

## 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 13th January 2019 Vincent Sampays  
Sunday 20th January 2019 Linda Gordon  
Sunday 27th January 2019 Susan Salam  
Sunday 3rd February 2019 St Augustine's School  
Sunday 10th February 2019 Vera Whyte

**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***

## MISSION—RED BOXES

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.

## 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)*

*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 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 Bathula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW by no later than Friday 25th January 2019.

## 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

## Vacancy at St Benedict's Catholic High School Deputy Headteacher

Salary £60,755—£67,008 Start date April 2019  
Age range 11-19, Number of Roll 767  
Informal visits to the school are welcome and encouraged  
Closing date for applications 21 January 2019 at 10am  
Interviews held over two days.  
To request an application pack or to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Alannah Bayliss, Head of HR on 01789 761938 or email Bayliss.a@st-benedicts.org. For further information contact David Hughes, Headteacher. Further details are available on [www.stbenedictshigh.org.uk](http://www.stbenedictshigh.org.uk)

**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

## MOUNT CARMEL PRE-SCHOOL

The pre-school will shortly be preparing their registers for September 2019. If you have a child who will be 2½ or over from September and you are looking for a pre-school place, please contact them for a Registration form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Contact details 01527 550341 or email [mountcarmelpreschoolandasc@gmail.com](mailto:mountcarmelpreschoolandasc@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 1848 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 20TH JANUARY 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 54 Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 95 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel John 2:1-11

## Columban Mission Appeal this Weekend

This weekend we welcome Frs Denis Carter & James Fleming SSC from the Society of Saint Columban who will be making their Mission Appeal at all Masses.

Fr Denis & Fr James would very much like to meet with as many parishioners as possible in the parish centre on Saturday evening after the 5 o'clock evening Mass for a short talk and a cup of tea.

## Peace Sunday

Sunday January 20th is Peace Sunday, when the Bishops of England and Wales invite us to have a day of prayer for peace. Pope Francis has chosen 'Good politics serves peace' as the challenging title for this World Day of Peace, and the bishops ask us to reflect on that. For more information visit <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday>.

**St Mary's Alvechurch Joint Service for Justice & Peace**

6pm Sunday 20th January followed by refreshments.  
Preacher Fr Peter Hughes SSC

## 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—we will be taking a group of servers to this Mass, if you wish to go please let Paul Brewster or one of the clergy know as soon as possible.

## THANK YOU from the Parish SVP!

You may have seen the posters in the porches at Church thanking each of you for the fantastic £1195 donated towards the Christmas Party for the homeless. See our Twitter page @RedditchSVP for more details and photos from the party.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Feckenham** 10.15am Mass this Sunday, parishioners will be joined by parishioners from St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Feckenham. Refreshments after Mass.

**St Thomas More School** would welcome any unwanted bikes, trikes and scooters in good condition for children aged 5-9.

## Today's Gospel—Wedding at Cana



## Aid to the Church in Need

As from the 4th February the Aid to the Church in Need prayer group will meet to pray the Holy Rosary for Persecuted Christians before the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 6pm Mass on the **first Tuesday of every month**. Parishioners are very welcome to join them.

## Helpers needed for the Seniors' Group

The Parish Seniors' Group are looking for extra helpers to assist at the Thursday afternoon meetings. If you are interested in volunteering to help you can come along to the meeting next Thursday at St Benedict's or contact Angela on 01527 505180.

## Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

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

## 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.

## Mass Times & Intentions

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Week beginning Sunday 20th January 2019

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel 5.00 pm Ellen & Wm Murphy (a)  
Confirmation Enrolment

Hadzor 5.00 pm People of the Parish

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel 8.15 am Christopher McNamee (a)  
9.45 am Mass in Polish  
11.15 am Diane Curry  
Confirmation Enrolment

Alvechurch 6.00 pm Daniel & Monica Noonan  
9.45 am Nora O'Donoghue &  
Maureen Dowling (a)

Feckenham 10.15 am Ints of Theresa & family

#### Monday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Ints of Greetar & Baby  
(Wedding Anniv)

St Thos More Sch 9.00 am School Mass

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Mariarama Chummar (a)  
6.00 pm Kit Burke & Mary

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Mary Abraham (a)

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am In Thanksgiving  
(Emilia Suska)

St Augustine's Sch 6.30 pm Exposition  
7.00 pm Annette Fawl  
10.15 am Class Mass (10SV)

#### Friday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
10.00 am Stations of the Cross

St Bede's Sch 2.15 pm Yr 7 Class Mass (7JS)

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Ints of the Shenton Family

*(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)*

Mount Carmel 5.00 pm Molly Barron  
Hadzor 5.00 pm People of the Parish

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week beginning Sunday 27th January 2019

Mount Carmel 8.15 am John & Kitty Chapman (a)  
9.45 am Mass in Polish  
11.15 am Julia Kuras (b'day a)  
6.00 pm Robina Guy

Alvechurch 9.45 am Joan Porter (a)  
Feckenham 10.15 am David Donovan

## 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

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter Week 2  
Columban Society Mission Appeal at all Masses  
11.15am Confirmation Enrolment  
6pm Joint Service for Justice & Peace at St Mary's  
Alvechurch  
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team B

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

7pm Parish Council Meeting  
7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

### Wednesday

6pm Parish FHC Class in Church  
8pm SVP Meeting in Parish Centre

### Thursday

7.30pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

### Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

### Saturday

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

#### Flowers Sylvia Burge & Jean Maitland

### Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 3  
7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team C

### 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

## 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 parishioners who attend the 8.15am Mass to volunteer to learn how to use the CD player in the gallery. It's not difficult!

## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

### Monday

#### Saint Agnes

*(+304) St Agnes came from a noble roman family. She was about 13 years old when she suffered martyrdom. After refusing to be married to a pagan, she was tortured and beheaded. Her name is included in the roman Canon. Pope Damasus wrote a celebrated epitaph about her.*

### Tuesday

#### Saint Vincent

*(+304) St Vincent of Saragossa was born in Huesca, Spain. He is one of the greatest deacons of the Church, suffered martyrdom in Valencia in the persecution under Diocletian. His cult quickly grew and both St Augustine and St Leo preached sermons in his honour. He is the proto-martyr of Spain.*

### Wednesday

#### Saint Nicholas Owen

*St Nicholas Owen was born in 1550. He was a Jesuit lay brother. As a skilled carpenter, he built numerous priest holes during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England. After his final arrest, he was tortured to death by prison authorities in the Tower of London and died in 1606.*

### Thursday

#### Saint Francis de Sales

*(1567-1622) Born in Thorens, Savoy (France). With apostolic zeal, St Francis de Sales fought Calvinism. He was Bishop of Geneva. With St Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation. He wrote the 'Introduction to the Devout Life', a classic of spiritual direction. He died in Lyons and was canonized in 1655. In 1877, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church.*

### Friday

#### Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

### Saturday

#### Saints Timothy & Titus

*(+97 St Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a Hebrew-Christian mother, Eunice. He was a disciple of St Paul and accompanied him in the evangelization of many cities. St Paul consecrated him bishop of Ephesus. According to a 4th century story, he was beaten to death by a mob, when he opposed the observance of a pagan festival.*

*St Titus was also a friend and disciple of St Paul who ordained him bishop of Crete. St Paul wrote to these two disciples three pastoral letters, which gave glimpses of the structure of the Church.*

## 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.

### 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

### Mount 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, nd 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 intentions of M. M.*

**RICHARDSON ..... Next week for the Intention of MARIA FULTON in THANKSGIVING**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

*This week the lamp burns for ALICE McLOUGHLIN & ROSE*

**McMANUS .... next week for the Intentions of CSEREY ERZSEBET**

## For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **PATRICIA DAWN**

**'TERESA' PHILLIPS** Funeral Service Thursday 17th January at 10.15am at the Abbey Chapel, **FREDMUND MOTHERWAY** in Ireland 20 December 2018, Memorial Mass Friday 8 February at 7.30pm in St Peter's, Bromsgrove. 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 Figgott, 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 & Krzys 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, 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 12/13 January 2019

1st Collection £835.05

2nd Collection £452.22

Mass attendance 667 *(does not include Polish count)*

*These figures do not include Standing Orders*

## The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

**Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**

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