Today’s Readings
Gospel

John 12:20 “And I will raise him up on the last day.”

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43 “Saul had left his home town and was living in the desert of the desert of the desert of the desert.”

1st Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 “The Lord is coming soon.”

2nd Reading

Hebrews 10:25-31 “Let us go to him, since he is inviting us.”

Mount Carmel Seniors Group

Thursdays at 2.30pm St Benedict’s

29th March

Shared Table Easter

5th April

Seated Exercise

19th April

Evesham Cinema & Shopping

26th April

Chat & Bowling

3rd May

Afternoon Tea

17th May

Abergavenny Market

24th May

Seated Exercise

7th June

Bingo

15th June

Trip to Three Counties Show

21st June

Ascot Day, Fish & Chips, Summer Puddings, tea & coffee

PILGRIMAGES

Holy Land Saturday 9th—Saturday 16th June, 8 days/7nights

In 4 hotels, Dinner, bed & breakfast. Coach transfers included + entrance fees. Spiritual Director. Cost £1300.00 per person (sharing) £1550.00 single room (includes £250 supplement) Deposit £250. Instalment plans available. Pick up from St Chad’s Cathedral. Local English speaking tour guides.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Thursday 26th July—Friday 2nd August 9 day/8 nights luxury pilgrimage with no overnight coach travel Cost £575.00 per person sharing, £765 single room (includes £100 supplement) Deposit £100. Instalment plans available. Pick up from St Chad’s Cathedral.

Poland Pilgrimage In the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and visiting Divine Mercy Chapel, Auschwitz Birkenau and many other places. Friday 14th—21st September. Spiritual Director Fr Krzysztof Kita. Pick up from St Michael’s, Moor St, flying from Birmingham. Coach transfers included. 4* hotel, Dinner, bed & breakfast. Local Guide. All entrance fees included. Cost £775 per person sharing, £950 single room (includes £175 supplement) Deposit £175. Instalment plans available.

For further information on all the above, contact Andrew Oldnall on 0121 440 8623, mobile 07733 226063, email andrewoldnall@gmail.com

Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am Parish Centre

All welcome

Thought for today ….

In the immensity of his Passion Jesus declared: ‘Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit’ (Jn 12:24). Now is no longer the time for words and discourses: indeed the crucial hour has come for which the Son of God came into the world and although, his soul is troubled, he makes himself available to fulfill the Father’s will to the end. And this is the will of God: to give eternal life to us who have lost it. However, in order for this to be brought about Jesus dies, like a grain of wheat that God the Father has sown in the world. Indeed, only in this way can a new humanity germinate and grow, free from the domination of sin and able to live in brotherhood, as sons and daughters of the one Father who is in heaven.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Lenten Penitential Service

This Monday 19th March at 7.30pm in Mount Carmel with individual confession

Stations of the Cross

5.15pm every Sunday during Lent After morning Mass on Fridays

Children’s Stations of the Cross

Weather permitting they will take place in the garden otherwise in church. If your child/children would like to do a reading and drawing for a Station, please contact Melanie at melaniebullivant@hotmail.com, using subject ‘Children’s Stations of the Cross’ and Melanie will get back to you.

Please note it is not an alternative to the 3 o’clock Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Mount Carmel 500 Club February winners

1st Prize £140 No. 228 Brigitte Hughes

2nd Prize £40 No. 164 Bernard O’Hara

3rd Prize £20 No. 181 Les Croy

If you would like to subscribe to this excellent way of fundraising for the parish, please pop into the parish office and pick up a form. For one number it only costs £12 a year (£1 a month), for two numbers £24 and so on.

Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land

We have received a letter of thanks from Good Shepherd Nottingham. The sale of the olive wood carvings last weekend raised just under £1000 for the Christian families in the Holy Land. Many thanks to all those who supported them.

Lenten Alms (Friends of the Holy Land)

Please hand in Crib Boxes no matter how much or how little, it all helps; or if you wish a donation would be most gratefully appreciated. Thank you, Deacon Peter.

Feast of the Divine Mercy

3pm Sunday 8th April

An hour of prayer, readings, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction. There is also the opportunity for Confession.

Adoremus—National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress— ‘I am the Bread of Life’ 7th—9th September 2018

Leaflets available at the back of church and in the porches. A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of clergy, religious and laity which promotes an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. This Eucharistic Congress has been given the title Adoremus (let us adore). Participants will hear keynotes speakers and engage in sessions exploring the Eucharist as the ‘source and summit’ of our Catholic lives. There will also be daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus2018 or contact Fr Craig Simonit on 0121 422 4965 or email parishpriest@catholicquinton.org.uk

Fair Tradit Fortune

Many thanks to all who supported the sale of fairly traded goods last weekend at Mount Carmel & Alvechurch. They will be on sale this week at Hadzor and Feckenham. Fair Tradit Fortune is promoted by the Fairtrade Foundation and CAFOD and supported by our Parish Council. Buying fair trade goods helps farmers and other producers in developing countries to trade their way out of poverty.
Palm Sunday of Lent Year B
Week beginning Sunday 25th March 2018
Mount Carmel 8.15 am Stan & Stasia Duraj
9.45 am Mass in Polish
11.15 am Anne Rileya (a)
5.15 pm Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm Eina O’Brien
Alvechurch 9.45 am People of the Parish
Feckenham 10.15 am Peter Baker

Parish Diary …. Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B Psalter Week 1
11.15am Mass MCS FHC Preparation Mass
5.15pm Stations of the Cross

Counters Team A
Monday
10 am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
7.00pm Mount Choir Practice in Presbytery
7.30pm Lenten Penitential Service
7.30pm Marriage Preparation (Session 1) in presbytery
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday
6pm STM FHC Meeting in school

Wednesday
6pm Parish FHC Class in church

Thursday
7.30pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre
Friday
10 am Stations of the Cross
7pm Reddish Catholic Fellowship Social at St Benedict’s

Saturday
5pm Mass STM FHC Mass ‘New Life’
Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass in the Parish Centre
Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor in the Newman Room

Flowers—No Flowers in Lent
Sunday
Mount Carmel Church. There is an administrative fee of £30
for Baptism which should be paid at the time of arranging the date.

Baptism
To arrange for the baptism of your child/children you will need to contact the parish office on 01527 630300 or visit the parish website to find out when the next available Baptism Meeting is for you to attend. At this meeting you will be given the Baptism Form to take away with you for completion. Once completed please bring it to the parish office on a week-day morning between 10am—11am when one of the priests will be able to see you and book the date for baptism. Baptisms normally take place on a Sunday at 1pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. There is an administrative fee of £30 for Baptism which should be paid at the time of arranging the date.

What’s on …………..
Evening of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Thursday 22nd March at Maryvale Institute 7.30-9.30pm led by Fr Eddie Clare. This evening of recollection for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the diocese will begin with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm, followed by a talk after which Mass will be celebrated. Cost £5. To book phone 0121 360 8118 or Bridgetine Convent on 0121 325 2414. Cheques should be made out to ‘Maryvale Institute’.

Reddish One World Link Concert
At Emmanuel Ecumenical Centre on Friday 23rd March 7.30pm. Donations requested, light refreshments. This is a fundraising event to help bring Tanzanians from our twin town Mikwara to Reddish in June this year. For further information contact Jacks Morgan 01527 893408 or email morgan5d@binternet.com

Arrow Vale Singers present ‘Songs from the Skies’ Saturday April 14th, 7.30pm St Albans Cathedral Church £8 from Jennifer McClellan Tel 07754 199979

National Catholic Men’s Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Sunday 22nd April, 10.30-5.30pm—a warm invitation to the first annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons—’When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England’ For more information visit www.catholicmen.co.uk

Feckenham Flower Festival
Saturday/Sunday 19/20 May 2018

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
This week the lamp burns in loving memory of STAN & STASIA DURAJ ……. Next week NB NO LAMPS DURING HOLY WEEK

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart
This week the lamp burns in loving memory of MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY (ANNIVERSARY) ….. Next week NB NO LAMPS DURING HOLY WEEK

For the dead ……..
Your prayers are asked for EDWARD ‘EDDY’ MARTIN RALPH, the Annual Mass on Sunday 25th March at 11.15am, CLIFFORD OJUKUWU Funerat Mass Saturday 26th May at 1pm, repatriation to Africa in June, DAVE CLINTON aged 21 years. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick ……..
Deacon Des, Carmel Fiallo, Fred & Pauline Clarke, Jane-Christina Thomson, Bob & Caroline Holland, Mick Halloran, Chris Piggit, Kitty Fanning, Thomas Henry Burns, Bridge Heath, Brian & Des Snow, Brian Dixon, Pin, Conn, Edward Conboy, Margaret Daly, Maureen Roavey, Gregory & Linda Daniel, Mauro Lee, Sean Harkin, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Obinna, Margaret Hanley, Wendy Hickey, Rita Wilson, Pat Davis, Grazyna, Kazik & Krysta Zajakiewicz, Delia Bree, Gina Belmonte, John Henry Bird, Martin Twoym, Mgt Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Biddy Smith, Christopher Carr, Clive McGolgan, Christine Watson, Maria Yates, Morris Yates, Josie Clarke, Stuart Pearson, Mandy Milward Morea, Francis & Judith O’Hare, Eugene Kirk, Tom Nicholas, Julia Hopkins, Phil English, Violet Nolan, Julia Bradford, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, Jane Fairbanks, Jayne Spiers, Mark Dawson (Intensive Care QE)

Congratulations ……..
We welcome into God’s family CIERNAN McLUSKIEY, THOMAS ROWE, SAMUEL & SIMEON ADESANYA baptised last Sunday at Mount Carmel

WANTED GOOD CONDITION DOUBLE BUGGY
The ‘Life’ group have been asked for a double buggy for a mum who has a toddler and expecting another baby soon. If you can help, contact the parish office on 01527 630306.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Saturday 26th May—Friday 1st June by air
Saturday 26th May—Saturday 2nd June by coach led by Archbishop Bernard Longley
Booking forms with details of hotels and prices available from the parish office. Prices vary from £715—£850 by air and £434—£537 by coach, so check room supplements apply.

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Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are
MRS JANE CRAIG & MRS LINDA GORDON

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