr Kevin is a Columban priest and a member of the Columban Order's Justice, Peace and Environment Team. Also during the season will be our parish pilgrimage to the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton on Saturday 12th September; a spcial parish Mass for the Care of Creation and concludes with a Novena to St Francis, whose feast day on the 4th October marks the end of the season.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will next meet after the 6pm Mass on **Sunday 6 September** for a social get together. All young adults are warmly welcome.

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
Friday 18 September @ 7pm Fr Jason's Thanksgiving Mass
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)

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

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.