

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 22nd December 2019 Linda Gordon

Sunday 29th December 2019 Susan Salam

Sunday 6th January 2020 Vera Whyte

Sunday 13th January 2020 Ann Glennon

Sunday 20th January 2020 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***

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 rata. 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

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—

Vacancy at St Augustine's

Pastoral Administrative Assistant required asap, contract term: Permanent, Term time plus inset days. Closing date for applications **Monday 13th January 2020 at 9.30am**. This is an exciting opportunity to join the staff family at STA's. The role of Pastoral Administrator will be based at the heart of the school, supporting students and the pastoral team. Applicants are welcome to visit the school, please contact Mr Peter Foley on foleyp@saintsa.co.uk or call 01527 550400 to arrange a visit or for further information. Further details of the school and vacancy 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 the school FAO HR



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 41 Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 127 Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Feast of the Holy Family

If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen. Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so. For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small 'domestic church' that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

Saint Pope John Paul II

Christmas Stars

It's not too late to decorate 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 are available in church near to Our Lady's Shrine.

Birthday Card for Jesus

Still time to **make** a birthday card for baby Jesus and to put the card near the crib in the church.

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



Thank you from the clergy

To everyone for your generous Christmas collection and also for your gifts, prayers and cards. Also thank you to everyone for your support of the Christmas Masses and to all who contributed in any way to the inspiring liturgies, including the choir for their beautiful singing at the 9 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve, the altar servers, cleaners and Angela for the lovely Christmas flowers. We hope you and your families all had a peaceful time over Christmas and we wish you every blessing for 2020. Happy New Year!!

Altar Servers Save the Date ...

Guild of St Stephen Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 7th March 2020 celebrated by Bishop David McGough at St Chad's Cathedral, 12 noon followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room.

Diocesan Directories 2020

Now available from the parish office, cost £3.50

PARISH WEBSITE

www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk
Journey in Faith, Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

Mass Times & Intentions

Feast of the Holy Family Year A

Week beginning Sunday 29th December 2019

Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Michael, Kathleen & Christopher Harkin
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Charlotte Taylor & Ints of the Taylor Family
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Tom & Peggy McGillan (a)
	6.00 pm	Joe Gavin (a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Rita Holland
Feckenham	10.15 am	Liam Boyd

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Kit Burke & Mary

Tuesday—New Year's Eve

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Christine Burke
	6.00 pm	Diane Curry

Wednesday—New Year's Day

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Joan Porter (b'day a)

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.30 am	Ints of Keith & Monica Cooper (50th Wed A)
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	John Allcock

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Tom Duffy
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Margaret Leonard

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Ian Lampard
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A

Week beginning Sunday 5th January 2020

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Ints of the Heath Family
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Hugh McKenna (100th b'day Anniv)
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Rose Walker & Maureen Dowling (a)
Feckenham	10.15 am	Tom & Sheelagh Entwisle



Confessions at Mount Carmel

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction 10am-10.50am
Tuesday Evening 6.30pm—7pm
On the 1st Saturday of the month the Rosary will be said after Divine Mercy Devotion

Parish Diary

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family Year A

7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team A

Monday

10am Legion of Mary in the parish centre
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday New Year's Eve

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 Anne & Ella Colley

Sunday

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team B

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

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family

Tuesday

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

(+335) St Sylvester ruled the Church during the reign of Constantine, when the Arian heresy and the Donatist schism had provoked great discord. He convoked the first Ecumenical council of Nicea.

Wednesday

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Thursday

Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen

(330-379) St Basil was a brilliant student born of a Christian family in Caesarea, Cappadocia (Turkey). For some years, he followed the monastic way of life. He vigorously fought the Arian heresy. He became the bishop of Caesarea in 370. The monks of the Eastern Church today still follow the monastic rules which he set down.

(330-390) St Gregory was also from Cappadocia. A friend of St Basil, he too followed the monastic way of life for some years. He was ordained a priest and in 381 became bishop of Constantinople. It was during this period when the Arian heresy was at its height. He was called 'The Theologian' because of his great learning and his talent for oratory.

Friday

Most Holy Name of Jesus

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)

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 21/22 December 2019

1st Collection £823.37

2nd Collection £450.87

Mass attendance 686 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

PLEASE KEEP THE PARISH CENTRE TIDY!

If there is a need to move tables and chairs to accommodate your meeting, please ensure that they are returned to their correct places before you leave. Tables should be folded and chairs stacked.

REMEMBER OTHER PEOPLE USE IT AFTER YOU!

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns for the deceased members of the **SREBNIAK & DURAJ FAMILIES ...**
Next week in loving memory of **NED & NORA MORRISSEY**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the deceased members of the **QUIRK, BUTLER & DYHOUSE FAMILIES ...** Next week in loving memory **MICHAEL & ANTONINA BOBOWSKI**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **JAMES MILNE** Graveside Burial 12 noon Tuesday 7th January at the Abbey Cemetery, **FR GERRY BREEN & FR BRIAN DOOLAN**, Priests of the diocese, **JOHN ALLCOCK** Brother of a parishioner. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, 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, Gerry Crilly, Rae James, Mary Eve, Sylvia Burge, Maureen Fowler, Emrys Hughes, Candice Butcher, Charlie Gallagher, Charlie McColgan, Judy Mitten, Kerry Haycock, Emma Martin, Hinda McLarney, Anne Morton, Charles Withers, Richard Frost, Jason Tudor, Daniel O'Brien



The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**
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