

Statue Visitation for the Consecrated Life

Parishioners are invited to receive the statue of Our Lady for one week and place her with flowers and candles in a prominent position in the home. Each day you are committed to praying the rosary to which parishioners can be invited to join in if you so wish. If you would like to participate in this, please see one of the clergy or contact the parish office.

ROTA SO FAR

Sunday 19th August 2018 Susan Salam
 Sunday 26th August 2018 Vera Whyte
 Sunday 2nd September 2018 Sarah Reynia
 Sunday 9th September 2018 Ann Glennon
 Sunday 16th September 2018 Caroline Holland
If your date is not convenient for you, please either swap with someone else or let the parish office know.
 COULD YOU WELCOME THE STATUE OF OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME? - YES? - PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!

St Mary's Alvechurch Ecumenical Faith Group

On the third Wednesday of every month at 10.30 am – all welcome

THE SHRINES OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

To have the lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, please contact the parish office, suggested donation £5.



LIFE Care Service

Free National Helpline 0808 802 5433

If you wish to **contact the parish St Vincent de Paul group**, please telephone 07531 818731 (the SVP phone) and leave a message with your contact details so we can return your call.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer"

Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass. Before Mass **Talk to God** During Mass **Listen to God** After Mass **Talk to each other**

St Benedict's Social Club

Rowan Rd Batchley

Available for hire Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other occasions.

Telephone the Club on 01527 60345

BINGO Every Sunday 2.30pm & Monday 8pm

PLEASE do not leave bags of clothes in the church or bring them to the parish office. We will only accept what has been specifically asked for by the SVP Group.

Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am
 Parish Centre
 All welcome

Fellow Catholic Parishioners please come and join us

The Catenians - a Catholic men's association

'Strengthening family life through friendship and faith'

The Redditch Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Abbey Hotel and welcomes new members. For further information please contact Andrew Farrell on 07767831548 or Brian Green on 01527 543111

Mount Carmel Seniors Group

Thursdays at 2.30pm St Benedict's

6th September	Tea and a chat
13th September	Race Day
20th September	Trip
27th September	Seated Exercise
4th October	Shared Table
18th October	Trip
25th October	Seated Exercise
1st November	Christmas Arts & Crafts
15th November	Christmas Bingo
22nd November	Trip to Chatsworth House with Christmas Markets

Beauty in Brokenness

A day for women to explore, share and celebrate their experience of differing Christian Traditions.

This day has been organized by an ecumenical group of women in response to the growing national interest in Receptive Ecumenism. It is supported by Churches Together and the National Board of Catholic Women

SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 10.30AM—4PM

BROMSGROVE METHODIST CENTRE

Free (donations are invited towards the sandwich lunch which will be provided) For more information or to book please contact Jane Lavery on 07792 986056 or email lavery.jane@gmail.com

If Music be the Food of Love

A Journey through the musical history of the Harpsichord, from Sweelinck to Bach; performed by harpsichordist Jack Brookes.

Saturday 29th September at 7.45pm at the Palace Theatre. Tickets £11 available from the Box Office 01527 65203 or visit www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk.

Limited availability—buy early to avoid missing out!

Person & Global Transformation

Speaker Edwina Gateley Saturday 8th September 9.30am-4pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Tea/Coffee available. Please bring packed lunch. Cost by donation. If you are able to attend please email a.connor26@yahoo.com



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

Beoley Road West, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8LT (01527) 63096

Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk Website: www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No.234216

Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Craig Davies, Fr Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacons: Revs Des Chilton & Peter Griffiths

NEWSLETTER 1828 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018 YEAR B**

Parish Mass Book Pg.62 Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8 Psalm 14 James 1:17-18.21-22.27 Gospel Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

Thought for the day

The Gospel places great emphasis on the heart, and we can see why. The heart is the source from which all our thoughts, words and deeds flow. If the heart is clean, then all that flows from it will be clean, like water flowing from a pure spring. The Pharisees paid more attention to the outside than the inside. They were more preoccupied with having clean hands than having clean hearts. It's the heart that matters. But only God can see what is in the heart. And only he can make it into what it should be.

Floods in Kerala : Second Collection this weekend

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Victims of the floods in Kerala. The St Vincent de Paul Society is very active in Kerala, and are doing great work helping the victims of the floods in local communities but are in desperate need of funds. If you would prefer to donate on line, you can visit www.svp.org.uk.

Altar Servers Meeting
Next Saturday 8th September at 11am
It is important that ALL Servers attend!

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall
Shrine of the English Martyrs
This Sunday 2nd September 2018

Principal Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne CO
Preacher Very Rev Canon David Oakley
 Confessions 1.45pm-2.30pm, Mass 3.00pm
 Free Parking, Teas, Picnic Area. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available and may be booked on the day at the table in the courtyard. **It is essential that you take your own chairs.**

Transport to Adoremus Eucharistic Congress

There are spaces available in a 9 seater vehicle going to Liverpool early on Thursday 6th September and returning in the evening of Sunday 9th September, currently leaving from Alcester. Shared costs. For more information, please contact Rosalind-Marie on 07789 282689.

Carer needed for elderly parishioner, 2 visits per day Monday to Friday plus occasional weekends & holiday cover, Headless Cross area. Contact 07765 499669.

Date for your diary

Fr Craig's Farewell Mass

7pm Friday 19th October

The Second Collection on the weekend of **6th/7th October** will be for Fr Craig



Journey in Faith
 at Mount Carmel
 Thursday Evenings

This year's Journey in Faith will begin on Thursday, September 13th with evening Mass at 7pm followed by a short introduction to the course and BBQ in the presbytery garden. The course is for people who are interested joining the Catholic Church and for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Faith, so existing parishioners are also very welcome to attend. For more information, please contact one of the priests.

Traidcraft goods

These will be available for sale this Sunday at Alvechurch and then every first Sunday of the month thereafter.

Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of B'ham

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). **If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207.**

Mass Times & Intentions
Twenty-second Sunday of the Year, Year B
Week beginning Sunday 2nd September 2018

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Ints of Theresa Lynas
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Kathleen McGee

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Josie Smith
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Sp Intention for Matthew Roden
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Margaret Leonard
Feckenham	10.15 am	Holy Souls

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Julia Radford
		Rita Wilson

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Mary Lynch
	5.00 pm	Reception of Body
		Julia Radford
	6.00 pm	Michael & Winifred Conboy

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Jane Moran & family
	11.00 am	Funeral Mass
		Julia Radford
	5.00 pm	NB No Polish Mass

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Michael & Antonina Bobowski (a)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Kitty Fanning

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Anna Vasilkova
		Peter Rafferty
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	5.00 pm	NB No Polish Mass

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ned O'Shea

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Tim Herlihy (Wedd A)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Kitty Fanning

Confessions at Mount Carmel

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction Saturdays 10-10.50am

On the 1st Saturday of the month the Rosary will be said after Divine Mercy Devotion

Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week beginning Sunday 9th September 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Giovanna & Vittorio Fusco & Special Intention
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Weroniki & Michale Kufel (a)
	6.00 pm	Gerald Mullings (a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Jane Powell & Michael Murphy

Parish Diary
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Psalter Week 2

Counters Team C

Monday

10am Legion of Mary in the Parish Centre

7pm Choir Practice resumes in church

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday

7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Wednesday—Schools return

NB No Polish Mass

7.30pm Baptism Meeting in the Parish Centre (Sheila Hicks & Angela Martin)

Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

NB No Polish Mass

Saturday

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass in the Parish Centre

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor in the Newman Room

7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Flowers Anne & Ella Colley

Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Psalter Week 3

6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green

Joint Service at Alvechurch Baptist Church

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team D

What's on

Adoremus—National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress— 'I am the Bread of Life' 7th—9th September

For more information visit:
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus2018 or contact Fr Craig Szmidt by email parishpriest@catholicquinton.org.uk or phone 0121 422 4865

Friends of the Holy Lane National Gathering

Saturday September 22nd 10.30am-4pm in the Parish Centre, St Francis of Assisi, Kenilworth CV8 1HL

Hear the testimony of Sami El Yousef, CEO of the Latin Patriarchate and native of Old Jerusalem. Attendance is free and lunch is provided. To reserve your place contact the FHL Office 01926 512980 or email office@friendsoftheholylane.org.uk. For more information visit www.friendsoftheholylane.org.uk

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday	Feast of Saint Gregory
(540-604) He was a Prefect of Rome and later became a monk. He was papal legate at Constantinople. Five years after returning to his monastery, he was elected pope. He greatly influenced the life of the Church, and unified the liturgy and compiled the Gregorian chant which was named after him. One of Gregory's most far reaching actions was to send missionaries to England. This was said to have been prompted by the sight of fair haired Anglo Saxon youths exposed for sale in the Roman slave market. He wrote many works on morals and dogma.	
Tuesday	Saint Cuthbert
(c634-687) St Cuthbert worked as a shepherd in Northumbria until he joined the monastic community at Melrose under St Eata. He moved to Lindisfarne and did much to spread the Gospel in the area, before embracing the eremitical life on the isle of Farne. In 684 he became Bishop of Hexham, but quickly exchanged Sees with St Eata, who was by now Bishop of Lindisfarne. He was known for his holiness of his life and his many miracles. Buried originally at Lindisfarne, his body was later moved to Durham and found to be incorrupt.	
Friday	First Friday
Saturday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 25/26 August 2018

1st Collection	£726.68
2nd Collection	£408.50
Mass attendance	636 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Tabor House

Can you help us give someone a warm, safe place to start over? Tabor House is Birmingham's only permanent night shelter and is looking for volunteers. You could help as a hospitality volunteer, shift leader or volunteer mentor. To show your interest, please call Christy Acton on 07464 928691

Interested in learning about your Faith?

Discover the Ecclesiastical Bachelor of Divinity! Enrolling at Maryvale Institute for Autumn 2018

Join us for our Autumn Open Day Saturday 15th September

Email headmin@maryvale.ac.uk for further information

Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament by Mgr Timothy Menezes

If you have ordered a copy of this book, they are now in the parish office for you to collect. Cost £5.

A Pilgrimage of the Sick Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford

Sunday 16th September led by Bishop Byrne

2pm onwards, Gathering & chance to pray & light candles at the Shrine. (Parish Hall will be open for teas & coffees)

3pm Evening Prayer, Exposition, Homily and Anointing of the Sick. 3.50pm Afternoon Teas served in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Fr Jeremy Howard on 01543 422576 or olol.hednesford@gmail.com

Lamp at the Shrine of Our lady

This week the lamp burns for **C.A.R.** Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the **Intentions of ELLA ...** next week **Free at the moment**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JULIA RADFORD** Reception of Body, Tuesday 4th September at 5pm, Funeral Mass Wednesday 5th September at 11am, **REGINALD BROWN** Reception of Body 5pm Tuesday 11th September, Funeral Mass Wednesday 12th September at 2.15pm, **MOLLY MAYNE** Funeral Service at the Abbey Chapel, 9.30am Monday 17th September, **MARIE PARKER** Funeral details not yet known, **ELAINE MYERS** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick...


Deacon Des, Carmel Fiolka, Fred & Pauline Clarke, Jane-Christina Thomson, Bob & Caroline Holland, Mick Halloran, Chris Figggett, Thomas Henry Burnside, Bridget Heatley, Brian & Devan Dixon, Brian Dixon Snr, Pat Conner, Margaret Daly, Maureen Reavey, Gregory Daniel, Maura Lee, Sean Harkin, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Obinna, Mary Hickey, Grazyna, Kazik & Krzys Juskiewicz, Delia & Gerry Bree, Gino Belmonte, John Henry Birtle, Martin Twomey, Margaret Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Biddy Smith, Christopher Carr, Christine Watson, Mark Yates, Josie Clarke, Stuart Pearson, Francis & Judith O'Hare, Eugene Kirk, Tom Nicholas, Julia Hopkins, Phil English, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, Jayne Spiers, Molly Barron, Betty Flahive, Mary Eve, Sylvia Burge, Paul Daly, Maureen Fowler, Lucy Martin, Emrys Hughes Candice Butcher, Teresa McGilloway, Charlie Gallagher

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family **WINIFRED JEAN KNIGHT** baptised last Sunday at Mount Carmel

Baptism

To arrange for the baptism of your child/ children you will need to contact the parish office on 01527 63096 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 with you to the parish office on a weekday 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.



I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit—

TREE OF HOPE

The tree of hope is near the statue of St Therese for anyone who wishes to hang a leaf for their own particular petition or sorrow. Feel free to take a leaf and write a name or message on it to hang on the tree and spend sometime in prayer

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon