

## 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 18th November 2018 Susan Salam  
Sunday 25th November 2018 Vera Whyte  
Sunday 2nd December 2018 Ann Glennon  
Sunday 9th December 2018 Vincent Sampays  
Sunday 16th December 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

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**

### Important—Parish Office Hours

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday as normal, but **closed on Wednesdays**, except for sick calls and funerals

### MISSION—RED BOXES

The 2019 Mission Today Calendar is now available in the porches for Red Box Holders. If your Red Box needs emptying could you please drop it in to the Parish Office during November so that money can be counted and banked before the mid December cut-off. If you are unable to get your box to the parish office for emptying, please phone Steve on 01527 404248 to get it emptied.

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, Batchley  
Trip to the Panto in January—more details later

**Reddi to Walk?** Want to get more active? Then Redditch Library are here to help! Would you be interested in free and friendly walks around Redditch? Let Redditch Library know. Email redlib@worcestershire.gov.uk, phone 01905 822722 Facebook: @redditchlibrary. Or ask a member of the library staff.

### Altar Servers—

### Save the Date! Saturday 9th February 2019

Guild of Saint Stephen's Thanksgiving Mass by His Grace, Archbishop Longley 12 noon St Chad's Cathedral, Queensway, Birmingham—if you wish to go please let Paul Brewster or one of the clergy know.

### Vacancy

Lucy Locket Kindergarten require a **NURSERY NURSE** to cover a Maternity Leave from January. For further details please contact Lucia Skinner on 01527 61777.

### Piano & Organ Tuition

- Offering tuition in the Redditch, Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Worcester area
- Beginners through to Advanced
- Classically trained with years of teaching and performance experience
- Call Hannah Gibson on 07476 372311 or email hannah.gibson1991@gmail.com



(Hannah plays the organ here for funerals, weddings and for the choir)

**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

### The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

**Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**  
Email: [safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingDLMC@gmail.com)



## 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 Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacons: Revs Des Chilton & Peter Griffiths

NEWSLETTER 1842 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 9TH DECEMBER 2018 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 28 Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 125 Philippians 1:4-6;8-11 Gospel Luke 3:1-6

### Second Sunday of Advent

### Pray for the Church Campaign



Pope Francis has requested that we invoke the intercession of Saint Michael, the Archangel each time we celebrate Mass —

Holy Michael, the Archangel,  
defend us in the day of battle,  
be our safeguard against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host  
by the power of God thrust down into hell Satan  
and all the wicked spirits

who wander through this world for the ruin of souls. Amen

### Christmas Cards, Calendars ....

We have Christmas Cards £2 pack of 10, available from the Parish office.



### Christmas Stars

We will again be decorating the Christmas Tree in church with stars in memory of loved ones, Christmas wishes to members of the parish or for a special intention. There is no set cost but a donation would be appreciated. STARS will be available when Christmas Tree is in church near Our Lady's Shrine.

### IMPORTANT

**ALL members of St Benedict's Social Club** are required to attend an extraordinary meeting at St Benedict's on **Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm**

### Friends of the Holy Land

Could those parishioners who have boxes for the Friends of the Holy Land please hand them in to the parish office so that the money can be counted and banked before Christmas. Thank you.

### Parish First Holy Communion Class

If you have a child/children attending a non-Catholic School in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion next year, please contact the Parish Office

### Fr Craig's Induction as Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Angels, Aldridge

**Monday 10th December at 7pm**

The coach will be under the bridge on Holloway Lane (just up from St Bede's School) from **5pm** and will leave at **5.15pm prompt**. Cars can be left in Mount Carmel car park. There will be a charge of £5 per adult. If you wish to have a seat on the coach please give your name(s) into the parish office **as soon as possible**.

### Parish SVP have the following request - ARE THERE ANY HAIRDRESSERS OUT THERE?

Can you help at this years Christmas Party organized homeless men and women on Saturday 15th December. If so, please contact the Parish Office.

### Thank you

The Seniors' Group wish to thank the staff and pupils of St Bede's School for the lovely Christmas Hampers given to them—they were very much appreciated.

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### Carol Services

**Saturday 15th December** Redditch Town  
Carols in Town Centre (up the escalator above Primark)

**Tuesday 18th December** St Augustine's  
School Carol Service in Mount Carmel Church at 7pm

**7pm Wednesday 19th December**  
Carol Service (Jobe & Alicja) in Mount Carmel Church A mixture of Polish & English Carols  
Violin, Piano & Singer Tickets £5 (Proceeds halved between SVP & Musicians)

**Sunday 23rd December**  
at St Mary's, Alvechurch Candlelit Carol Service at 4pm

## Mass Times & Intentions

### Second Sunday in Advent Cycle C

Week beginning Sunday 9th December 2018

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Joan Casey (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Rosemary Nickel (b'day a)

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	James & Eileen Herlihy
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Selina Mary Kilker
	6.00 pm	Sr Marcella
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Wilton Vaugh

#### Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Tim Herlihy (b'day a)
		Ints of Ephrayim Kott (b'day)

St Thos More Sch	9.00 am	School Mass
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#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Mary Denton
	6.00 pm	Latin Mass (EF)
		Ints of Sinead Cullan & family

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Norah O'Connor
	5.00 pm	Polish Mass

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ena O'Brien
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Sadie O'Callaghan (a)

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Brigit Brewster (a)
	5.00 pm	Polish Mass
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 6 Mass

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Kitty Fanning (b'day a)

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Christine McNamara
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Peter Edmonds (a)

### Third Sunday of Advent

Week beginning Sunday 16th December 2018

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Thanksgiving for Family (Monica)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Diane Curry
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Margaret Leonard
Feckenham	10.15 am	Mary Walsh

### 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 ....

Second Sunday of Advent Year C, Psalter Week 2  
6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green  
Joint Service at St Laurence's Church  
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team C

#### Monday

10am Legion of Mary in the Parish Centre  
**NO CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Fr Craig's Induction Mass at Aldridge  
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

#### Tuesday

#### Deanery Meeting at Mount Carmel

6pm Latin Mass (EF)  
6pm Confirmation Parents Information Meeting at STB's  
7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Thursday

7.30pm Journey in Faith 'Natural Law & the Ten Commandments'

#### Friday

2pm Nursery Nativity Play in Mt Carmel  
7pm Mount Carmel School KS2 Carol Service in church

#### Saturday

11am Redditch Town Carols  
Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor in the Newman Room  
7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

#### Flowers NO FLOWERS DURING ADVENT

#### Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C Psalter Week 3  
4pm Redditch Catholic Fellowship Christmas Party at St Benedict's  
7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team D

### Mt Carmel 500 Club Subscriptions due.

If you are not a member of this and would like to be, please contact the parish office for a membership form. Cost for one number is £12 per annum, £24 for two etc. 1st Prize is £140, 2nd Prize £40 and 3rd Prize £20 drawn at the end of each month.



## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

#### Monday

#### St Edmund Gennings

(1591) Born in Lichfield and a convert from Protestantism, he studied and was ordained a priest in 1590. He passed on to the English Mission and was condemned to death for his priesthood the following year. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Gray's Inn Fields, London. He was canonized in 1970.

#### Tuesday

#### Saint Damasus I, Pope

(305-382) St Damasus was born in Spain. He summoned synods and councils (First council of Constantinople) to work against schismatics and heretics. He widely promoted the cult of martyrs..

#### Wednesday

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the 9th December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Juan Diego and left an image of herself imprinted upon his cloak. The image was placed in a magnificent shrine at Guadalupe where it became an object of great devotion and encouraged the devotion of the Mexican nation towards the Mother of God. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession and Our Lady of Guadalupe was named as 'Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas'.

#### Thursday

#### Saint Lucy

(4th century) She died at Syracuse (Sicily), probably during the persecution of Diocletian. From antiquity, her cult spread throughout the Church. Her name is in the roman Canon.

#### Friday

#### Saint John of the Cross

(1542-1591) St John was born in Spain. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by St Teresa of Jesus to lead the reform of his Order. He suffered many tribulations. A renowned mystic, he wrote much on prayer and the mystery of the Cross.

### GRAND RAFFLE UNCLAIMED PRIZES

7th Prize Ticket 6687 Family Portrait Experience J Doran  
10th Prize Ticket 0143 Sauvignon Blanc 01386 792543  
11th Prize Ticket 1975 Prosecco P Reardon  
15th Prize Ticket 0088 Chardonnay Charlotte Lee

#### Singing by Heart A dementia friendly singing group

Every third Thursday of every month 2pm-3.15pm at the Salvation Army, Ipsley St, B98 7AR. Tel 67498 (answer machine) or email linda.sayner@salvationarmy.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.



To baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays after morning Mass

### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **BRIGIT BREWSTER (ANNIVERSARY)** ..... Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **HUGH & JANE McKENNA**

### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the deceased members of the **HINDSON FAMILY** .... next week in loving memory of **LIAM BOYD**

#### For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **ANN BROOKS (SANDERS)**  
Funeral Mass Thursday 20th December at 12 noon,  
**FRED CLARKE** husband of parishioner, Funeral Service 1.15pm Friday 21st December at the Abbey Chapel. 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 Chilton, Carmel Fiolka, Pauline Clarke, Jane-Christina Thomson, Bob & Caroline Holland, Mick Halloran, Chris Figgett, 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, Mary Hickey, Grazyna, Kazik & Krzys Juszkiewicz, Delia & Gerry Bree, Gino Belmonte, John Henry Birtle, Martin Twomey, Margaret Maddison, Fiona Short, Jane Elliott, James Daniel Durrant, Gillian Reeves, Christopher Carr, Christine Watson, Mark Yates, Josie Clarke, Stuart Pearson, Francis & Judith O'Hare, Eugene Kirk, Tom Nicholas, Julia Hopkins, Phil English, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, Jayne Spiers, Betty Flahive, Mary Eve, Sylvia Burge, Maureen Fowler, Emrys Hughes, Candice Butcher, Charlie Gallagher, Rose Butler, John Kilker (father of parishioner), Frank Carr

### Vacancy at St Thomas More Catholic First School

Temporary SEND Teaching Assistant Level 2 for Early Years  
Please contact the school for an application pack—tel 01527 525821 or email office@st-thomasmore.worcs.sch.uk

### Vacancy at Mount Carmel Catholic First School

Temporary Grade 2 Teaching Assistant for KS1 & KS2 required ASAP. Fixed term contract, 27.5 hrs per wk term time only + INSET days. Closing date for applications NOON Friday 21st December. Interview date Thursday 10th January. Visits to the school are welcome. Applications must be made on the Catholic Education Service Application Form. Form & Application Pack available from and returnable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Downsall Rd, Webheath, tel 01527 546398

### Diocesan Education Service

A Day for Practising Catholics aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. **Saturday 19 January 8.30-3.30pm at Don Bosco House, Coventry Rd, Coleshill, B46 3EA (There is no cost for this course)** To book a place telephone 01675 464755 or visit www.bdes.org.uk

### WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 1/2 December 2018  
1st Collection £874.68  
2nd Collection £441.44  
Mass attendance 679 (does not include Polish count)  
These figures do not include Standing Orders