

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 March 2018 Vincent Sampays
Sunday 18th March 2018 Linda Gordon
Sunday 25th March 2018 Susan Salam
Sunday 1st April 2018 Vera Whyte
Sunday 8th April 2018 Sarah Reynia

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

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 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 1804 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B** 18TH MARCH 2018

Parish Mass Book 85 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 50 Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel John 12:20-30

Thought for today

In the imminence 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 fulfil 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 dominion 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	Brigeen Hughes
2nd Prize £40	No 164	Bernard O'Hara
3rd Prize £20	No 181	Les Crow

If you would like to subscribe to this excellent way of fund-raising 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 a £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 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 Szmld on 0121 422 4865 or email parishpriest@catholicquinnton.org.uk

Fair Trade Fortnight

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 Trade Fortnight 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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Week beginning Sunday 18th March 2018

Saturday—Happy Saint Patrick's Day

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

Sunday

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

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Rosa Paily (a)
		Aleyamma Joseph (a)
	7.30 pm	Lenten Penitential Service with individual confession

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Ints of Maria Fulton
	6.00 pm	Ints of Gill Smith's family
St Thos More Sch	9.00 am	School Mass

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Josephine Naughton
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Dick Doyle (a)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Ints of Maria Borkowska
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	Ints of Barratt Family
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish + Stations
	6.30 pm	Keralan Way of the Cross

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Michael & Winifred Conboy (a)

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Alice Edwards
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Catherine & John O'Donnell

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

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 Riley (a)
	5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Ena 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

7.30 pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

Friday

10 am Stations of the Cross
7pm Redditch 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Psalter Week 2

Counters Team B

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/>



**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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday

Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo
(1538-1606) St Turibius was born in Mayorga (Spain) and worked for many years as a professor of law at Salamanca. In 1580, even though still a layman, he was appointed Archbishop of Lima (Peru), where, after being ordained, he did much to consolidate ecclesiastical discipline and champion the rights of indigenous people.

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

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

Redditch One World Link Concert

At Emmanuel Church, 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 Mtwara to Redditch in June this year. For further information contact Jackie Morgan 01527 893408 or email morgan5ld@btinternet.com

Arrow Vale Singers present 'Songs from the Skies'

Saturday April 14th, 7.30pm Studley Baptist Church B80 7ND
Tickets £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** Funeral Mass Monday 26th March at 11.15am, **CLIFFORD OJUKWU** Funeral Mass Saturday 26th May at 1pm, repatriation to Africa in June, **DAVE CLINTON** aged 21 years. 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 Juszkievicz, 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, Jane Fairbanks, Jayne Spiers, Mark Dawson (Intensive Care QE)

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family **CIERAN McCLUSKEY, 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 63096.

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.

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend	10/11 March 2018
1st Collection	£808.33
2nd Collection	£392.44
Attendance	681

These figures do not include Standing Orders

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