

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 30th December 2018 Vera Whyte

Sunday 6th January 2019 Ann Glennon

Sunday 13th January 2019 Vincent Sampays

Sunday 20th January 2019 Linda Gordon

Sunday 27th January 2019 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

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**



MISSIO—RED BOXES

The 2019 Mission Today Calendars are available in the porches for Red Box Holders. If your Red Box needs emptying could you please drop it in to the Parish Office. 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

January 3rd Talk about prospective trip to the Palace of Westminster

January 10th Trip to the Pantomime Peter Pan at the Hippodrome—**coach leaving St Benedict's at 12.30pm**

January 24th Seated Exercise

Vacancy

Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester are looking for a **PARISH YOUTH WORKER** Full time (35 hrs per week) Fixed term—(initially 12 months, with possible extension beyond) £23,000—£25,000 per annum. Applications for this post will be by CV and covering letter, which should outline how your skills and abilities match those required for this role. Applications should be returned to Canon John Y Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW by no later than Friday 25th January 2019.

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

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

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are
Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon
Email: safeguardingOLMC@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 1846 **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** 6TH JANUARY 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 49 Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71 Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Men and women of every generation need on their pilgrim journey to be directed: what star can we therefore follow? After coming to rest 'over the place where the child was', the purpose of the star that guided the Magi ended, but its spiritual light is always present in the Word of the Gospel, which is still able to guide every person to Jesus. This same Word, which is none other than the reflection of Christ, true man and true God, is authoritatively echoed by the Church for every well-disposed heart. The Church too, therefore, carries out the mission of the star for humanity. But something of the sort could be said of each Christian, called to illuminate the path of the brethren by word and example of life.

Pope Benedict XVI

Welcome

This weekend and next, we welcome Fr Eddie Clare back to the parish to help with the weekend Masses while Fr Tony is away taking a well earned break.

Christmas Stars

The Christmas season does not finish until after Epiphany so there is still time to write a star in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. There is no set cost, but a donation would be appreciated, this can be placed in the wall slot by the Christmas tree. STARS can also be found by the Christmas tree.

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.

Friends of the Holy Land

Winter/Spring Newsletters are now available from the church porches.

Parish First Holy Communion Class

The First Holy Communion Class for children in non-Catholic schools will begin on Wednesday 23rd January at 6pm in the church. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the Parish Office on 01527 63096.



Polish Masses

Masses in Polish during the week will take place at the Polish Centre in Oakly Road, Polish Mass on a Sunday as normal in Mount Carmel Church at 9.45am.

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

Help required

We are aiming to provide music for the hymns at the 8.15am Sunday morning Mass through the sound system in the church. In order to do this we are asking for a few 8.15am parishioners to volunteer to learn how to use the CD player in the gallery.



Mass Times & Intentions

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Week beginning Sunday 6th January 2019

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Fred, Elsie & Gerald Spear
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Jim Tustin

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Biddy Smith
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Intentions of Abused Women

Alvechurch	9.45 am	Margaret Jones
Feckenham	10.15 am	Val Fanning

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	John Heatley

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Ints of Deacon Peter Griffiths
	6.00 pm	Latin Mass (EF) Michael & Winifred Conboy

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Souls

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Ints of Emilia Suska (b'day)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Betty Flahive

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Patrick Kearness
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Confirmation Prep Mass In school hall

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Jack Smith

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Val Fanning
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Week beginning Sunday 13th January 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Jan & Chris Srebniak
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Bill Hallahan (a)
	6.00 pm	Sr Marcella
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Jane Doyle (a)
Feckenham	10.15 am	Gerry & Mary Devane

Stations of the Cross

Fridays after morning Mass

Confessions at Mount Carmel

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction 10am-10.15am

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

Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm

Parish Diary

Sunday

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Psalter Week 2
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team G

Monday

10am Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
7.00 pm Choir practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday

7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Saturday

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor in the Newman Room
7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Flowers Jane Craig & Monica Whitmore

Sunday

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Psalter Week 3
7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team A

ILLUSTRATED TALK on the joys & difficulties in training midwives in India

Angela McBennett has recently returned from India, where she was working in Maternity Units, helping to train Midwives. On **WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY** she will be giving an illustrated talk at **St Mary's, School Lane, Alvechurch B48 7SB** at 7.30pm to explain some of the joys and difficulties she experienced. All welcome. Refreshments (possibly Indian!) will be served.

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

Legion of Mary

Welcomes visits from parishioners, male and female, who are available for up to one and a half hours to attend meetings in the Parish Centre on Mondays at 10am. Do you have two hours to spare in the week following the meeting to help the Priests by visiting the housebound parishioners or Residential/Nursing Homes? Not sure? Come to a meeting or speak to a Legionary to find out more. V Whyte 01527 402676 or A Glennon 01527 65832

Order of Malta Pilgrimage Fri 3 May—Thurs 9 May 2019

We invite applications from interested sick, disabled and older people to join the pilgrimage with accommodation in the Accueil Notre Dame. Pilgrims in the Accueil are asked to make a contribution of £300 towards the cost but this can be reduced in cases of need. For more information or application form email k6oconnor@aol.com before 14th January 2019.

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Monday

Saint Raymond of Penyafort

(1175-1275) Born in Barcelona, Spain, he was the third Master General of the Dominican Order. He is famous for his work in the freeing of slaves. He wrote five books of Decretals which are now a valuable part of the Canon Law of the Church. The 'Su,mma Casuum' which is about the correct and fruitful administration of the sacrament of Penance is the most notable of his works.

Saturday

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx

(1109-1167) St Aelred was born in Hexham and joined the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx, and became known as a preacher and a writer, the 'Bernard of the North'. He delighted in friendship and wrote, 'he who dwells in friendship, dwells in God and God in him.'

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

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral Celebrant His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley

Any couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary (10,15,20,25,30,40,45,50,60 and every year over 60) are asked to contact lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. Lianne is also looking for the longest married couple in our diocese, the longest at the moment is 62 years—any parishioners who have been married for longer, should also get in touch with Lianne either by email, or phone 0121 360 8118 Ext 166.

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

Father Hudson's 115th Annual Fundraising Ball 26th January 2019 7.30pm-1am

at the National Conference Centre, Solihull B92 0EJ
Help raise vital funds to help Fr Hudson's Care Support people in need in our region. Tickets £40. Contact 01675 434059 or email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Father Hudson's Care Home, Coleshill

Has vacancies for both residents and care workers. Care to join us? Respite and long term care, activities in the home and trips out. Mass celebrated by live-in chaplain. Vacancies for care assistants, on-going training and support. Contact Fr Hudson's Care on 01675 434000 or enquiries @fatherhudsons.org.uk

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.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the **PERRY & STEWART FAMILIES** Next week for the Intention of **KATE SHENTON**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **C.A.R.** next week for the intentions of the **SKETCHLEY FAMILY**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **NORA TERESA 'TERRY' TRACEY** Funeral Mass Monday 14th January 2019 at 10.30am, **PATRICIA DAWN 'TERESA' PHILLIPS** Funeral Service Thursday 17th January at 10.15am 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 Figgitt, Thomas Henry Burnside, Bridget Heatley, Brian & Devan Dixon, Pat Conner, Margaret Daly, Maureen Reavey, Gregory Daniel, Maura Lee, Sean Harkin, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Obinna, Mary Hickey, Grazyna, Kazik & Krzysz Juszkiwicz, 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, Frank Carr, Charlie McColgan

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.



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

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 29/30 December 2018

1st Collection	£757.41
2nd Collection	£335.65
Mass attendance	698 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

