

## 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 23rd February 2020 Ann Glennon  
Sunday 1st March 2020 St Bede's School  
Sunday 8th March 2020 Manju  
Sunday 15th March 2020 Francis  
Sunday 22nd March 2020 Vincent Sampays

**If your date is not convenient for you, please either swap with someone else or let the parish office know.**

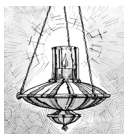
COULD YOU WELCOME THE STATUE OF OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME? - YES? - PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!

## 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.

## Diocesan Directories 2020

Available from the parish office, cost £3.50

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

5th March	Bowling
19th March	St Patrick's Celebration
26th March	Trip
2nd April	Easter
23rd April	Seated Exercise
30th April	Trip

## 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

## 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)

**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: Revds Des Chilton & Peter Griffiths

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Parish Mass Book Page 73 Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7 Psalm 50 Romans 5:12-15 Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

## CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Next Friday

This is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalized of our sisters and brothers. There will be a brief talk at all masses this weekend when you can hear about Sr Consilia, one of CAFOD's highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. On Friday 6 March you will eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sr Consilia to continue her life-saving work—helping the health of the world's poorest people? Through CAFOD's global Church family—one of the largest aid networks in the world—your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** next Sunday is for CAFOD We would ask that you only use the CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes if you wish to Gift Aid your giving. Thank you.

## Fair Trade Fortnight

Traidcraft items will be on sale at all masses this weekend. Please support this way of helping communities in developing countries to trade their way out of poverty through work that protects the dignity of workers and helps fund badly needed community facilities. Buying fair trade is not a hand out but a hand up.

## Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 9 May 2020

Led by Bishop David McGough, Aux Bishop of B'ham 11.30am Arrivals to the Catholic Shrine

12.30pm Holy Mass in the Reconciliation Chapel

3.00pm Rosary Procession concluding with Benediction in the Priory Grounds.

5.00pm Departures from the village

If you wish to go to Walsingham, please give your name to the Parish Office—if enough people wish to go we will arrange a coach.

## Saturday Confessions

Out of respect for the person in the Confessional, please **DO NOT WAIT IN THE MAIN PORCH**, instead please sit in the main church at the back and await your turn. Thank you.

## Altar Servers—Important

### Guild of St Stephen Thanksgiving Mass Next Saturday 7th March 2020

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**. 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.

## Joint Lenten Course in Feckenham

St John the Baptist & Ss John Fisher & Thomas More 'Wilderness Grace' a paradoxical journey to the hope, joy and reassurance of Easter. Monday evenings 7.30pm–9pm (Tea/Coffee from 7.15pm) beginning 2 March at Ss John Fisher & Thomas Church, Feckenham. For more details contact Revd Barbara Wheatley 01527 892969

## Mount Carmel 500 Club February Winners

1st Prize £120 No 227 Helen Horvath  
2nd Prize £50 No 62 Paul & Lucy Skinner

## Women's World Day of Prayer Fri 6 March Rise! Take up your bed and walk!

Alvechurch : 11.45am Baptist Church for time of reflection & 6pm St Mary's preceded by refreshment & activities  
Redditch : 2pm at the Ecumenical Centre

## Cleaners required

Volunteers required for cleaning the church on a Friday (either during the day or evening) - if this is something you can help with please contact the parish office on 63096. Thank you.

## Counters required

Volunteers required for counting the weekend collection. Counters meet on a Sunday evening at 6pm. If interested please contact the parish office on 63096. Thank you.

## 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 izzyysv@gmail.com.

## Mass Times & Intentions

### First Sunday in Lent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 1st March 2020

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Deceased of the Ginty Family
Hadzor	5.00 pm	Galton Trust

#### Sunday

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Percy & Madge Holder
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Michael Peter Hanley
	6.00 pm	John Donnelly
Alvechurch	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Feckenham	10.15 am	Gerry & Mary Devane

#### Monday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Tom Healy
St Thos More Sch	9.10 am	School Mass

#### Tuesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Jenny McNamee (b'day a)
	6.00 pm	Michael & Winifred Conboy

#### Wednesday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Souls
	12 noon	Funeral Mass Tony Hims

#### Thursday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Tony Woods
	6.00 pm	<b>Rosary for LIFE</b>
	6.30 pm	Exposition
	7.00 pm	Fr Tom Hubbard
St Augustine's Sch	10.15 am	Yr 10 Class Mass (10RD)

#### Friday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Michael Mooney
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	Latin Mass (EF) Holy Souls
	7.15 pm	Keralan Way of the Cross
St Bede's Sch	2.15 pm	Yr 8 Mass in Hall Denis Cleary

#### Saturday

Mount Carmel	9.10 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30 am	Harry Nolan

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel	5.00 pm	Dec'd Conlon Family
Hadzor	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

### 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

## Second Sunday in Lent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 8th March 2020

Mount Carmel	8.15 am	Stan & Stasia Duraj
	9.45 am	Mass in Polish
	11.15 am	Ron Rolinson (a)
	6.00 pm	Mary Butler
Alvechurch	9.45 am	Roger Hands
Feckenham	10.15 am	Eugene & Annie Porter

### Parish Diary ....

#### Sunday—First Sunday in Lent Year A

7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team C

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

6pm STM FHC Meeting at school 'Creation & New Life'  
6.30pm Aid to the Church in Need Prayer Meeting  
8pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

#### Wednesday

6pm Parish FHC in church  
6pm CAFOD Climate Change Discussion in Parish Centre  
7.30pm Baptism Meeting in the Parish Centre (Sheila Hicks & Angela Martin)

#### Thursday

1pm—2pm AA Meeting in the Parish Centre  
6pm every Thursday during Lent the Legion of Mary will be praying the Rosary for LIFE.  
6.30pm MCS FHC Meeting in school 'New Life'  
7.30pm Journey in Faith 'Marriage & Holy Orders'

#### Friday

#### Women's World Day of Prayer

#### 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 Lent

#### Sunday—Second Sunday in Lent Yr A

6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green  
Joint Service at the Baptist Church  
7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

#### Counters Team D

### Vacancy at the Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Finance Support Manager £32,000-£34,000 p.a. Permanent (Full time 35 hrs per week)** to join the Finance Team based at St Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. If you are interested in applying for this role, please email Human Resources ([caroline.mcgonigle@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:caroline.mcgonigle@rc-birmingham.org)) for a copy of the Job Description. Application is by CV and covering letter. For informal discussion contact Steve Roche 0121 230 6220 or Sue Simkiss on 0121 230 6283. Closing date for applications Noon, Monday 9th March and Interviews expected to take place week commencing Monday 23rd March 2020

## SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

#### Monday

#### Feast of Saint Chad Patron of the Archdiocese

St Chad was born in the seventh century. He was educated at Lindisfarne. As a bishop he established his See at Lichfield. His reputation spread quickly and favourably as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick. He died at Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

#### Wednesday

#### Saint Casimir

(1458-1484) He was the son of King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth, monarchs of Poland and Lithuania. In contrast to other members of the royal court, he was a shining example of faith, piety, humility and chastity. He had a great love for the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. He was named Patron saint of Poland in 1602.

#### Friday

First Friday, Lenten Fast Day, Women's World Day of Prayer

#### Saturday

#### Saints Perpetua & Felicity

St Perpetua, a young mother of noble birth, and St Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave girl, were imprisoned at Carthage in 203 because of their Christian faith. Before they met their death, Felicity gave birth to a girl and Perpetua was still nursing her new born son. They were thrown to wild beasts in the arena. The passion of St Perpetua provides a particular vivid account of their martyrdom. They are included in the Roman Canon.

### 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](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.

### Lecture at Newman 'Romero 40 years on'

**Wednesday 1 April 6pm—7pm** Newman University Chaplaincy and Romero Friere Institute in partnership with the Romero Trust are delighted to welcome Edgardo Colon-Emeric as our guest speaker. Edgardo, a Methodist theologian, is Associate Professor at Duke University, North Carolina. He is author of the excellent book, Oscar Romero's Theological Vision: Liberation and the Transfiguration of the Poor. Book your free place on **Evenbrite**.

## Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **ANGEL LORENZANA ...** Next week in loving memory of **JEREMY BRANNAN**

## Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JENNY McNAMEE ...** Next week in loving memory of **ALAN & ALICE GOURLEY**

### For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **TONY HIMS** Funeral Mass Wednesday 4th March at 12 noon, **EDNA**

**STRONG** Funeral Service 11.45am Friday 6th March at the Abbey Chapel, **LILIAN TIERNEY** Funeral Monday 9th March at 11am, **ALICE GOURLEY** Reception into church Tuesday 10th March at 5pm, Funeral Mass Wednesday 11th March at 12 noon, **FRANK CURRY** 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 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, Richard Frost, Jason Tudor, Daniel O'Brien, Mary Hallahan, Janet Kenny

### Congratulations ....

We welcome into God's family **IMOGEN CHARLESTON** baptised at Mount Carmel last weekend

### WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 22/23 February 2020	
1st Collection	£782.10
2nd Collection	£395.04
Mass attendance	598 (does not include Polish count)
These figures do not include Standing Orders	

### Ladies Breakfast—Anne Le Tissier 'Stop Looking Back!'

Cookhill Baptist Church—Saturday 14 March at 8.45am Cost £5  
Anne worships at the Bam, Bidford and is a 'speaker & author'  
RSVP & Bo9oking by 11th March—Contact Hilarie Davey on 01386 792875 or Sheila Roberts 01527 459235

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