

## 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 24th March 2019 St Augustine's School  
Sunday 31st March 2019 Vera Whyte  
Sunday 7th April 2019 Ann Glennon  
Sunday 14th April 2019 Vincent Sampays  
Sunday 21st April 2019 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**

## The Easter Story—A Passion Play

6.30pm St Stephen's Church Wednesday 17th April  
Doors open 6pm **FREE TICKETS** available from the Parish Office, the Word Christian Bookshop at St Stephen's, or visit [www.ticketresource.co.uk/indigoarts](http://www.ticketresource.co.uk/indigoarts). For further enquiries phone 07484 641016.

## Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person. Book any flight—any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split. For further information or to book contact Jackie on 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com), [Jackie@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:Jackie@med-irishcentre.com) or visit [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

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

March 28th Trip to National Arboretum

April 4th Bingo

April 11th Easter Shared Table & Easter bonnet

April 26th\* Trip to Palace of Westminster

Change of date (if anyone has a problem with change of date, contact Angela on 01527 545180)

May 2nd Bowling

May 16th Trip to Cheltenham, Steam Train to Broadway

May 23rd Afternoon Tea

June 6th To be arranged

June 20th Ascot Day

## 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

## Newman University

Open Days

Saturday 15th June 10am-3pm

Saturday 6th July 10am-3pm

Saturday 12th October 10am-3pm

Friday 8th November 4am-8pm

Register at [www.newman.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.newman.ac.uk/opendays)

Example of courses available:

Catholic Cert in Religious Studies (CCRS) 1 year part time

Catholic Social Teaching (PG Cert) 1 year part time

Contemporary Christian Theology (MA) 1 year full time, 2 years part time

Theology & Philosophy (BA Hons) 3 years full time, 4.5 years part time

For more information about study opportunities contact David Handy

0121 476 1181 or email [d.handy@newman.ac.uk](mailto:d.handy@newman.ac.uk)

## THANK YOU

The Redditch Catholic Fellowship wish to thank parishioners for their kind donation of £200 from the teas and coffees after the 5 o'clock evening Mass on a Saturday at Mount Carmel. Very much appreciated.

**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



# 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 1857 **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT** 24TH MARCH 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 78 Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Ps 102; 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12; Gospel Luke 13:1-9

## Reflection on today's readings ....

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is questioned on certain distressing events. In the face of the easy conclusion of considering evil simply as an effect of divine punishment, Jesus restores the true image of God who is good and cannot desire evil. Jesus asks us to interpret these events differently, putting them in the perspective of conversion: misfortune and sorrowful events must not simply awaken curiosity in us or the quest for presumed sins; instead they must be opportunities for reflection, in order to overcome the illusion of being able to live without God, and to reinforce, with the Lord's help, the commitment to change our way of life. (Pope Benedict XVI)

## Pray the Rosary for 40 days for Life

Every Thursday at 6pm during Lent, the rosary will be said in Mount Carmel for '40 Days of Life'



## Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

Next meeting Saturday 30th March, beginning at 11.15am continuing the study of Pope Francis, exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate*, lead by Jane Yeomans. Lectio Divina will follow and afterwards a shared lunch. All welcome to join for all or part of the meeting.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 11th May 2019

Led by Bishop David McGough: 11.30am Arrivals to the Catholic Shrine; 12.30pm Holy Mass in the Reconciliation Chapel, opportunity for lunch, visit to the Slipper Chapel and Pilgrim Shop, Reconciliation; 3pm Rosary Procession concluding with Benediction in the Priory Grounds.; 5pm departures. If there is enough interest, we will be arranging a coach. If you wish to go, please give your name in to the parish office.

## Aid to the Church in Need

First Tuesday of every month after 6pm Mass Holy Rosary & Exposition for Persecuted Christians—all welcome

## The Sower Magazine

The Easter edition of the Archdiocese of Birmingham's new magazine is available in church to take home with you. It is FREE. It is a well presented magazine with some interesting articles by quite a few priests who have been resident at Mount Carmel at one time or another.

## LENT together

St John the Baptist & Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Church, Feckenham

'The Mystery of God' rediscovering what it is that

draws us Continues this Monday 7.30pm-9pm at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Church, Feckenham. For more information contact Rev Barbara Wheatley on 01527 892969.

St Mary's Catholic Church, Alvechurch

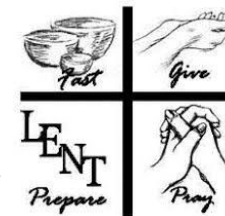
'Let me go there' by Paula Gooder, Wednesdays during Lent at 10.30am preceded by refreshments.

## Good Friday Walk of Witness

April 19th, 2019 starting from the Redditch Baptist Church, Easemore Road. Walk begins at 10.30am finishing with lunch at St Stephen's Church at 12 noon. For further information contact Heather Berry on 01527 60638 or email [vicar@ststephensredditch.com](mailto:vicar@ststephensredditch.com)

## Mount Carmel 500 Club—Important

Many thanks to those of you who renewed your subscriptions and to those who have taken out an extra number or have subscribed for the first time. The prize money for now will reduce to £170 and will be divided up into two winners a month —**1st Prize will be £120 and 2nd Prize will be £50.**



## Mass Times & Intentions

### Third Sunday in Lent Year C

Week beginning Sunday 24th March 2019

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Monica Noonan STM FHC Prep Mass
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Percy & Madge Holder
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Kath Paul
	6.00 pm	Astrid Yeates
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Catenian Mass for deceased
Feckenham	10.15 am	Holy Souls

#### Monday: Solemnity of the Annunciation

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Aleyamma Paily (a)

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Darcy & Cornyn families
	6.00 pm	Gloria Olpato
Mt Carmel Sch	9.20 am	School Mass and Mothers' Day service (10.45am)

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Div Coyne (a)
	5.00pm	Reception of body: Ronald Rolinson

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of John Berry
	11.30am	Funeral Mass: Ronald Rolinson
	6.00 pm	Rosary (40 days for Life)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Mary Butler

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Bronislava & Wojciech Slobodzan (a)
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Keralan Stations
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Adoration & Benediction (8SC)

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Mary Theresa Bird (a)
	11.00 am	Benediction

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Dec'd Ginty family
Hadzor	5.00 pm	George

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Mothering Sunday

Week beginning Sunday 31st March 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Norah Tuite
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Conway Brewster (a)
	6.00 pm	Int of Andy McGroarty
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Barry Williams

#### Confessions at Mount Carmel

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed  
by Benediction 10am-10.15am  
**Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm**

#### Forthcoming Funerals at Mount Carmel:

Ronald Rolinson, Thurs 28th March, 11.30am  
Stanislawa (Stella) Szalkowska, Mon 1st April, 11.45am  
Kathleen Morris, Wed 3rd April, 11am

#### Parish Diary ....

##### Sunday

**Third Sunday in Lent Year C** Psalter Week 3  
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

##### Counters Team D

##### Monday

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

##### Tuesday

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

##### Wednesday

6pm Parish FHC Class in church  
7pm STA Full Board meeting

##### Thursday

6.00pm Rosary for 40 days for life in church  
7.30pm Journey in Faith in the Parish Centre

##### Friday

9.30am Polish Community in Parish Centre  
10am Stations of the Cross  
1pm Confessions at St Bede's followed by Adoration  
6.00pm Keralan Stations of the Cross  
7-9pm Redditch Catholic Fellowship Social at St Benedict's

##### Saturday

11.15am Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group in Parish  
Centre  
Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor in the Newman Room  
7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

##### No flowers during Lent

##### Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Lent Psalter Week 4  
7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

##### Counters Team E

### 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 10.15am—5pm (except Wednesdays) 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.



A baptism can be the means of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit

### Called to Witness

#### A vocation event for young people aged 18-25

Harvington Hall, Saturday 4th May 2019, Feast of the Martyrs of England & Wales. Main Speakers Prof. Judith Champ & Sr Gemma Simmons CJ. Talks, Discussions, Guided Tour, Holy Mass, Prayer & Reflection. Registration Forms available from the Parish Office. Cost £10. For more information call 0121 321 5139/5135 or visit [www.vocations.org.uk](http://www.vocations.org.uk)

### Birmingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Saturday 25th May—Friday 31st May/1st June 2019

Two choices of travel :

**COACH** Fares from £444.00 **AIR** Fares from £774.00

The officially appointed Tour Operator for 2019 is Tangney Tours Ltd. Booking forms and brochures can be found on the diocesan website [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) and from Tangney Tours website [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

### 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](mailto:hannah.gibson1991@gmail.com)

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



### The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

**Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**

Email: [safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com)

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays after morning Mass

### Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **STAN & STASIA DURAJ ....** Next week in loving memory of **CONWAY BREWSTER (a)**.

### Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in memory of **JAN & MARTHA WEGRZYN**. Next week in loving memory of **PAILY (a)**.

### For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **RONALD ROLINSON, STELLA SZALKOWSKA, KATHLEEN MORRIS & AUBREY MAYNE** Funeral Service 9.30am Monday 15th April 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, Paul Brewster, Carmel Fiolka, Pauline Clarke, Jane-Christina Thomson, Bob & Caroline Holland, Mick Halloran, Chris Figgett, 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 Juszkievicz, 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, John Kilker, Charlie McColgan, Judy Mitten, John Coleman, Kerry Haycock, Anne Morton, Carol Bullimore, Andy McGroarty

### Congratulations .....

We welcome into God's family **LOGAN JEREMIAH WEST, JACOB JESSON** and **ALFIE BRIAN HAWKES** baptised last weekend

### The Arrow Vale Singers present 'Comedy & Tragedy'

- the songs that make us laugh... and cry! Saturday April 6th, 7.30pm at Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Road, Redditch B97 5SQ Tickets £8 available on the door or from Helen on 07802598309, David Cruise 01527 450756 or email [arrowvalesingers@gmail.co.uk](mailto:arrowvalesingers@gmail.co.uk)

### WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 16/17 March 2019

1st Collection £813.11

2nd Collection £520.66

Mass attendance 631 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

### TREE OF HOPE

The tree of hope is near the statue of St Therese for anyone who wishes to hang a leaf for their own particular petition or sorrow. Feel free to take a leaf and write a name or message on it to hang on the tree and spend sometime in prayer