

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 15th April 2018 Ann Glennon
Sunday 22nd April 2018 Caroline Holland
Sunday 29th April 2018 Vincent Sampans
Sunday 6th May 2018 Linda Gordon
Sunday 13th May 2018 Susan Salam

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

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.

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



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 1808 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** 22ND APRIL 2018 YEAR B **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

Parish Mass Book 133 Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 117 1 John 10:11-18 Gospel John 10:11-18

Gospel reflection for today

(John 10:11-18) The shepherd is an important biblical figure. David once guarded sheep with his own life and then was appointed to be shepherd of Israel. Now Jesus has become the Good Shepherd of all mankind. In this discourse, Jesus defines the role of a shepherd and then shows how He fulfills it. His gaze goes beyond the sheepfold and then shows how He fulfills it. His gaze goes beyond the sheepfold of Israel, and His hope is that there will be but one flock and one Shepherd for the whole world. That flock will be the Church he founds.

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

Please sign the petition which will be available at Masses next weekend (21st/22nd); you can also sign on line by visiting www.spuc.org.uk. 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.

Gardener

We are looking for a retired parishioner who would be willing to spend a few hours a week on a voluntary basis looking after the garden here at Mount Carmel. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the parish office.

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.

Today is Vocations Sunday . . .

There are prayer cards available in church this weekend—please take one home with you.

'Your Call' - God has something special he wants you to do that no one else can do. It is as individual as you are, as unique as your fingerprint. But it is up to you to find out what it is with God's help. And when you have found it, it will make you more alive, happy and content than anything else life can bring you.

Walsingham Pilgrimage Saturday 12th May

Intention of the Pilgrimage is to pray for an increase in devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament

11.30am Arrivals, 12 noon Rosary Procession from Friday Market Place to the Chapel of Reconciliation, 1.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1.30pm Eucharistic Adoration, 3pm Benediction, 3.30pm Solemn Mass with celebrant Bishop McGough 5pm departures.

We will be arranging a coach for this pilgrimage, if you wish to go, please let the parish office know.

Share the Journey

A walk through Birmingham on Saturday 28th April in solidarity with refugees, accompanied by Archbishop Bernard, beginning at 10am at the Mac end of Cannon Hill Park, and finishing at St Chad's at around 12.45pm. For further details contact Jane Lavery on 0121 445 5018

STA Summer Term Charity Drive

Crisis pregnancy baby hampers for 'Life'
Staff & students have been asked to support this by bringing in/buying anything they can to produce hampers for mothers facing crisis pregnancies. If any parishioners wish to support the school in this, please contact Mrs O'Connor on oonnore@saintsa.co.uk.

Visit <http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk/Home/chaplaincy-team/> for details of items needed.

Gift Aid Envelopes

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



Mass Times & Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

Week beginning Sunday 22nd April 2018

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Paul Velingalil
		Ints of Delia & Gerry Bree
	12 noon	Funeral Mass
		Timothy Barton

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Brijeeth Joseph Vettoor
	6.00 pm	Franciszek Osicki
Mt Carmel Sch	2.00 pm	School Mass

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Sagi & Sheeba (Wedding Anniv)
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of I & B Jones
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Gerard Porter (a)

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Wm McAuliffe (a)
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 6 Class Mass (SHA)

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	NB NO MASS
		Service of Word & distribution of Holy Communion

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Ita & Aidan Hayes
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Marjorie Dixon

Confessions at Mount Carmel

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction Saturdays 10-10.50am

NB NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY

On the 1st Saturday of the month the Rosary will be said after Divine Mercy Devotion

Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Week beginning Sunday 29th April 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Mark Chadwick
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Thanksgiving for children (Monica)
	6.00 pm	Bridget Hubbard
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Jane Powell

Parish Diary

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

Counters Team E

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

7.30pm St Benedict's Annual General Meeting

Thursday

7.30pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

Saturday

NB No Mass—Service of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion, Chaplet & Benediction

NB NO CONFESSIONS

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

Flowers Jane Craig & Monica Whitmore

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Counters Team F

What's on

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

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 or contact Fr Craig Szmidi on 0121 422 4865 or email parish-priest@catholiquinton.org.uk

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday

Solemnity of St George, Martyr Patron of England

Popular tradition presents St George as the knight who killed the dragon, making him a symbol of a triumph of faith against the forces of evil. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia and at a young age was raised to the ministry during the Emperor Diocletian's reign. When the Emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly for which he was martyred. During the crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector of England. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel.

Tuesday

Saint Adalbert or of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

(c956-997) St Adalbert belonged to a noble Bohemian family and was appointed Bishop of Prague while still young. Twice he retired to Rome due to oppression and he eventually turned his attentions to missionary work in Poland, Hungary and Pomerania. He was killed by the pagan Prussians in 997. (1578-1622) St Fidelis was born in Germany. He belonged to the Capuchin Order, and led a life of deep contemplation. As an evangelist and catechist, he was known as the advocate of the poor. Considered the apostle of Switzerland, he was martyred in that country.

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

He was the son of Mary in whose house Peter sought refuge after being freed from jail. He aided St Paul and St Barnabas in the evangelization of Cyprus. Later, St Mark became the companion and secretary of St Peter in Rome. He wrote the second Gospel which emphasizes the miraculous power of the Saviour.

Saturday

Saint Peter Chanel or of Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

(1803-1841) St Peter Chanel was born in France and died a martyr's death on the island of Futuna, Melanesia. He is called the apostle of Oceania where he spread the Gospel. He was a religious of the Society of Mary (Marists).

(1673-1716) St Louis was a French diocesan priest with a great devotion to the Virgin Mary; he was noted for his fervent and enthusiastic preaching and apostolate. He founded an order of missionary priests, the Company of Mary, and an order of nuns, the Daughters of Wisdom. He is best known for his book, 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary', which like most of his writings was not properly published until the 19th century. St Louis was canonized in 1947.

Singing by Heart

A Dementia Friendly Singing Group at the Salvation Army, Ipsley Street, B98 7AR 2pm every 3rd Thursday in the month. Further details contact Linda 01527 67498 or email linda.sayner@salvationarmy.org.uk

St Joseph's Home, Colehill

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.

(Syro Malabar Rite) Monthly Mass

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

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **AGNES & JAMES McCOLGAN** Next week for the Intention of **ALICIA & MAREK 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **EMILY BROWN**..... Next week in loving memory of **MARGARET McGILLOWAY (ANNIVERSARY)**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **TIMOTHY BARTON** Funeral Mass Monday 23rd April at 12 noon, **JOSEPH LOGAN** Funeral Service 11am at the Abbey Chapel, **JANE POWELL** Reception of Body 5pm Monday 30th April, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 1st May, **PAT DAVIES** Funeral Service 2.15pm Wednesday 2nd May at St Mary's, Alvechurch, **JOHN LANGLEY** Funeral 1.30pm Thursday 3rd May at St Peter's Bromsgrove, **RITA WILSON** Reception of Body 4.30pm Wednesday 2nd May, Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 3rd May, **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 & Gerry Bree, Gino Belmonte, John Henry Birtle, Martin Twomey, Mgt Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Biddy Smith, Christopher Carr, Christine Watson, 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 **CHARLIE BATES, FREDDIE DAVIS, VANESSA, LAYLA & JESSICA WSZEBOWSKA** and **ELLIOTT SMITH** all baptised last Sunday at Mount Carmel

ST MARY'S, ALVECHURCH WINDOW RAFFLE UNCLAIMED PRIZES

Botany Bay plant Nursery £10—Y Wilson
Beauty Box—Maryna (Bourmeheath)
Yardley perfume box—Cynthia Starkey
Blankets—Ticket 00965 sold to Keralans

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 14/15 April 2018

1st Collection £856.43

2nd Collection £398.08

Mass attendance 699 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Belmont Abbey, Hereford

Torchlight Procession in Honour of Our Lady

9pm Wednesday 16th May

Preacher Rev Dom David Bird. Refreshments available before procession

