

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.

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Sunday 10th November 2019 **St Augustine's School**

Sunday 17th November 2019 Linda Gordon

Sunday 24th November 2019 Susan Salam

Sunday 1st December 2019 Vera Whyte

Sunday 8th December 2019 Ann Glennon

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**

Vacancies at Cathedral House, Birmingham

Applications are invited for a front desk clerk/receptionist and an Administration Support Office (Safeguarding). Both roles are permanent/full time and based at Cathedral House. For full details please visit: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQ>

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

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**

28th Nov Trip to Christmas Market

Coach leaving **St Benedict's** at 9am

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

CLIC SARGENT CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 13 December 2pm & 7pm **Birmingham Town Hall**

in aid of children & families living with Cancer featuring the Midland's Hospital Choir. Bring your own drinks.

For tickets telephone Birmingham Town Hall

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.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Legion of Mary

Welcomes visits from parishioners, male and female, who are available for up to one and a half hours to attend meetings in the Parish Centre on Mondays at 10am. Do you have two hours to spare in the week following the meeting to help the Priests by visiting the housebound parishioners or Residential/Nursing Homes? Not sure? Come to a meeting or speak to a Legionary to find out more. V Whyte 01527 402676 or A Glennon 01527 65832

School Job Vacancies

St Thomas More First School

Two vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors to start November 2019, 7.08 hrs per week, Monday to Friday, term time only. For an application pack please contact the school on 01527 525821 or email office@st-thomasmore.worcs.sch.uk

Mount Carmel First School

Vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor Monday-Friday 12noon to 1.05pm term time only, Sc1. For details or application pack please email HR@mountcarmel.worcs.sch.uk or contact Rita Kennedy on 01527 546398.



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 89 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 121 Colossians 1:11-20 Gospel Luke 23:35-43

Mass for Deceased Parishioners

(Nov 2018—Nov 2019)

This Thursday 28th November at 7 pm

Thank you

to everyone who supported the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child in providing Christmas Shoeboxes for Children around the world.

Religious Christmas Cards & 2020 Diaries

We have a selection of Christmas Cards for sale in the parish office, boxed 18 cards £3.50 or Pack of 10, £1.50.

Parish 2020 diaries £1 each available from the parish office or in church—please put money in wall slot at back of church—all monies to the parish.

Friends of the Holy Land

Christmas is getting near so can I ask that those with Crib boxes no matter how little is in them, please hand them in to the parish office or the sacristy so that our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land can have a little extra. If you do not have a box, then any donation would be gratefully appreciated.

Deacon Peter

RED WEDNESDAY 27th November

On this day throughout the world Catholics will be praying for persecuted Christians. In this parish we will be having a votive Mass for Persecuted Christians at 9.30am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during which the Holy Rosary will be prayed for our brothers and sisters.

Thanks from CAFOD

The parish has received a letter from CAFOD's director thanking you all for your donations to CAFOD. 'In these challenging times, the generosity of parishes like yours has been a shining beacon that has made it possible for CAFOD to bring hope and joy to people around the globe. Your parish gave £3,558.97 this year—that money has helped us to reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in need.'

Traidcraft for Christmas

Traidcraft goods will be on sale next Saturday & Sunday at Hadzor, Feckenham and Alvechurch. This will also be the last opportunity to place orders for collection before Christmas.



Our Common Home—Saving the Planet Earth

A group of parishioners concerned about the state of the planet and the life threatening problems that go with it have come up with four challenges, one for each week of Advent. Please take up the challenge and help make a difference—the first one will appear next week.

Back to the Sixties with Afternoon Tea

This Sunday 4pm-7pm at **St Benedicts**

Admission £5 in aid of LIFE National Charity 06786752, tickets available on the door.

The Sower, News from the Archdiocese

Advent edition is available from the back of church and in side porches. Please take one home with you.

Parish Toilets

When using the parish toilets, could you please ensure that when you leave you switch off the lights and close the door. Thankyou

Churches together in Redditch

Saturday 14 December 11am Kingfisher Centre Carols with Redditch Gospel Choir

Saturday 21st December 11am Kingfisher Centre Carols

Thought for the week—'Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind, always.'

SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the homeless will take place in Birmingham on Saturday 14th December. Please leave your details with the Parish Office if you would like to help us help those most in need this Christmas.



Mass Times & Intentions

Solemnity of Christ the King

Thirty-fourth Sunday of the Year C

Week beginning Sunday 24th November 2019

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	STM FHC 'Belonging' Peter & David McHugh (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	John & Catherine Cronin

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Eileen & James Herlihy
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	MCS FHC 'Belonging' Tony Gallagher (a)
	6.00 pm	Charles Bright (b'day a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Sharona Crosby & Maureen Dowling
Feckenham	10.15 am	Pauline Oxley

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Wanda & Barry Skett (30th Wedding A)
St Thos More	9.10 am	School Mass

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Dec'd members of Barratt, Harte & McNamee Families
	6.00 pm	Mary O'Brien (a) (nee Gannon)
Mt Carmel Sch	9.20 am	Reception & Yr 1 Mass

Wednesday—Red Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Tess Hennessey & Andrew Vokes (10th Anniv) followed by Exposition & Rosary



Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Holy Souls & Olive Cosgriff
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Deceased Parishioners (Nov 2018-Nov 2019)



Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Bronislawa & Wojciech Slobodzian (b'day a)
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	For all Holy Souls in Purgatory esp. deceased members of FOSS

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Thomas Meagher (a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

First Sunday in Advent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 1st December 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Josie & John Beard (Wedd A)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	John Donnelly
	6.00 pm	Stan Jobber
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Mike Dean
Feckenham	10.15 am	Holy Souls (PS)

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

Sunday

Solemnity of Christ the King Year C

7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team C

Monday

10am Legion of Mary in the parish centre

7pm Choir Practice in church

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday

7pm Parish Council Meeting

7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Wednesday—Red Wednesday

9.30am Mass followed by Exposition & Rosary for
Persecuted Christians

Thursday

7pm Mass for Deceased Parishioners (Nov 2018-Nov 2019)

7.30pm Journey in Faith 'The Lord's Prayer'

Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass in the Parish Centre

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7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

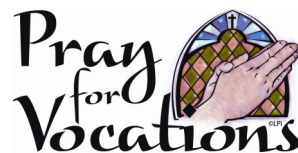
No Flowers during Advent

Sunday

First Sunday in Advent Year A

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team D



The Parish Safeguarding Representatives
are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon
Email: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

St Catherine lived during the fourth century. She was a learned girl of noble birth who protested against the persecution of Christians which was ordered by the Roman Emperor, Maxentius. She converted the Emperor's wife, and defeated in debate the best scholars sent to oppose her. Very little is known about her life; she was popular in the Middle Ages. She is the patron saint of philosophers.

Saturday

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

(First century) St Andrew was born at Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman. He is called the Protokletos or 'first called', for he was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ and bringing with him his brother, St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the gospel and was crucified at Patras, Greece. He is the patron of Scotland, where his relics were formerly venerated at St Andrews.

Grand Raffle Unclaimed Prizes

4th Prize Whisky Ticket No 01257 Pat Cannon

7th Prize Rioja Wine Ticket No 01361 Katharine Burr 07967 871837

8th Prize Sauvignon Red Wine Ticket No 00388 P J Holton 401360

10th Prize Mulled Wine Ticket No 00280 Wanda Skett 403806

11th Prize Victoria Biscuits Ticket No 00868 Padraic

15th Prize Victoria Biscuits Ticket No 01435 Patrick 07835 660752

Other Winners

Scarecrow Game : David Cruise

Current Job Vacancies at St Augustine's

Office Manager required ASAP, Contract Permanent/Term time only + 8 days. Salary Grade 6 SCP 19-22 pro rata £21,535 Closing date for application 9am Thursday 28th November 2019

Teacher of Mathematics (Maternity Cover) Required from January 2020—July 2020 Closing date for applications 9am Monday 25th November.

Teacher of Science (Maternity Cover) Required from January 2020 Part Time 0.6 fte hrs per week Closing date for applications 9am Monday 2nd December 2019

Further details can be found by visiting their website www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk. Completed applications should be emailed to HR@saintsa.co.uk or posted to school FAO HR

Arrow Vale Singers present AN EVENING OF ANDREWS' & SCOTTISH MUSIC in celebration of St Andrew's Day 30th November 7.30-9.30pm

Tickets £10 (u16 £5) at Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Rd Redditch B97 5SQ For information or tickets contact 01527 453854, 07802 598309 or visit www.arrowvalesingers.co.uk

Redditch Choral Society Christmas Concert 'CAROLS FROM EUROPE' Saturday 7 December Trinity High School at 7.30pm Tickets £12 (£10 for concessions) available by contacting 07794 362956

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-Oct 2020

7 night stay and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for 266 Euros per person sharing. Book any flight, anytime and guaranteed airport shuttle service. For further information and to book telephone 020 3239 8662, or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **MARY O'BRIEN (ANNIVERSARY) ...** Next week for the intentions of **EILEEN MAHER**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **FRED CLARKE (ANNIVERSARY) ...** Next week for the deceased members of the **WHYTE FAMILY**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **FRANCES RYALL** Funeral Service 11am Wednesday 11 December at the Abbey Chapel. May her soul 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, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Obinna, Mary Hickey, Grazyna, Kazik & Krzys Juskiewicz, 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, 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, Charles Withers, Richard Frost, Jason Tudor, Daniel & Mark O'Brien

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family **THEO MICHAEL MALINS-ALLAN** baptised last weekend at Mount Carmel

Congratulations also to

JADE O'CONNOR & RYAN PARKER married Saturday 9th November at Mount Carmel

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 16/17 November 2019

1st Collection £785.71

2nd Collection £350.33

Mass attendance 591 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

Mount Carmel 500 Club

Subscriptions are now due—if you are not a member of this parish fundraising scheme and would like to be, please contact the Parish Office for a membership form. Cost for one number is £12 per annum.

St Augustine's Performing Arts Musical

this year is 'Grease' and takes place at the Artrix Theatre, Bromsgrove on 28th & 29th January 2020. Tickets are ONLY available through the Artrix Box Office in person or their online booking service can be found by visiting : <https://www.artrix.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/grease-sapa-youth-theatre> (SAPA stands for Saint Augustine's Performing Arts)