

## 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 22nd April 2018 Caroline Holland  
Sunday 29th April 2018 Vincent Sampays  
Sunday 6th May 2018 Susan Salam  
Sunday 13th May 2018 Vera Whyte  
Sunday 20th 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

3rd May Afternoon Tea (2.30pm start)  
15th May Abergavenny Market leaving St Benedict's at 9am  
24th May Bingo  
7th June Seated Exercise  
15th June Trip to Three Counties Show  
21st June Ascot Day, Fish & Chips, Summer Puddings, tea & coffee  
5th July Shared Table

### PILGRIMAGES

**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

### VACANCY AT MOUNT CARMEL FIRST SCHOOL

#### Cleaner with Key Holding Responsibilities

Required asap, Permanent/Part time 2.45-5.45pm Monday—Friday (term time only) Salary Grade 2 (Spinal Point 10-13)  
For an application pack and further information visit their website [www.mountcarmelfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.mountcarmelfirstschool.co.uk) or phone school office : Mrs Rita Kennedy on 01527 546 398 or email [office@mountcarmel.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@mountcarmel.worcs.sch.uk).

### 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 1811 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 6TH MAY 2018 YEAR B

Parish Mass Book Page 138 Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48 Psalm 97 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel John 15:9-17

### Thought for today .....

Chapter 10 in Acts is a very important point in the developing story of the spread of the faith. Cornelius, a non-commissioned officer in the Roman army at Caesarea, was one of the many serious-minded men who were dissatisfied with their native religion and had had some contact with Jewish faith. The reading tells of his admission into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism. From now on the missionary activities become world orientated.

### MAY—the Month of Our Lady



### LIFE Group

Quiz & Cream Tea at St Benedict's, Batchley in aid of 'LIFE' the pro-life charity at 5pm next Sunday 13 May.

Tickets £5 available from the Parish Office, Irene Wells and Susan Salam (mobile 07789 741900) 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 half day/day 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

Only one left!! Cost £10 for the parish. If needs be, we can order some more copies.

### Mount Carmel 500 Club April Winners

1st Prize £140 No 137 Angela Chatterley  
2nd Prize £40 No 121 Liz Hanley  
3rd Prize £20 No 99 Betty Herlihy

### Mount Carmel Choir

Choir practice Monday 7pm in church.

### Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)

This Tuesday at 6pm

### 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. **Please note** as the Rosary Procession begins at 12noon this year, the coach will leave at **6.30am from Holloway Lane (under the bridge)** to ensure that we arrive in plenty of time to participate. If you wish to go on the coach, please let the parish office know by **Monday at the latest.**

### Feckenham Flower Festival Saturday/Sunday 19/20 May

12noon-3pm

St John Fisher & St Thomas More Church  
Pig Roast, BBQ, Afternoon Teas. Proceeds to Mount Carmel Parish.

### Stations of the Cross

After morning Mass on Fridays

### Mount Carmel School Does Strictly Video & Photo Order Form

Following on from the great success of our Strictly Come Dancing event, there is now the opportunity to purchase a video download of the show and photos. To secure a copy of this footage, please complete the order form below and return to school addressed to the PFA with the correct amount of cash/cheque (payable to Mount Carmel First School PFA)

Please tick which option

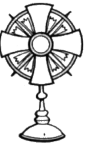
\* Video download £7.50

\* Photo download £5.00

\* Both Video & Photos £10.00

Name of Recipient & Email Address to send downloads

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Deadline for Orders is Friday 11th May



## Mass Times & Intentions

### Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

Week beginning Sunday 6th May 2018

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Murty Cornyn (a) & family
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Reginald Bott
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Thanksgiving for Parents (Monica)
	3.00 pm	Polish First Communion
	6.00 pm	Jimmy Finn

#### Monday

Alvechurch	9.45 am	Sr Philomena Griffin & Mary Corcoran
Feckenham	10.15 am	Dec'd members of Boyd & Shanley Family
Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Mary Connor
		Tom Donnelly (a)

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Matthew Cleary
	6.00 pm	Latin Mass (EF)
		Mary Moran

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Anna Vasilkova
	6.00 pm	Mass in Polish

#### Thursday—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

##### Holyday of Obligation

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<b>NO MORNING PRAYER</b>
	9.30 am	St Bede's in church KS2
		Mark Chadwick
	11.00 am	St Bede's in church KS3
		Holy Souls
	5.00 pm	Reception of Body
		Violet Nolan
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving (Sylwia Lebiosia)
St Augustines Sch	10.25 am	Yr 9 Form Mass (9MT)
Mount Carmel Sch	2.00 pm	School Mass
		Jeannine Bird

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Betty Flahive
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	11.00 am	Funeral Mass Violet Nolan
St Bede's Sch	2.00 pm	Yr 5 Class Mass (SCA)

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Robert Stack

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	John Morrissey (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Anne Gannon

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Week beginning Sunday 13th May 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Norah & Eddie O'Hara (a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Selina Kilker
	6.00 pm	Mgt & Andrew Finn & the dec'd of the Finn Family
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Gerry & Patrick Devane

#### 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 ....

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B  
3pm Polish First Holy Communion

#### Counters Team G

#### Monday—Bank Holiday

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

#### Tuesday

Deanery Day  
6pm Latin Mass (EF)  
6pm STM FHC Meeting in school

#### Wednesday

6pm ACN Prayer Meeting in Presbytery  
7.30pm Baptism Meeting in Parish Centre (Alan & Val Sifford & Frances Edmonds)

#### Thursday—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

##### Holyday of Obligation—Masses as listed

6.30pm MCS FHC Meeting 'Reconciliation'  
7.30pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

#### Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday

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

#### Flowers Joan McHugh, Sheila Russell, Jen Turner

#### Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
5pm Quiz & Cream Tea at St Benedicts in aid of LIFE  
6pm CTARG Joint Service at St Laurence's, Alvechurch

#### Counters Team A

## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

#### Thursday

#### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Holyday of Obligation

#### Saturday

#### Saints Nereus & Achilleus

or of Saint Pancras

Sts Nereus and Archilleus were Roman soldiers during the reign of Diocletian. They embraced the true faith. As a result they were martyred.

(+304) Hardly fourteen years old, St Pancras was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. According to tradition he preferred rather to die than renounce his faith in Christ. He was buried on the Via Aurelia where Pope Symmachus built a basilica over his tomb.

#### What's on .....

#### 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

#### Belmont Abbey, Hereford

#### Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady

#### 9pm Wednesday 16th May

Preacher Rev Dom David Bird. Refreshments available before procession Abbey Shop Open

#### Annual Novena & Pilgrimage to Maryvale

The oldest public chapel to the Sacred Heart in the country

#### Thursday 31st May—8th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart)

Mass, Sermon & Novena each evening at 8pm

Confession 7pm—7.45pm

#### Sunday 10th June at 3pm Open Air Mass

Chief Celebrant Rev Dr Michael Cullinan, Director of B.Divinity & HIRS at Maryvale

#### 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@catholicquinton.org.uk

#### 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, 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.

#### (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 **LIZ MUNNERLEY (ANNIVERSARY)** ..... Next week for the Intentions of **DEE (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp for the Intentions of **ELLA'S FAMILY**  
Next week for the Intentions of **DEE (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)**

#### For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **RAYMOND COTTERILL** Funeral Service 11am Wednesday 9th May at the Abbey Chapel, **VIOLET NOLAN** Reception of Body 5pm Thursday 10th May, Funeral Mass Friday 11th May at 11am, **CATHERINE JACKON** Funeral Service 11am Tuesday 15th May at the Abbey Chapel, **KITTY FANNING** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 20th May, Funeral Mass 11am Monday 21st 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, 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 Juskiewicz, 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, 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 **AIVA COTON, FRANKIE IAN PUCILOWSKI, ELIZABETH & THOMAS MUDGE** baptised last Sunday at Mount Carmel

#### WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 28/29 April 2018

1st Collection £890.69

2nd Collection £434.45

Mass attendance 777 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

#### ST MARY'S, ALVECHURCH WINDOW RAFFLE

#### UNCLAIMED PRIZES

Beauty Box—Maryna (Bourneheath)

Blankets—Ticket 00965 sold to Keralans

#### 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.

