

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 17 June 2018 Vincent Sampays
Sunday 24 June 2018 Linda Gordon
Sunday 1 July 2018 Susan Salam
Sunday 8 July 2018 Vera Whyte
Sunday 15 July 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!

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

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***

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

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.

Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am
Parish Centre
All welcome

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

28th June	Meeting
5th July	Trip to Barmouth
	Coach leaving St Benedict's at 8.30am There are a few seats remaining on the coach, £11 members, £14 non members.
19th July	Talk
2nd August	Afternoon Tea

PILGRIMAGES

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

Knock Shrine, Ireland 10th September

£599 per person sharing, single room supplement £100, includes flight from Liverpool or Birmingham, all taxes, transfers, 4 nights accommodation in Knock House Hotel with Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Group and individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia by email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Phone 01268 762278 or 07740 175557. Member of the Travel Trust Assoc. and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Maryvale Recharge & Revive Retreat Day

Saturday 14th July 10am start, Mass at 12 noon, lunch ending at 4pm with Adoration and Benediction. Workshops, Massage & Therapies on offer. Rosary Walk & Confession available. Cost £30—booking in advance essential. Email feadmin@maryvale.ac.uk, telephone 0121 360 8118.

Vacancy at Maryvale for Head of Catechetics

Applicants should be practicing Roman Catholics, qualified to a degree level in Catholic Theology, and with a qualification and experience in catechesis. The post involves substantial travel around the archdiocese, therefore applicants should have their own transport and be prepared to work unsocial hours as needed. Appointment subject to satisfactory DBS disclosure. For full job description and further information visit Maryvale.ac.uk or contact Fr Eddie Clare on 0121 360 8118. **Closing date for applications Friday 6th July 2018**



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

Beoley Road West, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8LT (01527) 63096

Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk Website: www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk

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 1818 **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** 24TH JUNE 2018 YEAR B

Parish Mass Book Page 93 Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 138 Acts 13:22-26 Gospel Luke 1:57-66.80

Thought for the day

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the annunciation of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people ('all Judea') to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.



Support your parish and come to the Mount Carmel Summer Fete Today 12 noon in the Garden

Grand Raffle
1st prize £200,
2nd prize £100,
3rd prize £50 plus much more
Make sure you buy your tickets

BBQ, Bar, Refreshments, Cream Teas in the marquee, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, children's games and much more, stalls include toys, gifts, plants, bread and cakes



If you are unable to attend, why not make a donation?

Annual Pilgrimage to Bordesley Abbey

This Sunday leaving Mount Carmel Church at **4pm** to process down to the Abbey for short prayer service.

Mount Carmel Choir

Choir practice this Monday, 7pm in church.

Stations of the Cross

After morning Mass on Fridays



Dates for your diary

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Feast Day Mass in church Friday 13th July at 11am

Patronal Feast Day of the Parish Sunday 15th July 6pm Mass

Vigil Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by Parish Celebration in the Presbytery garden afterwards.

Aid to the Church in Need Sponsored Walk

ACN will be organising their Annual Sponsored Walk on Sunday 22nd July leaving Mt Carmel after the 8.15am Mass. All are welcome to walk with them. If you would like to sponsor the walk or give a donation, please contact the parish office or Andrew Farrell on 07767 831548.

Parish SVP

Are in desperate need of bottles of water, baby wipes and men's anti-perspirant to help homeless men and women at their soup kitchens in Birmingham. If you can help, please hand your donations in at the parish office. Thank you!

Volunteer Hairdressers/Chiropodists/Podiatrists needed

The SVP are asking for volunteer hairdressers, chiropodists, and Podiatrists to attend their BBQ for the homeless at St Anne's, Birmingham on Saturday 14th July. If you can help please contact the parish office or leave a message on the SVP number 07531 818731.

Irish Dancing Classes

by World Champion & former Lord of the Dance star

For boys and girls from the age of 3+

Monday 5.30-6.30pm at Rubery Social Club, B45 9JW

Tuesday 5.30-6.45pm at St Brigid's School Hall Northfield B31 5AB

Thursday 5.30-6.30pm at Immanuel Church Hall, Highters Heath Lane, Kings Heath B14 4TB

Saturday 10-11.30am St Brigid's School Hall, Northfield B31 5AB

For more information contact Leona today on 07849 466140,

email mccarrondance@outlook.com, facebook@mccarrondance

Available for exhibitions, weddings, baptisms & much more!

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



Mass Times & Intentions

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

Week beginning Sunday 24th June 2018

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Brian Mander (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Tim Herlihy
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Iris Parker
	6.00 pm	Frank O'Gorman & Celine O'Gorman
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Anna McCabe
Feckenham	10.15 am	Joan Hegarty (Williams) (b'day a)

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	John Yates (a)
		Mr Ipe Joseph
	5.00 pm	Reception of Body Mary Geehan

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Michael & Antonina Bobowski (Wedd A)
	11.00 am	Funeral Mass Mary Geehan
	6.00 pm	Sue Heath
Mt Carmel Sch	2.00pm	School Mass Peter Baker

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Rosamma (a)
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	May Jo & Paddy Loftus (a)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass SS Peter & Paul For all who are supporting & praying for Grazyna

Friday—Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul

Holyday of Obligation

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	NB No Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	STB in church Holy Souls
	11.00 am	STB in church Mary Deignan
	5.00 pm	Mass in Polish
	7.00 pm	Ints Candice Butcher
St Aug Sch	10.25 am	School Mass

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ken Morton (b'day a)
	11.30 am	Keralan FHC Celebration

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Ellen & Wm Murphy
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Mark Dawson

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Week beginning Sunday 1st July 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Kay Gormely
	6.00 pm	Eileen Hague (a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Evelyn McNamara (a)
Feckenham	10.15 am	Tom Casey (a)

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

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

Psalter Week 1

Mount Carmel Summer Fete 12 noon in the Presbytery Garden

4pm Pilgrimage to Bordesley Abbey starting at Mount Carmel

Counters Team G

Monday

10 am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
7pm Choir Practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Friday

Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Holyday of Obligation
NB No Morning Prayer or Stations of the Cross

Saturday

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

Flowers Angela Martin & Jean Hardcastle

Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
11.15am Mass 'Going Forth' Mass for First Holy Communicants

Counters Team A

Young Catholic Adults Weekend 7-9 September

At Douai Abbey : Theme 'Tell others the truth that sets you free'
Pope Benedict XVI. Gregorian Chant Workshops, Rosaries, Sung Masses (Extraordinary Form) Marian Procession, socials with Fr Lawrence Lew OP and Canon Poucin. To guarantee a place, book in 3 weeks before i.e. 17th August. For more information visit <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or to book <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2018>

Mount Carmel Televised Mass 1986

Sold out! . If needs be, we can order some more copies.
Place your order with the parish office, cost £10 for parish funds

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Wednesday

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

(370-444) St Cyril was the Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt. He was the most acute and profound theologian. As bishop and doctor, he became the glory of the Church in Egypt. During the Council of Ephesus, he defended the oneness of the person in Jesus Christ and the divine maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary against the heresy of Nestorius.

Thursday

Saint Irenaeus

(130-202) He was a disciple of St Polycarp of Smyrna. At a time when Gnostic sects threatened to undermine Christianity by a perversion of Christian thought, St Irenaeus vigorously denounced all heresies and safeguarded unity of belief. He succeeded the martyred St Pothinus in the See of Lyons.

Friday

Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

Holyday of Obligation

Saturday

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church or of

Our Lady on Saturday

The Church celebrates this feast in memory of the martyrs of the persecution under Nero at about 64AD. Many Christians were killed with atrocious tortments. They were people of all professions and levels of society.

What's on

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 Szmide on 0121 422 4865 or email parish-priest@catholicquinton.org.uk

Vacancies in the Diocese

For more information about these posts, please visit the [Archdiocese of Birmingham Jobs page](#)

RC Chaplain HMP Long Lartin

Part time. This is a chaplaincy job in an establishment which provides pastoral and faith specific care to prisoners and staff. Apply by 25th June

Parish Evangelisation Post

at St John the Baptist with Sacred Heart, Tamworth. Part time. The parish is looking for a catholic with a heart for mission—they are a community seeking to become a missionary parish made up of missionary disciples. Can you help us to do this?

Bachelor of Divinity Scholarship

A fantastic scholarship opportunity available at Maryvale Institute to any three successful students to study Bachelor of Divinity. Just apply for the degree via the scholarship application for up to £1000 towards your first year's fees. For more information email undergrad@maryvale.ac.uk

BCYS weekend Friday 29 June/Sunday 1st July at Alton Castle

If you are under 30 and interested in meeting like-minded young adults for a day or weekend of Faith formation, inspiring speakers and live music, visit our website www.brightlights.org.uk or contact the diocesan youth office on 0300 075 0115

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **TIM HERLIHY** Next week **IN GRATITUDE TO OUR LADY (PS)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the deceased members of the **REARDON & DURR FAMILIES** Next week in loving memory of **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **MAUREEN HARBER** Funeral Service 1.15pm Monday 25th June at the Abbey Chapel, **MARY GEEHAN** Reception of Body, Monday 25th June at 5pm, Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday 26th June, **PETER RAFFERTY** Reception of Body 5pm Sunday 8th July, Funeral Mass Monday 9th July at 12 noon. 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 Daniel, Maura Lee, Sean Harkin, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Obinna, Margaret Leonard, Mary Hickey, Grazyna, Kazik & Krzysa Juskiewicz, Delia & Gerry Bree, Gino Belmonte, John Henry Birtle, Martin Twomey, Mgt Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Bidy Smith, Christopher Carr, Christine Watson, Mark Yates, Josie Clarke, Stuart Pearson, Francis & Judith O'Hare, Eugene Kirk, Tom Nicholas, Julia Hopkins, Phil English, Julia Radford, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, Jayne Spiers, Molly Barron, Betty Flahive, Mary Eve, Sylvia Burge, Paul Daly, Maureen Fowler, Lucy Martin, Candice Butcher

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 16/17 June 2018

1st Collection £847.21

2nd Collection £426.35

Mass attendance 898 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

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



To request more copies please 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.

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.