

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 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
Sunday 1st March 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**

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

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
23rd April	Seated Exercise

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

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 from the Dementia Team or Revd David Ryan, Chaplain at the Alex on 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 61 Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 Psalm 118 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel Matthew 5:17-16

Second Collection this weekend for Life

This weekend the Second Collection is for the national charity Life. Life was founded in the Archdiocese of Birmingham in 1970. They offer positive alternatives to abortion and they work to inspire the public to respect human life. Every year, they reach 25,000 students in schools with the message of the Gospel of Life. At any one time, they support more than 400 women and children within our houses and the community. Their Pregnancy Matters™ Online service is seeing over 70 people every day contacting them for support. 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. 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 izzys@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 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

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 of the Masses, please email Lianne Pap on lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marked 'Marriage Mass'

Diocesan Directories 2020

Available from the parish office, cost £3.50

Altar Servers—Important

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.

Please be at Mount Carmel for 10am in order to put on your cassock & cotta and be ready to get on the coach which will leave **Mount Carmel at 10.15am prompt**. **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.**

For those Servers who are enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen, please don't forget to bring your medal with you! All servers please wear black footwear.

Day of Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

This Tuesday 18 February—
Exposition after morning Mass
until 5.30pm in Mount Carmel



Women's World Day of Prayer in Alvechurch
'Rise! Take up your bed and walk'
Friday 6th March at St Mary's 6pm preceded by refreshments & activities.

Also 11.45am at Alvechurch Baptist Church for a time of reflection on the theme.

NB Details for Women's World Day of Prayer in Redditch in next week's Newsletter

Yr 7 Parents please note on Friday 28th February, 2.15pm at St Bedes, the Service of Adoration & Benediction will be for two Year 7 classes 7SBO and 7KBR
It would be lovely to welcome as many parents as possible from both classes on the day.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Week beginning Sunday 16th February 2020

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Sarah Hartigan

Tuesday

Day of Adoration & Exposition for Vocations

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Michael Mooney
	6.00 pm	Bernard & Leokadia Drzymalski

Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Patrick Gavin (a)

Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.30 am	Christopher Bentley
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Ints of Mary Hallahan

Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Fr Tom Hubbard

Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Holy Souls

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Caroline Jones
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Week beginning Sunday 23rd February 2020

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	George & Astrid Yeates (a)
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Breda O'Donoghue (ill)
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Ints of Margaret & Gloria
Feckenham	10.15 am	Martha & Kevin Porter

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team A

Monday—Half Term Holiday

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

Tuesday

Day of Adoration & Exposition for Vocations

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 Jane Craig & Monica Whitmore

Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team B

Wanted any odd balls of wool.....

If any parishioners have any spare balls of wool, it would be greatly received by a lady who knits woollen hats & jumpers for the homeless through the St Vincent de Paul Society. It can be brought to the Parish Office.

1st Redditch Scouts are looking for adult support

Do you like to support your local community and have an hour to spare every now and then? 1st Redditch Scouts are looking for adult support in a variety of roles from offering skill sharing sessions, helping to run weekly meetings, coming on camps and other weekend events, doing odd jobs around our hut and helping to keep our kit in order and being part of our committee that ensures the smooth running of the Group. We have increasing numbers of children that want to take part in the Scouting experience but our adult numbers can't currently support this so anything you could offer would be appreciated. For more details on how you can get involved, please get in touch with Sallie-Ann on 07841 386335 or email mustang.scout@yahoo.com

Parish Bereavement Group

Grief can be very lonely even when you have loved ones around. The Bereavement Support Group offers help to those who are experiencing difficulties in coping with the death of a loved one. This includes miscarriages and still births. We also offer support to those suffering from terminal illness, and support to their loved ones.

For details please contact the parish office.

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday

Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Seven members of a Florentine confraternity founded the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Servites led an austere life of prayer and mortification, meditating constantly on the Passion of the Lord and venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows.

Friday

Saint Peter Damian

(1007-1072) St Peter Damian, a Benedictine monk, was the author of many important works on liturgy, theology and morals. Having served as an abbot, St Peter was made Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He supported Gregory VII in his struggle for the rights of the Church. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

Saturday

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

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.

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

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.

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 Completed applications should be sent to Mrs Charley Evans at the school address or emailed to evansc@saintsa.co.uk

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives

are Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon

Email: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of ANNIE SMITH (ANNIVERSARY) ... Next week in loving memory of JEAN TODD (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY)

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns for the Intentions of CATHERINE CONBOY ... Next week for the Deceased Members of the MORTON & MCLOUGHLIN FAMILIES



For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for JOSE ANTONIO GARCIA Funeral Service Thursday 20th February, 10.15am at the Abbey Chapel, TONY HIMS Funeral Mass Wednesday 4th March at 12 noon, BERTHE MONA YVANNE STANWORTH Funeral Service 2pm Friday 28th February at the Abbey Chapel. FR JAMES MCGLOIN in Ireland, retired priest of the Archdiocese. 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 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, 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, Mary Hallahan, Frank Curry

Congratulations

We welcome into God's family EMILIA MADISON & FELICITY TYLER, IRIS LYDIA KEATLEY baptised at Mount Carmel last weekend

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 8/9 February 2020

1st Collection	£716.74
2nd Collection	£369.24 (Racial Justice)
Mass attendance	764 (does not include Polish count)

These figures do not include Standing Orders

PARISH WEBSITE

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