

## 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 26th January 2020 Linda Gordon  
Sunday 2nd February 2020 Susan Salam  
Sunday 9th February 2020 St Augustine's School  
Sunday 16th February 2020 Vera Whyte  
Sunday 23rd February 2020 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**

## Pilgrimage to Knock

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and evening meal. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel ?Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## Legion of Mary

Mondays 10am Parish Centre All welcome

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

6th February	Food Quiz
20th February	Seated Exercise (2.15pm start)
27th February	Trip
5th March	Bowling
19th March	St Patrick's Celebration
26th March	Trip
2nd April	Easter

## 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.



Baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

## 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

## Calling all knitters!

The Dementia Team at the Alexandra Hospital are really grateful to the many people who knit Twiddlemuffs for patients and the great benefit they bring. The Team have recently been given a large donation of wool, which now needs knitting into Twiddlemuffs. If you knit or know knitters who could receive a bag of wool and get clicking, then please contact Emma Handley on [emma.handley3@nhs.net](mailto:emma.handley3@nhs.net) from the Dementia Team or Revd David Ryan, Chaplain at the Alex on [David.ryan5@nhs.net](mailto:David.ryan5@nhs.net)

**Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit—Pope Francis**



## 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 59 Isaiah 38:7-10 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

## This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday

This weekend the Catholic Church in England & Wales will celebrate Racial Justice—the theme is: 'You are at the heart of the Church'. It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England & Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Leaflets available in church and at the centres.

## Second Collection for Life 16 February

Next weekend the Second Collection is for the national charity Life. Life saves lives and advances the Gospel of Life by lovingly supporting those in crisis pregnancy in a way that upholds the utmost respect for human life. Their support includes giving counselling, housing, free mum and baby supplies, and financial assistance to anyone affected by abortion or pregnancy loss in any way. Their Pregnancy Matters™ service helps 70 people every single day. By supporting this collection, you are helping to make this vital work possible.

## 40 days for Life February 26– April 5

Vigil Location: Outside The Robert Clinic, 162 Station Rd Kings Norton B30 1DB—8am-8pm daily. To take part phone Isabel 07873 501721 or email [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Saturday 23 May to Friday/Saturday 29/30 May

There are two choices of travel:

By COACH : Fares from £461.00

By AIR : Fares from £805.00

Brochures & Booking Forms available from the parish office or can be found on the Diocesan Website

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) The official appointed Tour Operator for 2020 is Tangney Tours Ltd., Booking forms & brochures can also be downloaded from their website [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

## PARISH WEBSITE

[www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk](http://www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk)

Journey in Faith, Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

## 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 Adoration. Light refreshments afterwards in the Grimshaw Room. If you wish to attend please sign the form in the Servers' sacristy. We will be organizing a minibus to take you there—more details next week.

**NB A group photograph is planned after the Mass which may be used on websites—if any parents do not wish their child to be photographed, please instruct your child not to take part.**

## Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Saturdays 9th May & 16th May 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. The Mass Invitation is open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020. To find out more information or to register to attend one for the Masses, please email Lianne Pap on [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) marked 'Marriage Mass'

## Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Meeting

### Next Saturday 15 February

You are invited to our meeting, commencing with refreshments at 11.15am in the parish centre. Our speaker is Veronica Errington, National Secretary of TOC, who will be sharing her thoughts on The Carmelite Journey. We shall pray together the Lectio Divina, and finish with a shared lunch. All welcome at all or part of the meeting.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all who supported this appeal before Christmas, 51,000 shoeboxes from this region went to five countries and in the United Kingdom as a whole 398,664 shoeboxes were sent to 11 countries to those children who otherwise wouldn't have had a Christmas Present.

## Diocesan Directories 2020

Now available from the parish office, cost £3.50

## Mass Times & Intentions

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Week beginning Sunday 9th February 2020

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	STM FHC Prep Mass Thomas Meagher (b'day a)
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Mick & Esther Kelly (a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	MCS FHC Prep Mass Sally Baker (a)
	6.00 pm	Clifford Ojukwu (a)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Mike Dean
Feckenham	10.15 am	Ken Morton

#### Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Tom & Peggy McGillen
St Thos More Sch	9.10 am	School Mass

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Robina (Nannie) Guy (b'day a)
	6.00 pm	Ints of Catherine Conboy
	9.20 am	School Mass KS2

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Audrey McCarty (a)

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.30 am	Wm Hughes 'Bill'
	5.00 pm	Reception of Body Eileen Hannon
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Joan Porter (a)
St Augustine's Sch	11.15 am	Yr 11 & Yr13 Mass for Vocations

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Agnes & James McColgan & Rachel Hemming
	10.30 am	Funeral Mass Eileen Hannon
	1.15 pm	Funeral Mass Nina Hambling

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Ints of Marie & Murray Carlson & family

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Elizabeth & John Morrissey
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Frank & Rose Patterson

**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays after morning Mass

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Week beginning Sunday 16th February 2020

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Florence White
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Dec'd Connolly & Hallahan Family
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Rita Curran
Feckenham	10.15 am	Betty Lloyd

### 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

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

11.15am Mass MCS FHC Celebration 'Listening & Caring'  
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre  
6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green  
Joint Service at Rowney Green

#### Counters Team G

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

#### Deanery Day

7pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Wednesday

6pm Parish First Holy Communion Class in church  
7.30pm Baptism Meeting in the Parish Centre (Val & Alan  
Sifford, Frances Edmonds)

#### Thursday

6.30pm MCS FHC meeting in school (Listening & Caring)  
7.30pm Journey in Faith 'The Eucharist' in the Parish Centre

#### Saturday

10.30am Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group in Parish  
Centre  
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

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team A

**The Parish Safeguarding Representatives  
are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon  
Email: [safeguarding@DLMC@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding@DLMC@gmail.com)**

## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

### Monday

#### Saint Scholastica

(480-547) St Scholastica was the twin sister of St Benedict.  
Following the rule of her brother, she founded the Order of  
Benedictine nuns. When she met her brother for the last time, a  
sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting: three  
days later St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove.

### Tuesday

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

This day marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in  
1858 to fourteen year old Marie Bernarde (St Bernadette)  
Soubirous. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of  
which was on the 16th July, 1858. The message of Lourdes is a  
call to personal conversion, prayer and charity.

### Friday

#### Feast of Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius

(+869) (+885) These two brothers evangelized Moravia,  
Bohemia and Bulgaria. They translated liturgical books into  
Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet which they  
invented. St Cyril died in Rome where he had gone to seek the  
Pope's blessing. Methodius was consecrated bishop by Adrian II  
and ended his days in Pannonia (Hungary). Pope St John Paul II  
proclaimed them patron saints of Europe, along with St  
Benedict, abbot.

### Saturday

#### Our Lady on Saturday

## Mount Carmel 500 Club

If you haven't paid your Subscription could you please do  
so asap—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.

## Annual Pensioners Fair

**Friday 14th February 10am-12noon at Parkside Hall,  
Market Street, Bromsgrove B61 8DA**

Sajid Javid MP will be hosting this Fair which aims to  
provide retired or approaching retirement people with  
information about the services and opportunities  
available to them across the region. This is event is  
strictly non-political and is about bring the local  
community together in support of our older residents.

## Beauty in Brokenness Saturday 14 March

**Praying together—an afternoon of discussion,  
exploration and prayer** at Bromsgrove Methodist  
Centre, 19 Stratford Rd, B60 1AS 12 noon-4.30pm  
beginning with lunch, cost £6. 'Beauty in Brokenness' is  
an ongoing conversation between women whose faith  
has been nurtured by a variety of Christian traditions. For  
more information or to book contact Ann Smith 0121 445  
1374, 07946 366326, email [nooey98@gmail.com](mailto:nooey98@gmail.com)

## Redditch Choral Society

Are holding a 'TASTER SESSION' on **Wednesday  
4th March at 7.30pm at Crabb's Cross Methodist  
Church**. Come and listen, sing and consider joining the  
choir. For further details phone 07725 893744 to see  
their Facebook page.

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of  
**SELINA KILKER (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY) ...**  
Next week in loving memory of **ANNIE SMITH  
(ANNIVERSARY)**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp in loving memory of **STANLEY  
CATER (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY) ...** Next week  
for the Intentions of **CATHERINE CONBOY**

## For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **EILEEN HANNON**  
Reception of Body Thursday 13th February at  
5pm, Funeral Mass Friday 14th February at 10.30am,  
**NINA HAMBLING** Funeral Mass Friday 14th February at  
1.15pm, **THOMAS BRADY, JOSE GARCIA** Funeral Service  
Thursday 20th February, 10.15am at the Abbey Chapel,  
**TONY HIMS** Funeral Details not yet known. 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 Deavey, 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, Charles Withers, Richard Frost,  
Jason Tudor, Daniel O'Brien

## WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 1/2 February 2020

1st Collection	£711.99
2nd Collection	£449.84
Mass attendance	747 (does not include Polish count)

*These figures do not include Standing Orders*

## Vacancy at St Augustine's School

**Head of Modern Foreign Languages  
required for September 2020**

Permanent, Full Time (Part time with a progression to full  
time also considered) **Closing date for applications  
9.30am Thursday 20 February.**

Further details of the school and vacancy can be found  
on [www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk) Completed  
applications should be sent to Mrs Charley Evans at the  
school address or emailed to [evansc@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:evansc@saintsa.co.uk)