

## 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 8th April 2018 Sarah Reynia  
Sunday 15th April 2018 Ann Glennon  
Sunday 22nd April 2018 Caroline Holland  
Sunday 29th April 2018 Vincent Sampays  
Sunday 6th May 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!

### 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

19th April **Ludlow & Bewdley** Coach leaves St Benedicts at 9.30am.  
26th April Talk by Barbara  
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 1807 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** 15TH APRIL 2018 YEAR B

Parish Mass Book 131 Acts 3:13-15.17-19 Psalm 41 John 2:1:5 Gospel Luke 24:35-48

### Reflection for today .....

Jesus' appearance after His resurrection is startling to the apostles. First He proves that He is no mere vision. Then He instructs His disciples to preach a Gospel of repentance for the forgiveness of sin, not just to Israel but to the whole world. Sin is a reality of our existence. It is the one thing that separates us from God. Christ, through His suffering and conquering of death, has proven His mastery over sin. Jesus offers us this power if we will but live His Gospel.

### Safeguarding Awareness Raising Session

**This Wednesday 18th April** at Mount Carmel, Mass at 6.30pm followed by meeting at 7pm. This is compulsory for *anyone* who works with or who is interested in children and vulnerable adults as part of parish life. An opportunity to find out about new developments and to ask questions. For more information contact Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or email [cpo@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:cpo@rc-birmingham.org)

### SPUC Petition—We care about women : NO to decriminalising Abortion

Please sign the petition which will be available at Masses next weekend (21st/22nd) Flyers with information will be available in the porches and at centres. This petition will be handed in to the Prime Minister on Friday 27th April.

### LIFE Group

Quiz & Cream Tea at St Benedict's, Batchley in aid of 'LIFE' the pro-life charity on Sunday 13 May Tickets £5 Teams of 6 or more. If you are unable to attend, a donation or raffle prize would be gratefully received. Come and enjoy some social time as well as supporting a life-saving cause.

### Thank you

We wish to thank Eddie McGroarty for all his work looking after the front and back garden here at Mount Carmel over the past few years. Unfortunately for us, Eddie is no longer able to carry on and we wondered if another retired parishioner would be willing to take over—maybe a day or half a day a week on a voluntary basis. If interested please contact the parish office.



### Sponsorship wanted

Jenny Bungo, a parishioner will be running her first ever half marathon in aid of SECAM, an NGO set up in 2005 by her (Felicite Kliese Kingolo) to nurture, educate and shape young minds in 'difficult situations'. She has seen this charity blossom from 3 children in 2005 to over 100+ today, an on-site nursery and infirmary. She would be very grateful if you could sponsor her either direct on 07743 278344, email [jenoemie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenoemie@hotmail.co.uk) or online <https://www.gofundme.com/12-marathon-for-congolese-orphans>

### Gift Aid Envelopes

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/2019 are now available and can be collected from the Holy Family side of the Church.

### Missio—Red Boxes

The Spring edition of Mission Today is now available in the porches. If you are unable to get your box to the Parish Office for emptying, please phone Steve on 01527 404248 to get it emptied.

### Mount Carmel Televised Mass 1986

This mass went out live on BBC Morning Service, 10am 12th January 1986. We now have copies of this Mass on DVD, cost £10 for the parish. If you would like a copy please contact the parish office on 01527 63096 or call in during the week.

### Stations of the Cross

After morning Mass on Fridays

### Mount Carmel Choir

Choir practice Monday 7pm in church.



## Mass Times & Intentions

### Third Sunday of Easter Year B

Week beginning Sunday 15th April 2018

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Fr Brendan Ash
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Chris Srebniak (a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Trisha Blundell
	6.00 pm	Bridget Hubbard
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Anna Vasilkova
Feckenham	10.15 am	People of the Parish

#### Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Deacon Doug Taylor (b'day a)
		Tommie Quigley (a)

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Agnes & James McColgan
	6.00 pm	Michael & Winifred Conboy

St Thos More Sch

9.00 am	School Mass
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#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	James & Eileen Herlihy (a)
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Christine McNamara
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Ints of Maria Borkowska

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Freda Read
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 6 Class Mass (SEO)

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Delia & Gerry Bree

*(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)*

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Michael & Sarah Durkan
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Irene Healy

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Week beginning Sunday 22nd April 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Thanksgiving (Heath)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Selina Kilker
	6.00 pm	Wm McAuliffe (a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Ints of Paul Spencer
Feckenham	10.15 am	Liam Boyd

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

## 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**

## Parish Diary ....

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

### Counters Team D

#### Monday

10 am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre  
7pm Mount Carmel Choir practice in church  
7.30pm Marriage Preparation in the Presbytery  
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

#### Wednesday

6pm Aid to the Church in Need Meeting in Church  
7pm Safeguarding meeting in presbytery

#### Friday

7pm Redditch Catholic Fellowship Social at St Benedict's

#### Saturday

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

### Flowers Sylvia Burge & Jean Maitland

#### Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Counters Team E

## What's on .....

### 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](http://www.catholicmen.co.uk)

### St George's Day Quiz at Maryvale Institute

Sunday 22nd April, 7pm start

### Fish & Chip supper, bring your own drinks

Raising funds for the Friends of Maryvale £6 per person (in advance please) 07803 293351

### Feckenham Flower Festival

Saturday/Sunday 19/20 May 2018

### Christian Aid Week Guided Sponsored Walk

**Saturday 19 May** There are four walks to choose from according to your ability. Walkers will finish together at St Stephen's Church were it hoped to have fish & chips at around 5pm. Further information about walk options and sponsorship forms are available from [johnlegge@jplcomputer.co.uk](mailto:johnlegge@jplcomputer.co.uk)

### Adoremus—National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

### & Congress—'I am the Bread of Life' 7th—9th

**September 2018** Leaflets available at the back of church and in the porches Catholic lives. There will also be daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/@adoremus2018](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/@adoremus2018) or contact Fr Craig Szmidt on 0121 422 4865 or email [parish-priest@catholiquinton.org.uk](mailto:parish-priest@catholiquinton.org.uk)

## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

#### Saturday

#### Saint Anselm

(1033-1109) St Anselm was born in Aosta and died in England. He was in the Benedictine monastery of Le Bec in Normandy for around thirty years. In 1093, he became the Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of England. He is called the Father of Scholastic Theology. In his defence of the Church, he suffered much, including exile. His doctrinal works are among the most noteworthy examples of theology and medieval mysticism.

### 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.

### Singing by Heart

A Dementia Friendly Singing Group at the Salvation Army, Ipsley Street, B98 7AR beginning Thursday 19th April at 2pm, then every 3rd Thursday in the month. Further details contact Linda 01527 67498 or email [linda.sayner@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:linda.sayner@salvationarmy.org.uk)

### St Joseph's Home, Coleshill

Offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. Please call 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

### 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/>

### 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 of 7/8 April 2018

1st Collection £828.96

2nd Collection £343.13

Mass attendance 733 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

This week the lamp burns for MOLLY & HARRY MARKS ..... Next week in loving memory of AGNES & JAMES McCOLGAN

### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of JANE MCKENNA (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY) ..... Next week in loving memory of EMILY BROWN

### For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for MARGARET LEEK Funeral Service 1.15pm Thursday 19th April at the Abbey Chapel, TIMOTHY BARTON Funeral Mass Monday 23rd April at 12 noon, JOE BRENNAN Funeral Mass 11am Friday 20th April at St Mary's Church, Studley, PAT DAVIS Funeral details not yet known, RITA WILSON Funeral details not yet known, CLIFFORD OJUKWU Funeral Mass Saturday 26th May at 1pm, repatriation to Africa in June. 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, 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, Jane Fairbanks, Jayne Spiers, Tanya Cox, Molly Barron, Betty Flahive, Mary Eve

### Congratulations .....

We welcome into God's family NOAH EBANKS baptised last Sunday at Mount Carmel

### ST MARY'S, ALVECHURCH WINDOW

#### RAFFLE WINNERS

Kingfisher picture—Delia & Gerry Bree (taken)  
Hair Cut & Finish—Maureen (Bourneheath)  
Oasis Flowers £10—Katie Taylor Jones  
Botany Bay plant Nursery £10—Y Wilson  
Fish & Chips Tudor Rose—Jacob Perry  
Clayton Fern Butcher £10—Richard Bubbers  
Dairy Box—Margaret Leonard (taken)  
Beauty Box—Maryna (Bourneheath)  
Dilshad Indian Restaurant £20—Jay Rixon (taken)  
Notelets—Stephen & Ruth Pritchett  
Voucher for Chinese meal—Bincy Lizomon  
Yardley perfume box—Cynthia Starkey  
Table Cloth—Jo Mansell  
Blankets—Ticket 00965 sold to Keralans  
Hopwood House Voucher—John Higgins

### Piano Wanted

A friend of a parishioner is looking for a piano, if you can help, please get in touch with the parish office 01527 63096

### (Syro Malabar Rite) Monthly Mass

6.15pm Rosary followed by Mass,  
First Saturday of the month