

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

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

Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am Parish Centre All welcome

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 1880 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019 YEAR C

Parish Mass Book Page 64 Wisdom 9:13-18 Psalm 89 Philemon 9-10.12-17 Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Thought for today ...

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to his chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the 'great crowds' - to anyone, to whoever wishes to be his disciple.

Fr Cornelius ...

You will be pleased to hear that Fr Cornelius arrived safely in Camaroon.

Knights of St Columba

This weekend we welcome the Knights of Saint Columba who will be speaking at all Masses at Mount Carmel for a membership drive to try and reset up a council in Redditch.

Happy 10th Birthday to Our Parish SVP!

Thanks to the fantastic support of our parishioners, parish schools and clergy the SVP continue to help those most in need in our own parish and wider communities!

Fr Tony writes

I would like to congratulate and thank the SVP on their 10th Anniversary in this parish. They do sterling work for the less fortunate both here in Redditch & Bromsgrove, and Birmingham. They also ask the intercession of Vincent de Paul and Frederick Ozanam their patrons.

Second Collection next week is for

Home Mission Sunday

Three dates for your diary ...

Autumn Fayre Meeting

6.30pm this Tuesday 10 September

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 9 November at St Bedes

Parish Council AGM to parishioners

after 5pm Mass Saturday 19 October

Journey in Faith

This year's Journey in Faith course will commence this 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

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

Season of Creation

Creationtide runs until 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.

On **Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm** there will be a special Creationtide Mass at Mount Carmel followed by a shared meal, and everyone is asked to bring something to eat. It has been suggested it would be easier to provide something cold and that people try to make sure everything conforms to the **LOAF** principle—Local, Organic, Animal-friendly and Fairly-traded. This might not be possible, but anything home-made/home-frown would be perfect!

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'

Mass Times & Intentions

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 8th September 2019

Saturday

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

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Giovanna & Vittorio Fusco & Special 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

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Paddy Coughlin
		Sean O’Gorman (b’day a)
St Thos More Sch	9.10 am	School Mass

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Jan Burak (a)
	6.00 pm	Intentions of A.C.
Mt Carmel Sch	9.20 am	School Mass

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Val Fanning

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory esp. deceased members of FOSS
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Ron Hill (ill)

Friday

Mount Carmel		No Morning Prayer
	NB 9.00 am	Dr P C Varghese (a)
	10.00 am	Funeral Mass
		Jurek Lewandowski
St Bede’s Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 5 Mass in school hall

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Joan Behan (a)

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Paddy & Nellie Darcy
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Christine Norton (b’day a)

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 15th September 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	John Beard (b’day a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Thanksgiving for family (Monica)
	6.00 pm	Kazimierz (Dad & Grandad)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Ints of Fr Cornelius & the people of Camaroon
Feckenham	10.15 am	Holy Souls (PS)

Parish Diary

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green Joint Service
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team F

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6.30pm Planning Meeting for Parish Autumn Fayre
8pm SVP Meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday

7.30pm Journey in Faith commences in Parish Centre

Friday

NB No Morning Prayer or Stations for the Cross

NB Mass at 9am

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 Anne & Ella Colley

Sunday

Twenty-Fourth 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/>

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday

Saint Osburg or of
Saint Peter Claver

(c1016) St Osburg was the first abbess of the nunnery founded by King Canute at Coventry. She worked to care for the poor and vulnerable of the city. Her cult was confirmed in the fifteenth century, but she may be a saint of a much earlier date. (1580-1654) St Peter Claver was born at Verdu in Catalonia, Spain, and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Columbia and began his life’s work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptised more than 300,000 during his thirty three years of tireless ministry.

Tuesday

Blessed Agnellus of Pisa or of
Saint Egwin

(1194-1236) Blessed Agnellus was born at Pisa, Italy and received by St Francis himself among the Friars Minor and sent by him to open a house in Paris. He was later appointed by St Francis the first Provincial of the Order in England. Agnellus arrived at Dover in 1224 and founded houses at Canterbury and Oxford. He worked also for some time in London. At Oxford he established a school which became famous, and it was in this city he died. His cult was confirmed in 1892.

(717) The foundation of the abbey at Evesham is attributed to an eighth century Bishop of Worcester called Egwin.

Wednesday

Fr Dominic Round’s Anniversaries

Thursday

Most Holy Name of Mary
Saint John Chrysostom

(349-407) St John was born in Antioch, he was a great genius, whose powerful eloquence earned him the name Chrysostom, ‘the golden mouthed’. He entered monastic life and then became a priest. As Archbishop of Constantinople, he distinguished himself for his preaching and his abundant writings about Catholic doctrine and Christian life. He died in exile.

Saturday

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Missio (Red Boxes)

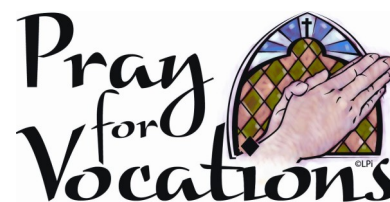
If your Red Box needs emptying could you please drop it in to the Parish Office. If you are unable to get your box to the parish office for emptying, please phone Steve on 01527 404248 to get it emptied

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



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the Intentions of **ANNE MORTON ...** Next week in loving memory of **JOHN BEARD (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY)**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the intentions of **MARGARET HUGHES ...** Next week for the deceased members of the **REARDON & DURR FAMILIES**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JOHN DONNELLY** Funeral details not yet known, **JOHN JOSEPH KEARNEY** Funeral Service 3.30pm Thursday 12th September at the Abbey Chapel. 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 Juszkiewicz, 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, Charlie McColgan, Judy Mitten, John Coleman, Kerry Haycock, Emma Martin, Hinda McLarney, Anne Morton, Pauline Oxley, Charles Withers

Congratulations

We welcome into God’s family **EDITH REBECCA BUTCHER, AOIFE-MAI TAYLOR & LUKE ALEXANDER JEFFERY** baptised last weekend at Mount Carmel

Vacancy at St Bedes’

Teacher of English—Maternity Cover MPS1-6 (£23,720-£35,008) for January 2020. Enhanced DBS Clearance will be required. Applications are invited from all suitable qualified candidates including NQT’s. Job Description & Application form available on school’s website www.st-bedes.worcs.sch.uk Closing date for applications is 12 noon Friday 27th September. Te 01527 525916 email jbush@st-bedes.worcs.sch.uk

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.thesixteen.com or telephone 0333 010 2850

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 31 Aug/1 Sept 2019

1st Collection	£831.72
2nd Collection	£381.34
Mass attendance	607

(does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders