

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 14th July 2019 Linda Gordon
Sunday 21st July 2019 Susan Salam
Sunday 28th July 2019 Vera Whyte
Sunday 4th August 2019 Anne Glennon
Sunday 11th August 2019 Vincent Sampays

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, Jackie@med-irishcentre.com or visit 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, 12th October, Friday 8th November 4am-8pm Register at 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

Next meeting 8th August

List of activities & forthcoming trips out shortly

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.**

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

Come along to Redditch Library's FREE English Conversational Group

Saturdays at 11am Practice your English for free in a welcoming & casual group. No formal teaching, exams or homework. For more information email gtroth@worcestershire.gov.uk.

PILGRIMAGE to WALSINGHAM

10th-13th September going from Stourport-on-Severn £280 Half Board for three nights. If interested please contact Fr Richard Sharples on 01299 822633

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

14th-18th September £599 per person sharing, single room supplement £100. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage from Manchester or Liverpool, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel full board Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557, or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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 for details



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

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Parish Mass Book Page 48 Genesis 17:1-10 Psalm 14 Colossians 1:14-28 Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Gospel Reflection Mary & Martha

We see the contrast between Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord. It's not that what Martha does is unimportant. It's just that Mary has chosen something even more important. Her priority is to listen to the word of Jesus. The story of Martha and Mary can be seen as a parable in action. Whereas the parable of the Good Samaritan stressed the importance of action, or practical love, in the life of a disciple, this story stresses the importance of contemplation. Both are necessary, and have to be integrated into the life of a Christian.

Happy Summer Holidays!

Now that the schools have closed for the holidays, we offer all families in the parish our best wishes for some relaxing time of recreation together over the summer, and safe journeys for those who are travelling; and a well-earned break to all the staff at our parish schools.

New Altar Servers

If any of the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion would like to become Altar Servers, please come along to the 11.15am Mass on a Sunday (arrive early and go to the Sacristy) where you will be made very welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need Cake Sale

The Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) parish group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the cake sale at the weekend and to those who contributed in any way—the amount raised to date is £655.00. May God bless you all.

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

You are invited to our meeting next Saturday (20th July) in the parish centre. Refreshments from 11.15am. During the meeting we will renew our Profession Promises, which is traditionally done around the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We shall pray together using Lectio Divina, Saturday Station and Rosary followed by a shared lunch. We aim to finish by 2.30pm. You are welcome to come for all or part of the meeting.

Redditch Catholic Fellowship Annual Mass 3.30pm today at St Benedict's, Batchley

New Mt Carmel Readers' Rota in sacristy

Annual Harvington Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs Sunday 1st Sept

Confessions 1.45pm—2.30pm Mass 3.00pm

Free parking, Teas, Picnic Area

Remember to bring your own chairs!

Free tours of Harvington Hall can be booked on the day at the table in the Hall's courtyard when you arrive. For further details contact the parish of St Mary's directly on 01562 777310

Organist required for September

If you were at the Feast Day Mass last Tuesday you will have sadly heard that Hannah, our organist is returning home to Scotland next month so we are yet again looking for an organist for our 11.15am Mass on a Sunday and if possible the 5pm on a Saturday plus Choir Practice on a Monday evening.

If you are an organist or know of an organist who might be interested, please contact the parish office on 01527 63096 or email office@mtcarmel.co.uk

Journey in Faith

This year's Journey in Faith course will commence on Thursday September 12th with evening Mass at 7pm followed by a short introduction to the course and Social evening. The course is for people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church and for anyone who wishes to find out more about the Faith, so parishioners are also very welcome to attend. For more information, please contact one of the priests.

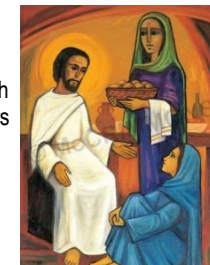
Thankyou to Irish Society

The Redditch Catholic Fellowship and the Parish Seniors' Group wish to thank past and present members of the Redditch Irish Society for their very generous donation of £500 to each group.

The Parish Safeguarding

Representatives are Mrs Jane Craig

& Mrs Linda Gordon Email: safeguardingQLMC@gmail.com



Mass Times & Intentions

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 21st July 2019

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Mass for the Redditch Catenian Circle President
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Kate Bird & Kit Freeman
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	John Battey
	6.00 pm	Ints of Tony Foxon
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Richard Ryan
Feckenham	10.15 am	Ints of Helen Boyd (80th b'day)
Batchley	3.30pm	Redditch Catholic Fellowship Annual Mass

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Con Herlihy (a)
	6.30 pm	Con Ryan (a)

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Varghese (a)

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	V J Varghese
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Ints of Margaret Brannan (70th B'day)

Friday

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

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	A Blessing for Emilia & Emmanuel
	2.30 pm	Keralan Mass

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Jan Srebniak
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Ints of Joe Fahy

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

Stations of the Cross
Fridays after morning Mass

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 28th July 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Josie Beard (a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Patricia Rolinson (a)
	6.00 pm	Gordon Watling
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Kay Morton (a)

Parish Diary

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

3.30pm Redditch Catholic Fellowship Annual Mass at St Benedict's, Batchley - everyone welcome to join them
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team F

Monday—School Summer Holidays begin!

No Choir until September
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday

7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team G

Whistleblowing Policy

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has launched a new Whistleblowing Policy. This policy aims to help individuals to raise with confidence and without having to worry about being victimized, discriminated against or disadvantaged in any way as a result of any serious concerns (including safeguarding issues) they have about post-holders, colleagues, their employer, or with how the Trust operates. Find the policy at: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/policies> The Diocese is also a member of Protect, formerly Public Concern at Work—who are leading experts in whistleblowing, visit <https://protect-advice.org.uk/>

For those preparing for Marriage ...

Engaged Encounter Weekend 12/13 October

The Dormer Conference Centre

Leamington Spa

Visit <https://www.me.org.uk/weekend/engaged-encounter-weekend-leamington-spa>

For Marriage enrichment ...

Marriage Encounter weekend— 22-24 November Ibis Hotel, Rugby

Visit <https://www.me.org.uk/weekends/residential-marriage-encounter-weekend-rugby-3>. For more information visit <https://www.me.org.uk> or email bookings@www.me.org.uk

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

She was one of the few who remained with Christ during His agony on the cross. With two other women she went to His tomb and found it empty. It was to her that Our Lord first appeared after His resurrection. He asked her to announce His resurrection to the apostles.

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Bridget

(1303-1373) St Bridget was born in Sweden. She was the mother of eight children whom she brought up in a very Christian manner, one of whom was St Catherine of Sweden. After her husband's death, she dedicated herself to an ascetic and contemplative life. As a Franciscan tertiary, she founded a religious order. She wrote many works on ascetical and mystical subjects. She died in Rome.

Wednesday

Saint Sharbel Makhlof

St Sharbel Makhlof was the son of a Lebanese farmer. He became a monk and hermit, and he had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He was canonized in the year 1977 and added to the General roman calendar in 2002.

Thursday

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

He is called the 'Greater' because his vocation to serve Christ preceded that of the other apostle of the same name. He was the son of Zebedee, and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was condemned to death by Herod Agrippa and beheaded in the year 44, the first martyr among the apostles. He is the patron saint of Spain.

Friday

Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It was in the home of Joachim and Anne where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the mother of God. Thus devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of affection Christians have always professed towards our Blessed Mother.

Saturday

Blessed Robert Sutton or of Our Lady on Saturday

(1588) Blessed Robert Sutton was born at Burton-on-Trent in 1547. As a clergyman of the Established Church he was Rector of Lutterworth. He was converted to Catholicism through the influence of his younger brother and they were ordained as priests with a third brother. He was arrested in Stafford in 1588 and executed there.

What's on

Women of the Diocese Day of Recollection at St Chad's Cathedral, Grimshaw Room, Birmingham B4 6U **Saturday 27 July 10.30-4pm.** Mass at 4.30pm with Celebrant Mgr Tim Menezes. A day for women of all ages—Guest Speakers Marie Fahy & Bridie Spicer. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments provided. All welcome to join in the Mass, however please pre-book your place for the recollection. Contact Suzanne O'Malley either by phone on 07557 870907 or email threeparishespartnership@gmail.com

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS unclaimed

6th Prize Winking Owl (Red Wine) Ticket No 00967 Eileen Gibbon

Norah's Bottle Raffle unclaimed prizes

1st Prize Greenall's Gin Stella Skrzek 07856 105282
3rd Prize Camp Viejo Rioja Des Chilton 516711
9th Prize Bucks Fizz Jella 07900 886697

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD (ANNIVERSARY) ...** Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **CON RYAN (ANNIVERSARY) ...** Next week **FREE AT THE MOMENT**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JAMES CHENELE** Funeral Service 1.15pm Friday 26th July at the Abbey Chapel, **MARY FITZGERALD** Funeral Service 2.45pm Friday 26th July at the Abbey Chapel, **PETER MCBENNETT** Funeral Mass Wednesday 31st July at 1.30pm, **LUKE BARRON** Funeral 10.30am Wednesday 24th July 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, 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, Francis & Judith O'Hare, Eugene Kirk, Julia Hopkins, Phil English, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, Jayne Spiers, Mary Eve, Sylvia Burge, Maureen Fowler, Emrys Hughes, Candice Butcher, Charlie Gallagher, John Kilker, Charlie McColgan, Judy Mitten, John Coleman, Kerry Haycock, Carol Bullimore, Emma Martin, Hinda McLarney, Anne Morton

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family **AMELIA RUBY HARBER** baptised last weekend at Mount Carmel

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 13/14 July 2019

1st Collection £687.32

2nd Collection £452.89

Mass attendance 611 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Missio (Red Boxes)

We have received a thank you to all of you who have the Red Boxes in your homes—during 2018 your donations totalled £605.00. The Summer Mission Today magazine is available at the back of church and in the porches—don't forget to take a copy home with you. You don't have to be a red box holder to take one.

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

Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am Parish Centre All welcome

