

## 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 7th April 2019 Ann Glennon  
Sunday 14th April 2019 Vincent Sampson  
Sunday 21st April 2019 Linda Gordon  
Sunday 28th April 2019 Susan Salam  
Sunday 5th May 2019 St Augustine's School

**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***

## 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)

## THE SEASONS' ART CLASS

Next 14 week course starting soon at Bournheath Village Community Centre. Beginners to improvers, develop your skills and make new friends. Call 0121 649 0648 for details.

## Newman University Open Days

Saturdays 10am-3pm, 15th June, 6th July & 12th October, Friday 8th November 4am-8pm

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

*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

May 2nd Bowling  
May 16th Trip to Cardiff  
May 23rd Afternoon Tea  
June 6th Trading Standards talk on Scams  
June 20th Ascot Day  
June 27th Trip to Minehead  
July 11th Trip to Cheltenham, Steam Train & Broadway

## 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

## Harvington Hall, Kidderminster

require a **MANAGER** Salary Range £26,000-£29,000pa  
A job description and person specification can be found on the

## 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.**

website [www.harvingtonhall.com](http://www.harvingtonhall.com). Please email or post your CV and a letter of application which should set out your skills and experience matches to those required for this role to Gerry Dryden, HR & Communications Director, Archdiocese of Birmingham, Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EX (email [gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org))  
**Closing date for applications 26th April 2019**

## Holy Family Catholic Academy (Alcester)

require an **INTERIM ACCOUNTING OFFICER** ASAP, hours of work part time/flexible, fixed term basis until August 2020. For a job description and Application form please contact Alannah Bayliss, Head of HR on [Bayliss.a@st-benedicts.org](mailto:Bayliss.a@st-benedicts.org). For more information on the role contact Ted Hammond on [t.hammond@bdes.org.uk](mailto:t.hammond@bdes.org.uk).

## Sponsorship required .....

Sarah Craig, daughter of parishioners Tim & Jane Craig is running the London Marathon on **Sunday 28th April** in aid of Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor her in this worthwhile cause, please do so at: [fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org](http://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org) then find her giving page: *Sarah runs the London marathon*  
Thank you for your support



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, REDDITCH

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Parish Clergy: Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Jason Mahoney

Permanent Deacons: Revs Des Chilton & Peter Griffiths

NEWSLETTER 1862 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY 28TH APRIL 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 121 Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 117 Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19 Gospel John 20:19-31

## Feast of the Divine Mercy



**This Sunday  
3pm**

An hour of prayer, readings, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction

## Thank you

Fr Tony and Fr Jason thank you for your generous Easter offerings, it is very much appreciated.

Also a big thank you to all those who contributed to the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter, and to everyone who helped in any way to prepare and beautify the church for Easter.

## Training Programme for Teachers

The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service is offering a course on Saturday 11 May aimed at practicing Catholics who wish to secure a leadership role in one of our diocesan schools. The Course will focus on the distinctive nature of Catholic Education and what it means to lead a Catholic school. The course will take place at the Birmingham DES, Don Bosco House, Coleshill B46 3EA from 8.30am to 3.30pm. To book access the booking form please visit the DES Website [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk)  
This course was held for the first time in January 2019 and was very successful. Four of its participants have already secured leadership roles in our diocesan schools.

## Save the date Saturday 11th May 2pm March for Life UK in London

Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. March starts at 2pm. [Inside festival (LifeFest) 9.30am-1.30pm, booking required.] For more info see posters/leaflets or go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or call 07773501721/07885505116

## Gift Aid Envelopes

If you haven't collected your envelopes yet, please could you do as soon as possible from the Sacristy.

## Reflection for today ....

After the resurrection, Thomas was missing when the Risen Lord appeared. He was not impressed by the others' joy at meeting him. Thomas would not be convinced without proof. He would not easily entrust himself to another. He issued his bottom line for faith. 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' It was strong talk. But then, the Lord appeared to Thomas and the bond of friendship between them melted the arrogance, took away the scepticism, cured the fear, and enabled Thomas to entrust himself totally to the Lord once more. It is an experience that we need in our everyday relationships with each other and in our relationship with God.

**Raf Hussain** of the local Muslim Community expressed condolences for the Christians killed in Sri Lanka in the churches and hotels. The Church and Muslim communities should stand together against violence. We pray for the Muslims killed in Christchurch, New Zealand.

## Memorial Service for the victims killed in Sri Lanka

will take place in St Stephen's CofE Church this Sunday 28th April at 1.30pm. The Lady Mayor and the local community are encouraged to attend in prayer and reflection. We will be remembering those who were killed and their relatives who are left to mourn their loss in Sri Lanka.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 11th May 2019—Coach booked!

If you wish to go, please give your name in to the parish office as soon as possible.  
The coach will pick up under the bridge on Holloway Lane at 7am (cars can be left in Mount Carmel car park)



## Mass Times & Intentions

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Week beginning Sunday 28th April 2019

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Kathleen Coombs (100th b'day Anniv)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	John Beard (a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	3.00 pm	Divine Mercy Devotion
	6.00 pm	Lisa Purcell (a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Dec'd members of the Boyd & Shanley Family

#### Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Valerie Whittle
St Thos More Sch	9.10 am	School Mass

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Kitty Fanning (a)
	5.00 pm	Reception of Body Molly Spear
	6.00 pm	Ints of M M Richardson

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Joy Varghese (a)
	11.00 am	Funeral Mass Molly Spear
	2.00 pm	Funeral Mass Liz Brown

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Diane Curry (b'day a)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Mr Paul

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 pm	Ints of Vera
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	THRIVE Mass

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Anne Pollard
	2.30 pm	Keralan Mass

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Christine McNamara
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Eileen Danagher (a)

### Third Sunday of Easter

Week beginning Sunday 5th May 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Lady Jeanne Hunt
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Molly Barron
	6.00 pm	Ann Brookes
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Ints of Paul Spencer

## Confessions at Mount Carmel

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed  
by Benediction 10am-10.50am

**Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm-7pm**

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

## Parish Diary ....

### Divine Mercy Sunday

#### 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions

7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team A

#### Monday

Schools back

7pm Choir practice in church

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

#### Tuesday

7pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting in Presbytery

7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Wednesday

6pm Parish FHC Class in church

#### Thursday

NB NO JOURNEY IN FAITH

#### Saturday

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass in the Parish Centre

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Hadzor Mass in Newman Room

7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

**Flowers Jen Turner, Joan McHugh, Sheila Russell**

#### Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

#### 1pm Polish First Holy Communions

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team B

## SCHOOL VACANCIES

**St Thomas More Catholic First School** require a **CLEANER** for 10 hrs per week, Monday to Friday, term-time only (plus 27 hrs stand-down to be worked during the summer break). Position subject to enhanced clearance through the DBS, satisfactory references and medical clearance. Applications must be made on the [Catholic Education Service Forms](#). A downloadable application pack is available on the home page of the school website [www.stthomasmorefirst.com](http://www.stthomasmorefirst.com) or contact the school office on 01527 525821.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel First School Academy** require **MIDDAY SUPERVISOR** ASAP. The post is part time Monday-Friday 12 noon-1.05pm term time only.

**CLEANER** ASAP. The post is part time Monday-Friday 3.10pm-5.30pm term time only (plus additional banked hours).

For an application pack and further information re the above posts, please visit our school website [www.mountcarmelfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.mountcarmelfirstschool.co.uk) or phone the school office, Mrs Rita Kennedy on 01527 546398, or email [HR@mountcarmel.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:HR@mountcarmel.worcs.sch.uk)

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are  
Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon  
Email: [safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com)

## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

### Monday

#### Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

(1347-1380) St Catherine was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's Church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage: the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. Imprinted with the sacred stigmata, she died in Rome at 33 yrs of age. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18 June 1339. In 1970, St Pope Paul VI proclaimed her Doctor of the Church.

### Tuesday

#### Saint George

### Wednesday

#### Saint Joseph the Worker

### Thursday

#### Saint Athanasius

(295-373) St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, became the champion of the faith against Arianism at the Council of Nicea. He suffered persecution and was exiled for 17 years for resisting compromise in essentials of the Faith. He wrote many works on apologetics

### Friday

#### Feast of Saints Philip & James Apostles

Like St Peter and St Andrew, St Philip was from Bethsaida. He was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St Bartholomew to Christ. Christ declared to St Philip, 'He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father in me' (John 14:8-9) St James was a cousin of Our Lord. He is called James the Less, to distinguish him from the other James. As bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St James was thrown down the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death. The names of Philip and James are mentioned in the Roman Canon.

### Saturday

#### Feast of the English Martyrs

This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognized by the Church. These included priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them, to arrange secret Masses, and to witness the Faith. They came from all ages and backgrounds, and their heroic witness helps us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the priesthood.

### St Augustine's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL** required from September, Contract Permanent **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS TUESDAY 7TH MAY**. Potential applicants are welcome to visit the school Please contact Mr Anthony Quinn on [quinna@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:quinna@saintsa.co.uk) or call 01527 550400 to arrange a visit or for further information. For further details of the school and vacancy visit their website [www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk). Completed applications should be sent to Human Resources at school address or emailed to [hr@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:hr@saintsa.co.uk)

**COVER SUPERVISOR** ASAP to be responsible for students' learning and behaviour in the absence of a teacher or where a group of students need special attention. The Post is Permanent, Term Time only plus Inset Days. Salary TA Grade 3. Potential candidates are welcome to visit the school, please call 01527 555963 or email [HR@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:HR@saintsa.co.uk) to arrange a visit. For further details and an application form visit the school website [www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk).

## Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am Parish Centre All welcome

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **DEACON DOUG TAYLOR (B'DAY ANNIVERSARY)** Next week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JAN SREBNIAK (WIFE & FAMILY)**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of the **BARRATT FAMILY ...** Next week the lamp burns for the intentions of the **JOBIN**

## For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **MOLLY SPEAR** Reception of Body 5pm Tuesday 30th April, Funeral Mass Wednesday 1st May at 11am, **LIZ BROWN** Funeral Mass Wednesday 1st May at 2pm, **ZSOLT STEMPELY**

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 & Krzys Juzskiewicz, 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

## Belmont Abbey, Hereford

### Wednesday 15th May Annual Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady at 9pm.

Visit the National Pilgrim statue of OUR LADY OF FATIMA and the relics of St Francisco and St Jacinta. Fatima information, Abbey Shop and Refreshments available. Preacher Rev Fr Jason Jones

## BCYS Summer Camp

### Week 1 August 4th-8th or Week 2 August 11th-15th

'Summer Camp offers teenagers a faith filled week of fun in which their relationship with Jesus is enlivened through engaging talks, praise and worship, the celebration of the sacraments and the nurturing of Christian friendship. This would be an ideal week of formation in faith for our Altar Servers' Fr Michael Dolman—Visit the BCYS website

## Vacancy for an Office Administrator

for the Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Committee, full time based in the Birmingham Office at Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway. The appointee will be required to travel to Lourdes each February for planning meetings as well as attending each pilgrimage. Also ideally the ability to communicate effectively in French. For information discussion about this role contact Trish Brookes on 0121 230 6211. Application form and job description is available from Human Resources at Cathedral House—email: [gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org). Closing date for applications 12 noon, Friday 10th May and Interview date Monday 3rd June 2019

