

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 4th March 2018 Caroline Holland
Sunday 11th March 2018 Vincent Sampson
Sunday 18th March 2018 Linda Gordon
Sunday 25th March 2018 Susan Salam
Sunday 1st April 2018 Vera Whyte

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

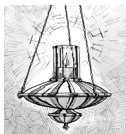
Friday mornings 11am-12.30pm to reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Refreshments provided

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

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 1803 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B** 11TH MARCH 2018

Parish Mass Book 83 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23 Psalm 136 Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel John 3:14-21

Thought for today

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reminds us that God 'so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life' (Jn 3:16). We hear this comforting proclamation at a time when painful armed confrontation threatens the hope of humanity for a better future. Jesus affirmed 'God so loved the world'. So then, the Father's love reaches every human being who lives in the world. How can one not see the obligation that springs from such an initiative of God? Conscious of such great love, the human being can only open himself to an attitude of fraternal welcome towards his fellow human beings.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Stations of the Cross

5.15pm every Sunday during Lent

After morning Mass on Fridays



Lenten Penitential Service

Monday 19th March at 7.30pm in Mount Carmel

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 this weekend at Mount Carmel, Alvechurch, Feckenham and Hadzor to sell the Olive Wood carvings from the Holy Land (Bethlehem).

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

Next meeting Saturday 17th March—film based on Blessed Titus Brandsma, a Dutch Carmelite priest and martyr who died in Dachau Concentration Camp during World War II will be shown at 12 noon, all welcome. As usual refreshments served at 11.15am followed by Lectio Divina. Shared lunch as usual.

Counting Teams

There is a new counters' rota available from the sacristy, please take your copy home with you after Mass. Thank you.

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

Fair Trade Fortnight 24th Feb—11th March

Fair Trade goods will be on sale Saturday 17th 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. . NB. The date for the sale of fair trade goods at Hadzor has changed to 17/03/18.

Dementia Prayer Week 12th-19th March

Dementia Prayer Week began ten years ago in a care home; at the end of a Service of the Word, several residents asked for a Day of Prayer. It has grown into a week and now we are marking ten years. For more information visit www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 11th March 2018

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Peter & David McHugh
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Holy Souls

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Michael & Antonina Bobowski
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	People of the Parish
	5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Mary Gilmer
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Jean Doherty
Feckenham	10.15 am	Peter Baker

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Norah Morrissey (a) Denis O'Callaghan (a)

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Joan Donovan (Seniors Group)
	6.00 pm	Latin Mass (EF) Ints of Somma Juwah
Mt Carmel Sch	9.20 am	School Mass Yr 2-Yr 4 Peter Baker

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Olga Antonowicz
	5.00 pm	NB No Polish Mass

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Henry & Josephine McGowan (b'day a)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Bridie & Paddy Joe McInerney
St Augustine's Sch	9.30 am	Yr 9 Form Group Mass

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Patsy Mulligan (b'day a)
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 7 Class Mass (7SC) Ints of Joseph Bourke
	5.00 pm	NB No Polish Mass
	6.30 pm	Keralan Way of the Cross

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Tess Ellicott (b'day a)

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Ann McAuliffe (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Abbie Deborah Coffey

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 17th March 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Percy & Madge Holder
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Barbara Cornyn
	5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Josie Beard (b'day a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Pat, Mary & Adrian Kennedy

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B Psalter Week 4
5.15pm Stations of the Cross
6pm Churches Together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green
Joint Service at Rowney Green Church

Counters Team G

Monday

10 am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
5.30pm STB Confirmation Meeting in school (session 5)
7.00pm Mount Choir Practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday

6pm Latin Mass (EF)

Wednesday—Happy Birthday Fr Tony!!

6pm Parish FHC Class
6pm ACN Prayer Meeting in church

Thursday

7.30 pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

Friday

10 am Stations of the Cross
St Patrick's Dance at St Benedict's 7.30pm—late

Saturday

Happy St Patrick's Day!!

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group Meeting in Parish Centre
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

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B Psalter Week 1
11.15am MCS FHC Mas 'New Life'

Counters Team A

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

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Monday-Friday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dementia Prayer Week

Saturday

Feast of Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland

(385-461) St Patrick was born into a Christian Romano-British family. His first encounter with Ireland was as a slave after he was captured by raiders at the age of sixteen. After escaping, he studied in Gaul and was ordained a priest. Around 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop and succeeded in consolidating the faith in large parts of the country.

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.

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 Bridgettine Convent on 0121 325 2414. Cheques should be made out to 'Maryvale Institute'.

Feckenham Flower Festival

Saturday/Sunday 19/20 May 2018

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.

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL DOES STRICTLY Release date April 2nd

It's a downloadable digital copy of Mount Carmel Does Strictly 2018 held at the Palace Theatre, Redditch on January 27th sent directly to your email address, including montages, countdown featuring all classes in the school, performances, award presentation, the Darcy Dazzlers, the Braby Belles, the Judges, John Lismore MC, behind the scenes and more!
Pre-order your digital copy for £5.

Pre-order your folder of all photographs from the night for £5, If you order both it's £8. Pre-order payment information will be available soon.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of PETER & DAVID

McHUGH *Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of STAN & STASIA DURAJ*

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of JOSIE BEARD (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY) *Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of MICHAEL & WINIFRED CONBOY (ANNIVERSARY)*

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **SHEILA PRITCHARD** Funeral Service 12.30pm Tuesday 13th March at the Abbey Chapel, **EDWARD 'EDDY' MARTIN RALPH** Funeral Mass Monday 26th March at 11.15am, **CLIFFORD OJKUWU** Funeral Mass Saturday 26th May at 1pm, repatriation to Africa in June, **KIM DAVIS (nee PARKER)** 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, 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, Jayne Spiers, Mark Dawson

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family ALYSSIA & JENSON RUMBOLD baptised last Sunday at Mount Carmel

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES at St Augustines

Teacher of Chemistry, Teacher of English, Teach of Maths
Applications from both experienced and newly-qualified teachers are welcome for the above. Contract Full Time, Permanent Closing date 12.30pm Thursday 15th March

Exam Invigilators required as soon as possible. Salary £8.61 to £8.80 per hour. Contract casual, Permanent. Closing date 12.30pm Monday 19th March.

Copies of job description and person specification available on school website <http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk>. Please send completed application form to Helen Crompton either by email cromptonh@saintsa.co.uk or to school address, Stonepits Lane, Hunt End, Redditch B97 5LX.

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend	3/4 March 2018
1st Collection	£570.77
2nd Collection	£346.68
Attendance	523

These figures do not include Standing Orders

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 63096.