

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.

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Sunday 1st March 2020 St Bede's School

Sunday 8th March 2020 Manju

Sunday 15th March 2020 Francis

Sunday 22nd March 2020 Vincent Sampays

Sunday 29th March 2020 Linda Gordon

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.

Murder Mystery 'Death by Chocolate'

Saturday 28th March, 7pm at St Philip's, Webheath, Tickets £10 (food & refreshments inc) available from 07980 358252

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

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

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



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

NEWSLETTER 1906 **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT** 8TH MARCH 2020 YEAR A

Parish Mass Book Page 75 Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 94 Romans 5:1-2;5-8 Gospel John 4:5-15,19-26,39-42

Father Bob Wright RIP

Sadly Fr Bob died on Thursday of last week, 5th March. Fr Bob was a curate here from 1984 until 1988 and will be fondly remembered by many parishioners in the parish. He will be especially remembered for his service to the Redditch Catholic Fellowship that continued right through to the present day.

We pray for him, may he rest in peace.

We pray for his family and all who mourn.

Coronavirus Advice

As a precautionary measure, the Sign of Peace will cease during Mass and the Holy Water Stoops will remain empty until further notice.

The **SECOND COLLECTION this 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.

Sower Magazine

The latest edition of the Diocesan Sower Magazine is available in church. Gerald O'Connor, Principal of St Augustine's High School is featured as also is Benedict Skipper, a seminarian who was on placement here at Mount Carmel recently and who will be ordained this year. Please take one home with you after Mass this weekend, there is no charge but if you wish to make a donation, please place in one of the slots at the back of church.

Readers at Mount Carmel

The present Readers' Rota at Mount Carmel is coming to the end and therefore, this is an ideal time to add new readers. If you would like to read at Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 63096 before the end of next week.

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.

New Counters Rota

New Counters Rota available from the Sacristy this week-end, please take your copy home with you after Mass.



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 izzysvs@gmail.com.

Evening of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd April at the Maryvale Institute, registration & coffee 5.30pm, followed by a talk by Fr Joseph The-Quang Nguyen and the opportunity for Confession before Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass.

Annual Diocesan 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.

Pray the Rosary for LIFE

Every Thursday during Lent at 6pm followed by Exposition and Mass

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Second Sunday in Lent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 8th March 2020

Saturday

Mount Carmel 5.00 pm Deceased of the Conlon Family

Hadzor 5.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday

Mount Carmel 8.15 am Stan & Stasia Duraj
9.45 am Mass in Polish
11.15 am Ron Rolinson (a)
5.00 pm Reception of Body
Lilian Tierney

6.00 pm Mary Butler
Alvechurch 9.45 am Roger Hands
Feckenham 10.15 am Eugene & Annie Porter

Monday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Ints of Paul & Ann Spencer
11.00 am Funeral Mass
Lilian Tierney

Tuesday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Michael Markey
5.00 pm Reception of Body
Alice Gourley

6.00 pm Jeremy Brannan
Mt Carmel Sch 9.20 am School Mass Yrs 1-4
Galton Trust

Wednesday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Ints of Nigel & Sue Slater
12 noon Funeral Mass
Alice Gourley

Thursday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Alice Gourley
6.00 pm Rosary for LIFE
6.30 pm Exposition
7.00 pm Michael & Winifred
Conboy

St Augustine's Sch 10.15 am Yr 10 Class Mass (10CG)

Friday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Rose McGroarty (a)
10.00 am Stations of the Cross
7.15 pm Keralan Way of the Cross
St Bede's Sch 2.15 pm Adoration (8RDe)

Saturday

Mount Carmel 9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Brendan McGilloway

(The following fulfils Sunday Obligation)

Mount Carmel 5.00 pm George & Frances Ryles (a)
Hadzor 5.00 pm People of the Parish

Third Sunday in Lent Year A

Week beginning Sunday 15th March 2020

Mount Carmel 8.15 am Jenny McNamee (b'day a)
9.45 am Mass in Polish
11.15 am Tess Farrell
6.00 pm Ints of Val & Alan Sifford
(40th Wedding A)

Alvechurch 9.45 am Redditch Catenians Mass
for Vocation & Bernadette
& Barry Rugen (a)

Feckenham 10.15 am Jo Hanney (a)

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—Second Sunday in Lent Year A

11.15am Mass MCS FHC Mass 'Creation & New Life'
6pm Churches together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green
Joint Service at the Baptist Church
7.30pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team D

Monday

10am Legion of Mary in the parish centre
5.30pm Confirmation Class at St Bede's School
7pm Mount Carmel Choir practice in church
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

Tuesday—Deanery Day

8pm AA Meeting in Parish Centre

Wednesday

6pm Parish FHC Class in church

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.
7.30pm Journey in Faith 'Grace & the Beatitudes'

Friday

SVP Soup Kitchen in Birmingham

Saturday

Happy Birthday to Fr Tony!

Tea & Coffee after 5pm Mass in the Parish Centre
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7pm Narcotics Anonymous in Parish Centre

No Flowers during Lent

Sunday—Third Sunday in Lent Yr A

7.30pm AA meeting in Parish Centre

Counters Team E

Cookhill Baptist Church Lenten Talks

Tuesdays 7.30pm 'Christians in Society Today'
All welcome, Light Refreshments provided

SAINTS & FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday

Saint Frances of Rome
(1384-1440) St Frances was a married woman, and a mother of six children. She was zealous in the performance of every household duty, saying 'A married woman must often leave God at the altar to find Him in her household care'. She patiently endured many trials, including the death of two of her children, the exile of her husband and the confiscation of their estates. In 1433, she founded the Benedictine Oblates of the Tor de Specchi to continue her works of charity, and after her husband died in 1436 she became their superior.

Wednesday—Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

Thursday—Saturday—Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi, Dementia Prayer Week

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

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](#).

What is happening in Yemen?

Tuesday 10 March, 7.30pm at St Peter's Community Centre, Rock Hill, Bromsgrove B60U. This has been arranged by the Bromsgrove Justice & Peace Group and is being presented by Abdullah & Sarah who have lived and worked there.

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

Cookhill Baptist Church—Saturday 14 March at 8.45am Cost £5 Anne worships at the Barn, Bidford and is a 'speaker & author' RSVP & Booking 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: safeguarding@lmc@gmail.com

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **JEREMY BRANNAN ...** Next week in loving memory of **STAN & STASIA DURAJ**

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week the lamp burns in loving memory of **ALAN & ALICE GOURLEY ...** Next week in loving memory of **PETER & DAVID MCHUGH**

For the dead ...

Your prayers are asked for **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** Reception of Body Thursday 26th March at 5pm, Funeral Mass Friday 27th March at 12 noon, **FR ROBERT JOSEPH WRIGHT** Priest of the Diocese. 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 Juszkievicz, 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 Cilly, 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 **TOBIAS VEREB** baptised at Mount Carmel last weekend

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekend of 30/1 March 2020

1st Collection	£790.65
2nd Collection	£386.22
Mass attendance	578 (does not include Polish count)
These figures do not include Standing Orders	

Pastoral Care Project—Dementia Prayer Week 12-19 March.

It will be launched by Bishop David McGough offering his private Mass "Let this Prayer Week become your link to the many families struggling with dementia ... Prayer is a very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let us pray for, and with, those whose lives have been touched by dementia. In this way we become one with them, and with the Lord"

