

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

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

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
3rd May **Afternoon Tea**
17th May **Abergavenny Market**
24th May Seated Exercise
7th June Bingo
15th June **Trip to Three Counties Show**

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 1801 **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B** 25TH FEBRUARY 2018

Parish Mass Book 78 Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18 Psalm 115 Romans 8:31-34 Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Thought for today

When our Lord was in the wilderness, on the mountain-top or in the garden he found the solitude he needed to pray to his heavenly Father. Each of these three environments brought the Lord an opportunity to be close to the Father, at especially significant moments in his life, and to understand more clearly the pathway that now lay before him.



Stations of the Cross

5.15pm every Sunday during Lent

After morning Mass on Fridays

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March, 2.30pm at the Emmanuel Church

Friday 2nd March, 1.45pm at Alvechurch Baptist Church

Family Fast Day Envelopes

Can be placed in the normal collection bags this weekend.

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.

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.

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.

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 keynote 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 Szmidt on 0121 422 4865 or email parishpriest@catholicquinton.org.uk

Fair Trade Fortnight

24th February—11th March

Fair Trade goods will be on sale next weekend 3/4 March at Mount Carmel and Alvechurch, Saturday 10th March at Hadzor and Sunday 18th March at Feckenham. Fair Trade fortnight is promoted by the Fairtrade Foundation and buying fair trade goods helps farmers and other producers in developing countries to trade their way out of poverty. Some fair trade goods are more expensive than their supermarket equivalent, however, this is necessary to enable the benefits to accrue to the producer communities; it is not so much that fair trade goods are more expensive, rather, supermarket items are cheap because human dignity is not factored into the costing.

Bible Study this Friday 2nd March at 11am In the Parish Centre

Sponsor a child making their FHC

Not too late to 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, please put your name against that of a child on the list which can be found in the Sacristy. Thank you. Fr Craig

Mass Times & Intentions

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 25th February 2018

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Paddy Slattery (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Holy Souls

Sunday

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)

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Eveline Kott Peter Baker

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Michael Hubbard (a)
	6.00 pm	Dolly Wakefield (b'day a)
Mt Carmel Sch	9.20 am	School Mass Mary Gilmer

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Dick Doyle (b'day a)
	12 noon	Funeral Mass Marlene Hughes
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Gill Smith
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Denis O'Callaghan
St Augustine's Sch	9.30 am	Yr 10 Form Group Mass

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Mass
	9.30 am	Stewart Clarke
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish + Stations
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 7 Class Mass (75C) Ints of Paul Spencer

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Robert Krawiec
<i>(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)</i>		
Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Teresa Milard & Frances Costello
Hadzor	5.00 pm	John Cronin & Michael Healy

**The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are
Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 4th March 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Jenny McNamee
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Selina Kilker
	5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Helen Butler
Feckenham	10.15 am	Gill Roberts

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

Parish Diary

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B Psalter Week 2
5.15pm Stations of the Cross

Counters Team E

Monday

10 am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
5.30pm STB Confirmation Meeting in school (session 4)
7.00pm Mount Choir Practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre
7.30pm Parish Finance Meeting in Presbytery

Thursday—St David's Day

7.30 pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

Friday

Women's World Day of Prayer

First Friday
10am Stations of the Cross
11am Bible Study in the Parish Centre

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

Third Sunday in Lent Year B Psalter Week 3

Counters Team F

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/>

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.

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Wednesday

Saint Oswald

St Oswald was a Benedictine monk of the abbey of Fleury-sur-Loire and became the Bishop of Worcester in the year 961. He worked with St Dunstan and St Ethelwold for the restoration of the monastic life. He was renowned for his pleasant character, his meticulous celebration of the sacraments, and his care of the poor. In 972 he was appointed Archbishop of York and administered both dioceses. He died in Worcester on this day in 992.

Thursday

Feast of Saint David, Patron of Wales

(+c.600) St David was born in South Wales. We know very little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery in Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop. He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claim him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one to Rome. He is the patron saint of Wales.

Friday

Saint Chad

First Friday, Women's World Day of Prayer

St Chad was born in the seventh century. He was educated at Lindisfarne. As a bishop established his See at Lichfield. His reputation spread quickly and favourably as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick. He died at Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. He is the patron saint of the Archdiocese.

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 Miserables, on various days, times and venues in Alvechurch. Contact Felicity Rixon 0121 445 2371 for further information.

St Patrick's Dance - Friday 16th March
St Benedict's Club—dancing to Tony Carroll
7.30—late, tickets £5 available from parish office & the club.

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 **DICK & JANE DOYLE.....** Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **CHRISTOPHER SREBNIAK (DURAJ)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **BRENDAN MCGILLOWAY (ANNIVERSARY).....** Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JEREMY PATRICK BRANNAN (ANNIVERSARY)**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **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, **ANTHONY PERHAM** Funeral Service 1.15pm Tuesday 6th March at the Abbey Chapel 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 Juszkiewicz, Delia Bree, Gino Belmonte, John Henry Birtle, Martin Twomey, Mgt Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Biddy 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, Jayne Spiers

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.



WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend	17/18 February 2018
1st Collection	£770.34
2nd Collection	£396.17
Attendance	713

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Diocesan Directories

Available from the parish office, cost £3.50.