

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 1st December 2019 Vera Whyte
Sunday 8th December 2019 Ann Glennon
Sunday 15th December 2019 Vincent Sampays
Sunday 22nd December 2019 Linda Gordon
Sunday 29th December 2019 Susan Salam

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**

Archdiocese of Birmingham

Vacancy for a STRENGTHENING CLUSTER COMMUNITIES OFFICER FOR WOLVERHAMPTON

Part time (30 hrs per week) Fixed Term (12 mths with possible extension dependant on securing further funding) £18,500-£21,200 pa. pro rate.

This is a new role within the Archdiocese of Birmingham to support our newly formed cluster of parishes in the Wolverhampton area. Experience of working with a diverse range of audiences and stakeholders would be an advantage. For an informal discussion about this role, please contact Jane Bamber, Senior Development Office on 0121 230 6265. For Job Description & details email Human Resources Gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org. Closing date Friday 24th January 2020, Interview date : Tuesday 4th February 2020

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

No more meetings until the New Year

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 further information & tickets please contact Birmingham Town Hall on 0121 780 4949 or email boxoffice@tshh.co.uk

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

School Job Vacancies

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.

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

Beoley Road West, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8LT (01527) 63096

Email: office@mtcarmel.co.uk Website: www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk

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 1894 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 15TH DECEMBER 2019 YEAR A

Parish Mass Book Page 30 Isaiah 35:1-6.10 Psalm 145 James 5:7-10 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete' Rejoice



The first Reading is an invitation to joy.

The Prophet Zephaniah at the end of the 7th Century BC spoke to the city of Jerusalem and its people with these words: 'Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem ..! The Lord your God is in your midst'. As in the times of the Prophet Zephaniah, it is particularly to those being tested and to 'life's wounded and orphans of joy' that God's Word is being addressed in a special way. To transform the world, God chose a humble young girl from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you'. In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is close!

Pope Benedict XVI

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 back of church & side porch—please put money in wall slots marked diaries—all monies to the parish.

Christmas Stars



We will again be decorating the Christmas Tree in church with stars in memory of loved ones, Special Intentions or Christmas wishes to members of the parish. There is no set cost but a donation would be appreciated and this can be put in the wall slot near to the Christmas Tree. STARS will be available when Christmas Tree is in church near to Our Lady's Shrine.

Birthday Card for Jesus

The Children's Liturgy Group would like all the children during Advent to **make** a birthday card for baby Jesus and to put the card out from Christmas Eve near the crib in the church. Thank you.

Thank you to St Augustine's School

The Parish Seniors' Group would like to thank the staff and students for the lovely Christmas Party held last Thursday in school and for the entertainment enjoyed by all.

Masses over Christmas

Mount Carmel

Christmas Eve

5pm First Mass of Christmas
7pm (Polish),
9pm Readings & Carols, 9.30pm Christmas Mass

Christmas Day

8.15am, 9.45am (Polish), 11.15am **No Evening Mass**
St Stephen's Day (26th)
9.30am Mass for all Altar Servers

Mass Centres

Ss Richard & Hubert, Hadzor

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Readings & Carols, 8pm Mass
St Mary's Alvechurch

Sunday 22nd December Advent Service 4pm

Christmas Day 9.45am

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Feckenham

Christmas Day 10.15am

CONFESSION

There will be an opportunity for Confession on Wednesday evening after the 6pm Mass & next Saturday as usual.

Our Common Home—Saving the Planet Earth

Challenge for this week : Many Christmas presents require batteries and a high percentage of batteries bought in the UK are not recycled and end up in landfill so the challenge for this week is to try to change to rechargeable batteries. Switching to rechargeable batteries is not only greener, but also more cost effective. 500 disposable AA batteries would cost nearly £400, whereas a charger and 2 batteries costs less than £10 and can be recharged approximately 500 times.

Parish First Holy Communion Class

The First Holy Communion Class for children in non-Catholic schools will begin on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 6pm in Mount Carmel Church. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the parish office on 01527 63096

Mass Times & Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 15th December 2019

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Rite of Catechumenate Dec'd members of the Conlon Family
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Bea Radford (a)

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Jack Hobson
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Kitty Fanning (b'day a)
	6.00 pm	Christine McNamara
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Mike Dean
Feckenham	10.15 am	Joe Fahey

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Peter Edmonds (a) & Scott & family
	5.00 pm	Reception of Body Mick Gavin
St Thos More Sch	9.00 am	School Mass

Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.00am	NO MORNING PRAYER Funeral Mass Mick Gavin
	1.00 pm	Funeral Mass Sarah Ann McIntyre
	6.00 pm	NO EVENING MASS
	7.00 pm	STA Carol Concert
Mt Carmel Sch	9.20 am	School Mass Ints of Andy Joyce

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Winifreda Olga Hall (a)
	6.00 pm	Diane Curry

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	NO MORNING PRAYER
	9.30 am	STB KS2 in church Michael & Antonina Bobowski (b'day a)
	11.30 am	STB KS3 in church Paul Olsen
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Dec'd Hindson Family

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Betty Flahive
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Caroline Jones
<i>(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)</i>		
Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Elizabeth Morrissey (b'day a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Rosemary Nickel

Fourth Sunday in Advent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 22nd December 2019

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Eileen & James Herlihy
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Tess & Packie Ellicott (Wedd A)
	6.00 pm	Harry & Violet Nolan & family
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Gertrude & Joseph Lynch
Feckenham	10.15 am	James & Margaret McTernan

Confessions at Mount Carmel

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

NB This week Wednesday Evening 6.30pm-7pm

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

Parish Diary

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

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

NB Funeral Mass at 9am

No Evening Mass

7pm STA Carol Concert in church
7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Wednesday

NB 6pm Evening Mass

Friday

10am Stations of the Cross
2pm Lucy Locket Kindergarten Nativity in Church

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

No Flowers during Advent

Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Advent Year A

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team G

What's on ...



St Augustine's Carol Concert

Mount Carmel Church
7pm Tuesday 17th December

Churches together in Redditch

Saturday 21st December 11am
Kingfisher Centre Carols

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Saturday

Saint Peter Canisius

(1521-1597) St Peter was born in Holland, he joined the Society of Jesus. He worked in Germany and Austria fighting for many years by his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic Faith. Of his numerous books, the 'Catechism' is most renowned.

Grand Raffle Unclaimed Prizes

7th Prize Rioja Wine Ticket No 01361 Katharine Burr 07967 871837
11th Prize Victoria Biscuits Ticket No 00868 Padraic
15th Prize Victoria Biscuits Ticket No 01435 Patrick 07835 660752

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

Vacancy at the Archdiocese of Birmingham

SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR

Full time (35 hrs per week) Permanent
£30,750-£35,875 pa

The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified social worker to its Safeguarding Team. As a Safeguarding Advisor you will, along with the Head of Safeguarding and other colleagues, be responsible for providing effective safeguarding advice and training across the Archdiocese. This is a demanding and challenging role, therefore they are looking for someone with :-

Experience of working within a safeguarding setting.

A strong advocate for children at risk of harm and vulnerable adults and a determination to promote as paramount the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Significant post qualification experience of adult or child safeguarding.

Knowledge of both child and adult safeguarding legislation and guidance.

For an informal discussion about this role, please call Alan Hassall, Head of Safeguarding 0121 230 6275 or Gerry Dryden, Human Resources & Communications Director 0121 230 6224.

Please email gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org for a copy of the job description and details on how to apply.

Closing date for receipt of application

12 noon Monday 6 January 2020

Interview Week commencing Monday 27 January 2020



Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY) ...**
Next week for the deceased members of the **MCKENNA, MCLROY & BROWN FAMILIES**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the Deceased members of the **MCCORMACK FAMILY ...** Next week in loving memory of **LIAM BOYD**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **SARAH ANN MCKINTYRE**
Funeral Mass 1pm Tuesday 17 December, **MICK GAVIN**
Reception of Body Monday 16th December at 5pm, Funeral Mass Tuesday 17th December at 9am, **JOHN HILL** 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, 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 O'Brien

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family **LEON SARAD-RICHTER**
baptised last weekend at Mount Carmel

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 7/8 December 2019

1st Collection £785.59

2nd Collection £388.15

Mass attendance 725 (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)

PARISH WEBSITE :

www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk

Journey in Faith, Baptism & Wedding Enquiries