

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 25th August 2019 Susan Salam
Sunday 1st September 2019 Vera Whyte
Sunday 8th September 2019 Ann Glennon
Sunday 15th September 2019 St Augustine's
Sunday 22nd September 2019 Vincent Sampays
Sunday 29th September 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

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

5th Sept Shared Table & Quiz—any help would be appreciated

19th Sept Talk 'Message in a bottle'

24th Sept (Tuesday) Trip to Morton Market & Bourton on the Water (Places available)

3rd Oct Seated Exercise

17th Oct Tony Senior's Picture Show

24th Oct 1940's Day

7th Nov Bingo

21st Nov Christmas Crafts

28th Nov Trip to Christmas Market

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 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

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

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

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 1879 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 66 Eccles 3:17-20,28-29 Psalm 67 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

Fr Cornelius ...

This weekend is Fr Cornelius' last weekend in the parish, and we wish him well as he leaves for Camaroon on Tuesday 3rd September.

Annual Harvington Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs

Next Sunday 1st September

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

St Augustine's GCSE results

Following on from the success of Sixth Form students last week, St Augustine's is celebrating a terrific set of results from their Yr 11 students. Early indications show that they have achieved a grade above the national for the Progress 8 score (the government's headline measure for progress) demonstrating that the school is an exceptional place to learn. Overall the outcomes are incredible with 97 grade 9 scores, 30% of students attaining grades 9-7 and 76% of students achieving 5 GCSE's at grades 9-5. Overall 82% of students who entered vocational courses achieved a Distinction* grade.

The new Principal, Mr Gerald O'Connor commented 'I am really pleased for our students and very proud of their achievements; great credit is due to them, the teaching staff for their hard work and parents/carers for their ongoing support. These truly excellent results give the students a robust foundation on which to move into our outstanding Sixth Form to embark upon their post 16 studies. As ever, we look forward to welcoming other equally minded and hardworking students who want to join our school.

Congratulations to ...

Bill Reardon on celebrating his 80th birthday!

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.

Aid to the Church in Need

This Tuesday after 6pm Mass Holy Rosary & Exposition for Persecuted Christians—all welcome

Three dates for your diary ...

Autumn Fayre Meeting 6.30pm Tuesday 10 Sept
Autumn Fayre Saturday 9 November at St Bedes Parish Council AGM to parishioners after 5pm Mass
Saturday 19 October

Thankyou ...

The Redditch Catholic Fellowship wish to thank Monday's Bingo team for their kind donation of £200.00 and also Social Sales (Raffle Monies) for their kind donation of £600.00 towards the Fellowship's funds. Much appreciated.

Season of Creation

Creationtide runs from this Sunday 1st September to October 4th and is a time when all people of faith are asked to pray about and reflect upon the beautiful world that God has created. This Sunday, has been designated by Pope Francis and other Christian leaders as the day when all Christians are asked particularly to pray about how we are responding to the stewardship of the earth which has been given to us.

On Wednesday 18th September there will be a special Creationtide Mass at Mount Carmel at 6pm. More details later, but please put the date in your diary.



Mass Times & Intentions

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 1st September 2019

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Winifreda Olga Hall (b'day a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Tim Herlihy (wedd a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Diane Curry
Alvechurch	6.00 pm	Wm (Bill) & Eileen Hughes
	9.45 am	Ints of all children who made their FHC recently
Feckenham	10.15 am	Gareth Harris (a) & Patricia Thompson (a)

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	John Frazer

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Mary Thomas (a)
	6.30 pm	Marie Steadman

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	John Forman
St Bede's Sch	1.45 pm	School Mass

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Wayne Armstrong
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Paddy Jo & Bridie McInerney

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Michael & Antonina Bobowski (a)
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Latin Mass (EF)

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Malwina Mikolajewicz
	2.30 pm	Keralan Mass

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Frank & Celine O'Gorman
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 8th September 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Giovanna & Vittorio Fusco & Sp Intention
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Carmelita Babao (a)
	6.00 pm	Tomas Hubbard
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Ints of Yurek Mazgajcek
Feckenham	10.15 am	Ints of Josef Wygas

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team E

Monday

10am Legion of Mary in the parish centre
7pm Choir Practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday

2pm Lourdes MAC Mass in Mt Carmel Church
ACN Prayer Meeting after the 6pm Mass
7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Wednesday

Schools back!

Friday

6pm Latin Mass (EF)

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green
Joint Service at the Baptist Church
7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team F

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/>

Found outside the Parish Centre

A Portuguese Identification Card in the name of Agostinho Miguel Cassama Brandao was found outside the Parish Centre—this has been taken to Redditch Police Station.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays after morning Mass

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Gregory the Great

(540-604) He was a Prefect of Rome and later became a monk. He was papal legate at Constantinople. Five years after returning to his monastery, he was elected pope. He greatly influenced the life of the Church, and unified the liturgy and compiled the Gregorian chant which was named after him. One of Gregory's most far reaching actions was to send missionaries to England. This was said to have been prompted by the sight of fair haired Anglo Saxon youths exposed for sale in the Roman slave market. He wrote many works on morals and dogma.

Wednesday

Saint Cuthbert

(c634-687) St Cuthbert worked as a shepherd in Northumbria until he joined the monastic community at Melrose under St Eata. He moved to Lindisfarne and did much to spread the Gospel in the area, before embracing the eremitical life on the isle of Farne. In 684 he became Bishop of Hexham, but quickly exchanged Sees with St Eata, who was by now Bishop of Lindisfarne. He was known for the holiness of his life and his many miracles. Buried originally at Lindisfarne, his body was later moved to Durham and found to be incorrupt.

Saturday

Our Lady on Saturday

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.



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

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 24/25 August 2019

1st Collection £716.03

2nd Collection £367.52

Mass attendance 614

(does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JOSIE BEARD ...** Next week for the Intentions of **ANNE MORTON**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JOHNNIE BEARD ...** Next week for the Intentions of **MARGARET HUGHES**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **CHARLOTTE TAYLOR AGED 20** and all who have died recently. May 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, 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 **KARRICK DEAN BIRD & ORLA CAITLIN BATES** baptised last weekend at Mount Carmel

40 Days for Life

Wednesday 25th Sept—Sunday 3rd Nov peacefully praying outside Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic, Arthur Rd, Edgbaston between 8am-8pm.
Sunday 22nd September 2pm Upper Cloister Room at the Oratory Fr Philomena shares his testimony - 'My own daughter being aborted to becoming a Franciscan Priest'

Beauty in Brokenness

Here we are to worship—exploring worship across our traditions An opportunity for women from many different Christian denominations to share their experiences.

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 12.30 FOR 12.45PM—5PM INCLUDING LUNCH AT BROMSGROVE METHODIST CENTRE, 19 STRATFORD RD B60 1AS

Cost £6 inc lunch and drinks (please advise of any dietary requirements) For more information or to book, please contact Ann Smith at nooey98@gmail.com, telephone 0121 445 1374

The Choral Pilgrimage 2019 in celebration of 'The Sixteen's' 40th Anniversary—An Enduring Voice Choral Gems by Sheppard, Tavener, Whitacre, MacMillan **THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL** To book Tickets £12-£25 (booking fees apply) visit www.the sixteen.com or telephone 0333 010 2850