

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 11th February 2018 Vera Whyte
Sunday 18th February 2018 Sarah Reynia
Sunday 25th February 2018 Ann Glennon
Sunday 4th March 2018 Caroline Holland
Sunday 11th March 2018 Vincent Sampays

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!

Hadzor Prayer Group

Friday mornings 11am-12.30pm to reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Refreshments provided

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

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

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**

Coffee Shop

at St Benedict's, Batchley Wednesdays
10am—12noon

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

22nd February	Chat & Bowling
1st March	Talk (Occupational Health)
15th March	St Patrick's Day entertainment & Irish Stew
29th March	Shared Table Easter
5th April	Seated Exercise
19th April	Evesham Cinema & Shopping
26th April	Chat & Bowling

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 3rd August 9 day/8 nights luxury pilgrimage with no overnight coach travel Cost £575.00 per person sharing, £765 single room (includes £190 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 andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am Parish Centre
All welcome

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.



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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

Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Craig Davies

Permanent Deacons: Revs Des Chilton & Peter Griffiths

NEWSLETTER 1800 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

Parish Mass Book 75 Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 24 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel Mark 1:12-15

Thought for today

Nothing greater can happen to a human being than that he or she is forgiven. Those who are forgiven are no longer trapped in their past. They are set free—free to move forward again. The Lord not only forgives our sins, but helps us to learn from them. We learn about our own weakness. We learn about the goodness of God. And we learn to be compassionate towards others who sin.

Stations of the Cross

5.15pm every Sunday during Lent

After morning Mass on Fridays

Induction of Fr David Doran Thursday 22nd February at 7pm

Fr David will be inducted as Parish Priest of St Peter's, High Street, Bloxwich WS3 3LA on Thursday 22nd February at 7pm. **A coach has been booked and will leave Mount Carmel Church at 5pm on the 22nd.**

Cost £10 per adult. There are still a few seats left, if you would like a seat on the coach, please contact the parish office on 01527 63096 asap.

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, single room supplements apply.

Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land

The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land will be at Masses on the weekend of 10th/11th March here at Mount Carmel, Feckenham and Hadzor to sell the Olive Wood carvings from the Holy Land (Bethlehem). They are based in Nottingham and work alongside the Vincent De Paul Society for orphans and elderly in the Holy Land. Their goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as the olive wood carvings is an important source of income for them.

Family Fast Day next Friday 23rd February

This weekend members of the parish CAFOD group will be giving a short talk about the work of Cafod. Family Fast Day envelopes will be available at all Mass centres for you to take home with you. Please return them next weekend, they can be put in the normal weekend collection bags.

40 Days for LIFE

The 40 Days for LIFE campaign has begun and will run until Palm Sunday (25th March) when there will be peaceful praying outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Arthur Street, Edgbaston every day 8am-8pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March, 2.30pm at the Emmanuel Church

Mount Carmel 500 Club January winners

1st Prize £140	No 172	Brendan Geraghty
2nd Prize £40	No 5	Jo Rignall
3rd Prize £20	No 100	Fr Craig Szmidi



Tuesday 20 February

2-4pm Emmanuel Church

They will be sharing the story of Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat. There

will be activities for all ages, including making our own giant technicolour dreamcoat. We hope you will join us.

Sponsor a child making their FHC

This year OLMC school have asked if parishioners could sponsor a child making their FHC. This means that throughout the coming year you will pray each day for this child by name. If you are willing, therefore to become a prayer sponsor, please put your name against that of a child on the list which can be found in the Sacristy. Thank you. Fr Craig

St Patrick's Dance

Friday 16th March at

St Benedict's, 7.30 til late

Music by Tony Carroll Tickets £5

available from the Parish Office & Club



Mass Times & Intentions

First Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 18th February 2018

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Alan Gourley (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Trisha Blundell
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Dec'd of the Hallahan & Connolly Families
	5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Ints of Brendan Coombes and Richard & Marie
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Holy Souls

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Peter Casey
		Ints of Bidy Smith (sick)

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Christopher & Joan Avern
	6.00 pm	Susan Cullen

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Bob Robinson (Recovery)
	12.30 pm	Funeral Mass
		Olga Antonowicz
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Monica Martyn
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Adrian Ward

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Mass
	9.30 am	Michael & Antonina Bobowski
		Mark Chadwick
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish + Stations

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Barbara Rohde & Stanislaw Suska

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Paddy Slattery
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Holy Souls

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 Devotions

Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 25th February 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	People of the Parish
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Norah Hughes (a)
	5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Robert Shepherd (b'day a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Frank Ashcroft (b'day a)
Feckenham	10.15 am	Barry & Bernadette Rugen (a)

Parish Diary

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent, Year B Psalter Week 1
Rite of Election for JIF to St Chad's Coach leaving Mt Carmel at 1.30pm
5.15pm Stations of the Cross

Counters Team D

Monday

Schools closed for Half Term
10 am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
7.00pm Mount Choir Practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre
7.30pm Parish Finance Meeting in Presbytery

Thursday

7.30 pm Induction of Fr David Doran as Parish Priest of St Peter's Bloxwich –coach leaving Mt Carmel at 5pm

Friday

Family Fast Day
10am Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass in the Parish Centre
Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor in the Newman Room

Flowers—No Flowers in Lent

Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent Year B Psalter Week 2

Counters Team E

Marriage Preparation Weekend

Run by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter
29th June (8pm) - 1st July (4.30pm) at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill B44 9AG. Bookings can be made on line (booking fee of £50) at <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-engaged-encounter-weekend-oscott-birmingham>
For further information please contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 244 77862 or visit the website <https://wwme.org.uk/>

First Sunday of Lent



SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Wednesday

Saint Peter Damian

(1007-1072) St Peter Damian, a Benedictine monk, was the author of many important works on liturgy, theology and morals. Having served as an abbot, St Peter was made Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He supported Gregory VI in his struggle for the rights of the Church. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

Thursday

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

Friday

Saint Polycarp

Family Fast Day

(+155) St Polycarp was converted to Christianity by St John the Evangelist. He was later ordained bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey). He was about 86 when the Roman pro-consul urged him to renounce Christ and save his life. St Polycarp replied 'For 86 years I have served him and he has never wronged me. How can I renounce the King who has saved me?' He was executed and his body burnt; his followers collected his relics and wrote an account of his life and martyrdom.

Diocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

Monday 2nd April for four nights £599 per person sharing
Price includes 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, Knock House Hotel, breakfast & 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheel chair accessible rooms in hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £60. Groups & individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557, email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com
Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is full protected by ATOL T7613.

What's on

Lent Together

St John the Baptist Parish Church, Feckenham & Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Church, Feckenham 'The Joy of the Gospel' Thursday evenings 7.30pm-9pm weekly from 15th February to 22nd March at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Church. For more information contact Revd Barbara Wheatley on 01527 892969

Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green *Lenten Course* based on the film *Les Misérables*, on various days, times and venues in Alvechurch. Contact Felicity Rixon 0121 445 2371 for further information.

Feckenham Flower Festival

Saturday/Sunday 19/20 May 2018

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

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of CHARLIE & BELLA TIMMINS..... Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of DICK & JANE DOYLE

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of WILLIAM (BILL) HUGHES (ANNIVERSARY).... Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of BRENDAN MCGILLOWAY (ANNIVERSARY)

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for OLGA ANTONOWITZ
Funeral Mass 12.30pm Wednesday 21st February, MARY HODGSON Funeral Service 11.45 am Monday 19th February at the Abbey Chapel, MARGARET HUNT Funeral Service 11.45am Tuesday 27th February at the Abbey Chapel, MARIE 'MARLENE' HUGHES Funeral 12 noon Wednesday 28th February at Mount Carmel, CLIFFORD OJUKWU Funeral details not yet known, JOAN DONOVAN Funeral Mass Tuesday 20th February at 2.15pm in St Peter's, Bromsgrove, KATH AUSTIN Fr Alex's mother, MARK CHADWICK 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 Figgitt, Kitty Fanning, Thomas Henry Burnside, Bridget Heatley, Brian & Devan Dixon, Brian Dixon Snr, Pat Conner, Margaret Daly, Maureen Reavey, Gregory & Linda Daniel, Maura Lee, Sean Harkin, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Obinna, Margaret Leonard, Mary Hickey, Rita Wilson, Pat Davis, Grazyna, Kazik & Krzys Juskiewicz, Delia Bree, Gino Belmonte, John Henry Birtle, Martin Twomey, Mgt Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Bidy Smith, Christopher Carr, Clive McColgan, Christine Watson, Maria Yates, Mark Yates, Josie Clarke, Stuart Pearson, Mandy Millward Morrissey, Francis & Judith O'Hare, Eugene Kirk, Tom Nicholas, Julia Hopkins, Phil English, Violet Nolan, Julia Radford, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, June Fairbanks, Jane Spiers

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family FREDDIE KEATLEY 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.



A baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend	10/11 February 2018
1st Collection	£705.50
2nd Collection	£347.38
Attendance	856

These figures do not include Standing Orders