



St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock

24th August 2025 • 21st Sunday (C)

Good News our weekly newsletter

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



*“People will come from
east and west, and from
north and south, and
recline at table in the
kingdom of God.”
(Luke 13:29)*

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ALL ARE WELCOME

“The Church is not a fortress, but a mother with open arms, ready to welcome all.”

Pope Francis, Homily, St Peter's Square, 2013

In Christ Jesus the light of the world, nations will walk, and kings will come to adore.

St Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*

“The Church is truly catholic, for it extends throughout the whole world, and teaches universally and completely all the doctrines which ought to come to men's knowledge.”

St Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures*

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.

Tertullian, *Apologetics*

“Go, and from east to west make known with joy the message of Christ.”

St Augustine, *Sermons*

The Church exists to evangelize.

St Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*

Good News!

Aug 24th • 21st Sunday (C)

Latest News (WhatsApp Broadcast List) (not a chat).
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Masses and other services

Hednesford Sat 12, Sun 9:30; Mon 9:30 **Cannock** Sat 6pm, Sun 11am, Wed, Thu, Fri

Our Parishes

C	Sat 23 Aug 10:00 am	Damien Synnott RIP	
----- New pattern of masses begins -----			
C	Sat 23 Aug 6:00 pm	Ludwig (Bill) Golik	21ST SUNDAY (C) Second (Blue Bag) Collection for Parish Development (Car Park)
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H	Sun 31 Aug 9:30 am	Tommy Niland RIP	
C	Sun 31 Aug 11:00 am	Int of James Burrowes	

Parish Priest: Fr Peter is now parish priest of both Hednesford and Cannock.

From Monday 1st to Friday 5th September Fr Peter and Shirley are taking a Ruby Wedding Anniversary holiday in Rome.

The Noon Saturday Mass at Hednesford starts on August 30th. Would you like to join a readers or minsters rota?

Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August will be at **10am**, (at Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford). The regular Monday Mass thereafter will be at 9:30am.

Congratulations to all for successes in GCSE and A level examinations!

Swap Round in Sunday Mass Times on 28th September: please note.

Children's Liturgy at Cannock seeks volunteer adults. Please see the leaflet in Church or speak to Sue Andrews for more information 07484315480

From next weekend, we plan to have a united Newsletter for both parishes.

Fr. Peter

Advance Notice

C	Sun 28 Sep 9:30 am	Neil Wilkinson & Christopher Boot RIP	
H	Sun 28 Sep 11:00 am	Fr Jeremy Farewell Mass and Reception in Centenary Hall	



Canonisation. The London-born **Blessed Carlo Acutis** is will be canonised on Sunday 7 September and will be the first Millennial Saint to be so. He will be canonised alongside Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The canonisations of the two young saints - one from the early twentieth century, the other the first millennial saint - are greatly anticipated. They were two young men from different eras who led very different lives, but united in their love for Christ and their ability to impart that love to those whose lives they touched.

Rota <small>Date is of Sunday</small>	Saturday 6pm		Sunday 11:00am	
	Readers	Ministers	Readers	Ministers
Aug 24	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Helen Land Sr Norbert
Aug 31	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Stephanie Hewitt Gerard Dillon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett

Readers who are paired may take turns in reading the 1st or 2nd reading when duties occur.

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Prayer List

St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock 24th August 2025



PLEASE PRAY FOR

*For the suffering people of Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan,
and all those affected by conflict*

THANKSGIVINGS

Wedding of Declan and Amanda

Fr Jeremy, as he begins his retirement!

GCSE and A Level successes!

Maurice & Diane 60th Wedding anniversary

Dave Gleave (80), Ray Bishop & Frank Egerton (90)

THE SICK and other needs

All who are sick and their carers.

All those who bear their troubles privately.

*All who have requested prayers, but whose names
are not yet on this list*

Kyriese, in hospital

Ray, v poorly

Layla, 16, serious car accident

Gerard, awaiting further treatment

Alice, that test results be favourable

David K, recovering from severe chest infection

Rev Ned Kelly, sick

Rajinder in ICU with complications.

Marc, recovering from heart attack

Emilia & Jasper, recovering from an operation

John, who has Parkinson's

Kathy Dodd, recovering from a stroke

Peter V, inoperable brain tumours

Pat W, stroke, recovering at home

Peggy, illnesses

Jerry, in difficult times

June W, awaiting cornea transplant

Gerry, awaiting procedure

Robert, undergoing treatment

HR, sick

Glenda, cancer, awaiting chemo.

Peter H, unwell

Frank Heaton, chemo, pray for success

Carol, undergoing treatment

Patrick, continuing treatment

Anthony, undergoing treatment

Margaret B, very ill, in hospital

A young woman, sick and undergoing tests

Alan C, undergoing surgery

Allan, 43, recovering from heart attack

Allison, cyst in the knee

Bernard and wife, health problems

Bill, with dementia, cancer treatment

Eileen H, undergoing treatment

June, very sick, cancer

Helen C, long covid (many problems)

Nicola, mental health & other problems

John, brain injury now causing dementia.

Julie, unwell

Maureen, with cancer, in South Africa

Katie, recurrence of illness

Matt G, may tests give good news

Louise, 13, severe depression

Those with long term conditions

Tony Bullivant, Peter Dunton, Ray Bishop, Don

Hinton, Peter Maciejewski, Tim Wright, Pat & Wilf

Palmer, Val B, Marion, Jean Nycz, Iris, Norah

Perry, Bernard, Mary Turvey, Greg, Gerry Myles,

Keith Davies, Josie Morris, Pat Seery, Peer

Mohammed, Gina Jaworski, Gladys Chmielecki,

Nicola McCulloch, Vincent Dockery, Joan

O'Sullivan, Charley

THE HOLY SOULS

Recently Departed

Valerie Butler, Margaret Wilkinson, Patrick Coffey,

Fr Paul Johnson

Anniversaries bit.ly/bjsc-Ann

24 Andrew Wootton

26 Dieter Grunow

28 Franciczek Korzonek, Deacon Peter Kilgallon

29 Dorothy Holt, Harold Wooliscroft

30 Patricia Quinn, Patricia Owens

31 Alan Staples



Online Newsletter bit.ly/C-Latest

Use the camera of your smartphone or a tablet to scan this QR code and read the full and most recent Parish newsletter.

Please send corrections, updates and additions to 07766335591 or stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk

Add new petitions at bit.ly/C-PleasePray.

Our online edition this newsletter welcomes promotions from local organisations and businesses.

Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter page 1



Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish & Diocesan Shrine

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, Uxbridge St., Hednesford. WS12 1DB

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Parish Secretary Mrs Anne Walker

Parish Safeguarding Rep – Mrs Bernadette Corbett

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Facebook Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford

WhatsApp Group – text 07868 542268



I came to cast fire
on the earth

The Office is open Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm

Sunday 17th & 24th August 2025 – 20th & 21st Sundays

Fr. Jeremy's Last Weekend August 16th / 17th

Thank You

On my last weekend in the parish before I move, I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported Ann and I since I became Parish Priest in August 2017. I will pray for you all and ask your prayers as I retire as a Parish Priest. As you know I am continuing as Lourdes Pilgrimage Director and will still be involved with the Shrine in Hednesford and the Annual Pilgrimage. I look forward to seeing you at my farewell mass in Hednesford at 11 am on Sunday September 28th.

Please stay for refreshments after both masses.

Masses, Services & Groups

Fr Jeremy's Last Weekend - Both Masses followed by refreshments

Sat	16 Aug	6 pm	Vigil - 20th Sunday	Parish & People
Sun	17 Aug	9.15 am	20th Sunday	RIP Derek Barker..

Masses from August 18th

- Fr Peter is away from Monday August 18th - Friday 22nd..
- **There is no Hednesford Midday Mass on Saturday 23rd August** as there is a wedding in Cannock at that time.
- **The Mass in Hednesford on Monday August 25th is at 10 am** as it is a bank holiday

H = Hednesford C = Cannock

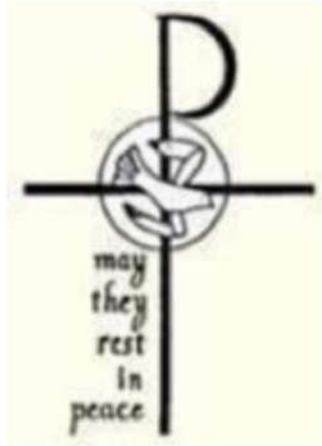
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Advance Notice

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Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter page 2

Financial Matters 10/8/2025 Standing Orders £149. Gift Aid £60, other £1112.54, Church Maintenance GA £32.60, other £29.16. Second Collections: Church Maintenance 7 September, 21 September Home Missions (Evangelisation), 28 September Fr Hudson's Caritas. **Online donations** at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford>. **200 Club** –The new year for the 200 Club starts in September, if you'd like to renew, please let Anne Walker know. Numbers are available for new members, 50p / number/week. Prize draw of £100 each month with two special draws at Christmas and Easter of £200. **Foodbank** from both parishes for the last 2 weeks - 81.80 & 22 Kilos.



- 17/8 Patrick Considine 1973, Derek Barker 2019
18/8 Richard Flynn 1978, Gladys Welch 1996, James Taylor 2001, Dennis Mackuin 2009
19/8 JJ Conroy 1975, Mary McMullen 2005, Lydia Wain 2007, Joseph Fullwood 2009
20/8 Thomas Bradley 2007
21/8 Katie Garraton 2008
23/8 Walter Gibbons 2003, William Targett 2006, Margaret Derry 2008, David Keenan 2013
24/8 Anita Kawak 2003, Andrew Wooton 2013
25/8 Brendan Baker 2000, Noah Cox 2011, Mavis Mighalls 2016
26/8 William Denny 1946, Katie Weldon 1986, Rose Spittle 1986, Olive Bannister 1990, Norman Spittle 2003, Dorothy Vaughan 2014
27/8 Annie Foulke 1983, Patrick Raftery 1995, Gwendoline Cardew 2001, Albert Wassall 2005, Peter Quinn 2018
28/8 Frank Harris 2004, Leonard Clarke 2014, Teresa Mrozowska 2014, Leonard Clark 2014
29/8 Hilda Oliver 1985, Ann Targett 2011
30/8 Patricia Quinn 1951, James Dodd 1951
31/8 Mary Newell 1995, Sylvia Glynn 1999
Recently deceased: Margaret Wilkinson

Joan O'Sullivan, John Dewhurst, Anna Bayliss, Margaret Phipps, Tom Poxon, Zorah McQuillan, John Martin, Den Owens, Peer Mohammed, Sue Atkinson, Jane Seal, Sue Titley, Peter Woollaston, Sue Green, James Hunt, Phyllis Michael, Bert Dodd, Michael Liddy, Margaret Brown, Sylvia Hale, Henry & Josephine Kafwembe, Janet Barker, Mary Klek, Jack Kennedy, Mark Duffy, Christopher Allan, Dominic Mulchrone, Clare Murphy, Tess Dudley, Sophie King, Oscar Wordsworth, Matt Twohig, Anne Conway-Jones, Peter Hawthorne, Kath Poole, Michael M, Ivan Molyneaux, Russell Mackuin, Pauline March, Richard Sharp, Alan White, Margaret Reynolds, Bernard Beeson, Marie, Bert Mears, Catherine Baker, Gino Memoli, Deborah Woollaston, Jo Reading, Angela Freary, Mike Baldwin, Jane Morecroft, Maggie Dale, Mick Jobburns, Frank Taylor, Kathleen Mongon, Pat Lester, Patricia & Mick Flynn.



The canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis



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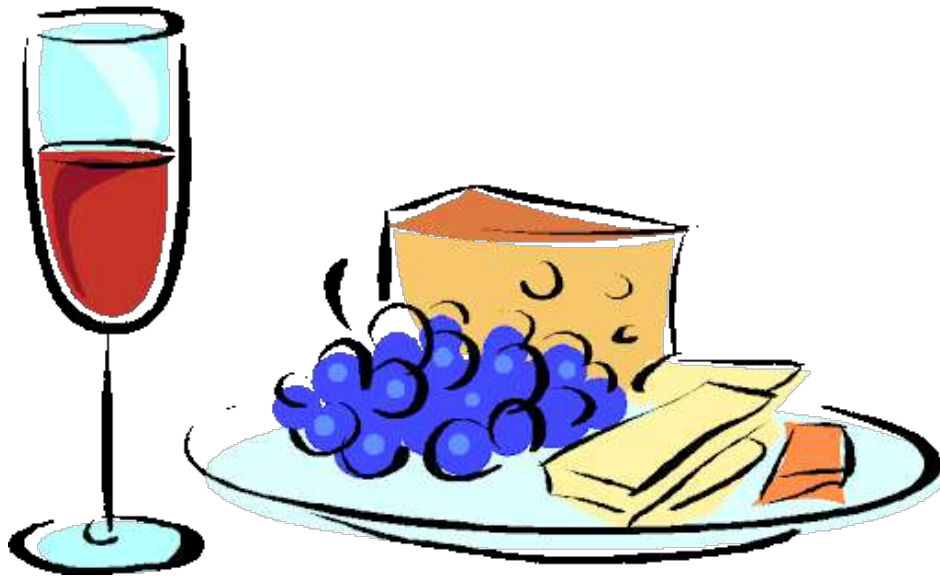
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Catholic Parish of St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock

Summer Cheese and Wine Evening

in the Presbytery and grounds
2 Hallcourt Crescent WS11 0AB



Friday 12th September 2025 from 7pm

Tickets £7.50

Includes: Your first glass of wine, variety of fresh breads, cheese biscuits, cheeses, grapes, pâté and nibbles.

Also available:

Additional drinks £3-50

All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds

Giving for the Future

Planned Giving

Planned giving means making regular donations to the parish. You can set this up as you like - it does not need to be weekly - it could be monthly for example.

We recommend **Standing Orders**, at intervals of your choice, from your Bank to the Parish. Please ask for a form from Church.

Occasional Giving

As well as planned giving, you may wish to give occasional amounts for special appeals and events, including second collections, to the parish and outside charities. Again, special envelopes can be used, but we recommend the Digital Collection Plate in Church and at cannock.mydona.com You can make donations in Church (by card, contactless or chip and pin) or online, wherever you may be.

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer you can Gift Aid the tax you have paid, back to the parish. This means that for every £10 you give, the government will add a further £2.50. Only a small amount of paperwork is necessary. You can register for Gift Aid when you make a donation at cannock.mydona.com, or with a form available from Church.

Cashless collections

It would be a great help to the Parish if most parishioners paid your collection money by Standing Order. The Bank now charges us for paying in cash, while standing orders, especially with Gift Aid, bring extra, and regular, money into the parish.

Please pick up a copy of a form from church and return it complete with your details.

Please register your card for Gift Aid

Go to cannock.mydona.com on your Internet connected device, (phone, tablet, laptop etc) and make a donation. Choose to Gift Aid it, and fill in the short form. The card you use will then be registered for gift aid, and all future donations to the parish using this card (online or in Church) will be increased by 25% by the taxman.

Financial Report 10 August 2025

Includes cash, and donations by card, but not direct through the bank.

First (red) Collection: **£249** (incl **£49** Gift Aid)

Second (blue collection) **Car Park £104**

Attendance (in person): **220**

Mass intentions.

If you want a particular date, please consider requesting a mass about 3 months in advance.

Check for dates at: bit.ly/c-mass-calendar

To request a date for a mass go here:

bit.ly/C-MassIntention



St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock

Support our Parish

cannock.mydona.com

General Information

Every Week (usually!)

Children's Liturgy Sundays at 10:30 Mass

Confessions Saturday 10:30am, 6pm

Rosary 9am before Mass on Wed, Thu, Fri

Divine Mercy Chaplet Thursdays after Mass

Useful Links

Latest Newsletter: bit.ly/M-Latest

Live-stream (Live and Recordings)

bit.ly/cannock-live

Baptism Apply Form: bit.ly/C-BaptismForm

Mass intention form: bit.ly/C-MassIntention

Mass intentions Calendar:

bit.ly/M-Masscalendar

Parish Memorial Book (Anniversaries)

bit.ly/bjsc-Ann

Add a Petition for Prayer (form):

bit.ly/C-PleasePray

Recent Second Collections 2025

Date	Collection	Type	Amount
Sun, 27 Apr 2025	Walsingham Shrine Appeal	Diocesan	£45.00
Sun, 11 May 2025	Clergy Training Fund Annual collection	Diocesan	£137.68
Sun, 1 Jun 2025	Catholic Communications	Diocesan	£41.00
Sun, 15 Jun 2025	Day for Life see prayforlife.ie	Diocesan	£95.00
Sun, 29 Jun 2025	Peter's Pence	Diocesan	£35.00
Sun, 13 Jul 2025	Apostleship of the Sea [Direct]	Direct to Charity	£43.00

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 16th

October

2pm-4pm



£15 per person

Purchase tickets in advance

St Mary's Community Centre

Cannock WS11 0AE

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (21 C)

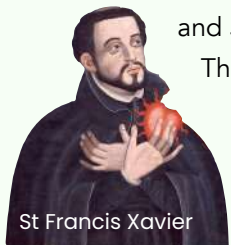
*“Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.”
(Luke 13:29)*

When Jesus first spoke these words, his followers were few in number. They were not respected or admired by the powerful. In fact, they lived under suspicion. The Jewish leaders were uneasy, the Roman authorities cautious, and soon enough the early

Church found itself mocked, rejected, and persecuted.

And yet in that fragile beginning there was this extraordinary hope – that God’s kingdom would not be a narrow or exclusive place, but a great feast open to people of every nation. From the beginning, Jesus’ vision was of a worldwide family gathered around the table of the Lord.

We read this Gospel today with centuries of hindsight. We know the story of the Church spreading far beyond the hills of Galilee and the streets of Jerusalem.



Think of St Francis Xavier arriving in India and Japan with hardly anything but zeal.

Think of St Charles Lwanga and his companions in Uganda, giving their lives rather than renounce their faith. Think of St Rose of Lima in Peru, whose holiness shone like a light in her city. Even

across England, where once Catholics were persecuted, and Priests like Blessed John Sugar were executed, in time a churches were built, parishes and schools were founded, and faith was passed on. Jesus’ vision has come true: men and women from east and west, north and south, have found their place at the banquet of the kingdom.

But today the Gospel challenges us in a different way. We no longer face outright persecution in this country. Instead, we face something perhaps harder to resist: indifference. People shrug at faith. They treat the Gospel as a relic of the past.



Many who once practised drift away. We worry about declining numbers, empty pews, and fewer vocations to the priesthood.

And yet, compared to those early Christians, we have it easy. They were small communities scattered across the vast Roman world, separated by long distances, often despised by their neighbours. They had no security, no buildings, no money. But What they did have was hope – a hope rooted in the words of Jesus, a vision of God’s kingdom, a certainty that their labour was not in vain.

That hope gave them courage. It kept them faithful when the odds were against them. And it carried the Gospel across oceans and continents, from culture to culture, until it reached us.

That same hope must be ours today. The Gospel is not a thing of the past, nor is the Church a dying institution. Christ has promised that people from every land will gather at his feast. It is our task to live by that vision, to hand it on, to keep the flame burning in our time and place.

So let us not be discouraged. Let us not measure success by numbers or by popularity. Instead, let us measure by faithfulness: faithfulness in prayer, faithfulness in witness, faithfulness in hope. The kingdom of God is not built by human power but by divine grace. And Jesus assures us that grace will gather people from every nation into the joy of God’s banquet.

“Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 13:29, ESV)

They will indeed - because Jesus said so.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - AUGUST 2025

A NEWSLETTER INSPIRING AND ENABLING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

UN COURT CALLS FOR CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY

The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the UN's top court, has declared that wealthy nations must honor their international commitments to reduce pollution—or face potential compensation claims from countries suffering the worst effects of climate change. In a landmark advisory opinion, the ICJ emphasized the “urgent and existential threat” posed by climate change.

This ruling follows hearings requested by the UN General Assembly, which asked the ICJ to clarify nations' legal duties to curb greenhouse gas emissions and the consequences of failing to do so. The move was driven by developing countries and small island states, frustrated by the lack of progress under the 2015 Paris Agreement.

You can read the Court's Advisory Opinion here:
<https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/187/187-20250723-sum-01-00-en.pdf>

Source: Reuters

NEWS, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

Preparing for the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is from 1 September to 4 October: please see the website: Seasonofcreation.org for details. The theme is “Peace with Justice”.

On 3 July, the Vatican instituted a new formulary for the Mass: Cardinal Czerny said “today we are happy to introduce a “Mass for the care of creation” (Missa pro custodia creationis), in response to requests suggested by Laudato si'.” Pope Leo celebrated this Mass on 9th July.

We suggest that this Mass for the care of creation be celebrated in every parish, on September 1 or at some time during this Season.

Find the Mass and more resources here:
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/season-of-creation-aob

LIVE SIMPLY & SUSTAINABLY

For simple and sustainable school holiday activities, consider nature-based adventures like visiting local parks, observing nature around your home, or having a garden campout. Get creative with crafts using recycled materials. Explore free local resources like libraries and museums or get involved in community events such as the monthly ‘Town Tidy’.

LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

Stories about Asylum seekers and migrants are frequently in the news, usually painted in negative light.

Some politicians and news channels, newspapers, social media outlets, use any negative story, sometimes fabricated, to argue that we should treat refugees harshly.

Some politicians build their support on such ideas. Refugees seeking asylum, migrants seeking a better life, have a right to do so.

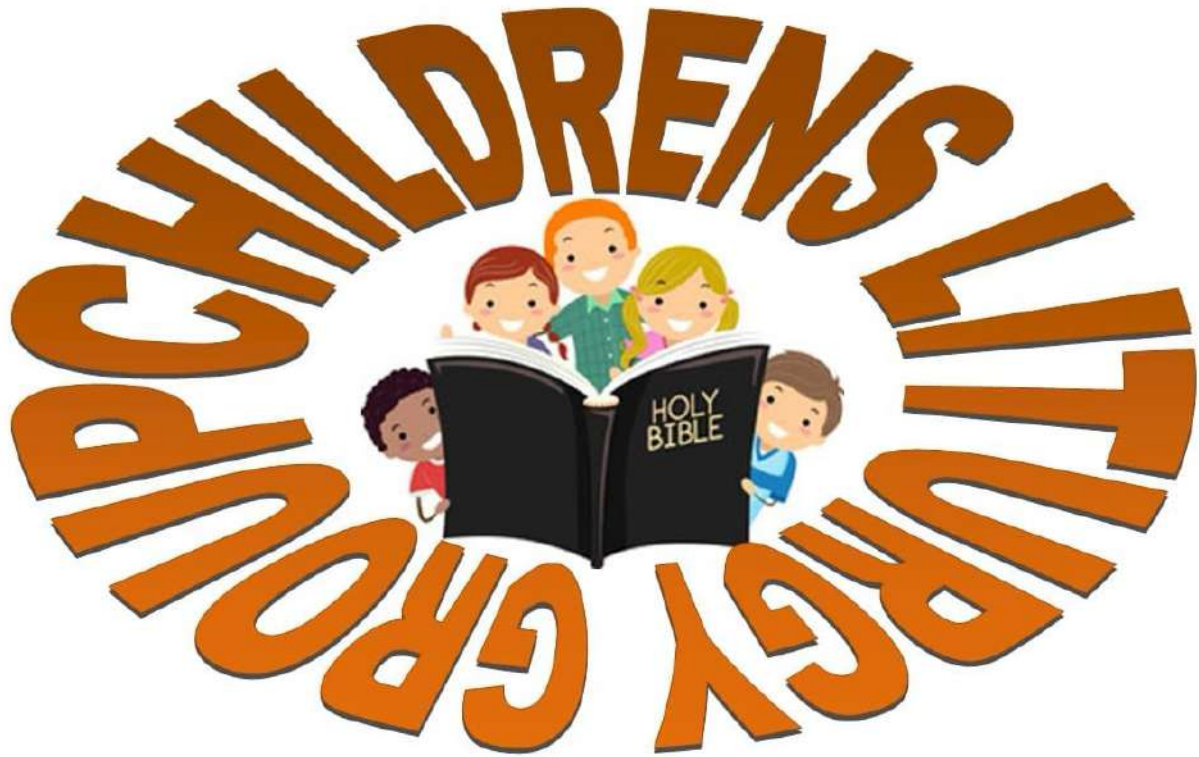
Our responsibility is to welcome such people, listen to their stories, and if they do have a claim to stay here, then we accept them.

If not, then we help them to return to their homeland. At all times, we must treat them with respect and dignity.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED IN CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, PLEASE CONTACT CLIMATEACTION@RCAOB.ORG.UK

St Mary & St Thomas More Cannock



WE ARE BACK ... Sunday September 7th 2025 at 11am

Children age 5—11 years and under 5's accompanied by parent or adult guardian, are welcome to come and join us for Gospel reading hymns and prayer, followed by arts and crafts with relevance to the day's Gospel.

Children who have made their first communion are encouraged to become Altar Servers.

We would welcome anyone interested in being a volunteer to contact Sue Andrews for details on 07484315480

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Do Re Mi Boutique & Homeware

FASHION SHOW



AT: THE PREMIER SUITE, BAR SPORT, CANNOCK

ON: TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - SHOW STARTS AT APPROXIMATELY 7.45PM

CLOTHES WILL BE ON SALE BEFORE & AFTER THE FASHION SHOW

TICKETS £15.00 - AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP - TEL: 01543 765045

(INCLUDES A WELCOME DRINK, NIBBLES & GOODY BAG)

THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT, ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST.GILES HOSPICE

Catholic Parish of St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock

FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL EVENTS 2025

100 Club

Quarterly draws for three prizes: £150, £100 and £50.

Draws in August, November, February, and May

New members welcome in March 2026

September: Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday September 12 at the Presbytery.

Tickets £7.50 includes first glass of wine and food.

Additional wine £3.50 per glass

October: Afternoon Tea

Thursday 16th October, 2pm - 4pm, £15 per person

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday December 6th in the Centre 12 noon to 2pm
will include Christmas Grand Raffle, Many Stalls, and lots
of fun!

More fundraising and social activities to follow!

St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock • Readers and Ministers Rota

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Sep 7	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Amy Pritchard Tony Gaughan	Mike Burrowes Liz Fraser	Brigid Rhodes Chris Hewitt
Sep 14	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek
Sep 21	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Lisa Gretton Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Cath Hunt
Sep 28	Amy Pritchard Margaret Tym	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Doug Bruce David Korzonek
Oct 5	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Helen Land Sr Norbert
Oct 12	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Stephanie Hewitt Gerard Dillon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Oct 19	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Amy Pritchard Tony Gaughan	Mike Burrowes Liz Fraser	Brigid Rhodes Chris Hewitt
Oct 26	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek
Nov 2	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Lisa Gretton Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Cath Hunt
Nov 9	Amy Pritchard Margaret Tym	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Doug Bruce David Korzonek
Nov 16	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Helen Land Sr Norbert
Nov 23	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Stephanie Hewitt Gerard Dillon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Nov 30	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Amy Pritchard Tony Gaughan	Mike Burrowes Liz Fraser	Brigid Rhodes Chris Hewitt

Second Collections

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Date	Collection	Type	Amount
Crib Offerings	Friends of the Holy Land	Direct to Charity	£69.10
Sun, 2 Mar 2025	Cathedral Maintenance	Diocesan	£63.64
Sun, 16 Mar 2025	Cafod (Harvest)	Direct to Charity	£109.40
Sun, 6 Apr 2025	Easter Flowers	Parish	£107.31
Sun, 13 Apr 2025	SVP (BI John Sugar Conference)	Parish	£114.97
Fri, 18 Apr 2025	Holy Places	Diocesan	£85.13
Sun, 20 Apr 2025	Easter Offerings	Priest	-
Sun, 27 Apr 2025	Walsingham Shrine Appeal	Diocesan	£45.00
Sun, 11 May 2025	Clergy Training Fund Annual collection	Diocesan	£137.68
Sun, 1 Jun 2025	Catholic Communications	Diocesan	£41.00
Sun, 15 Jun 2025	Day for Life cbcw.org.uk/day-for-life	Diocesan	£95.00
Sun, 29 Jun 2025	Peter's Pence	Diocesan	£35.00
Sun, 13 Jul 2025	Apostleship of the Sea [Direct]	Direct to Charity	£43.00
Sun, 21 Sep 2025	Evangelium (CASE/Home Mission)	Diocesan	
Sun, 28 Sep 2025	Fr Hudsons Society	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 5 Oct 2025	Cafod (Harvest)	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 19 Oct 2025	APF - World Mission Day	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 2 Nov 2025	Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy)	Diocesan	
Sun, 16 Nov 2025	SVP (BI John Sugar Conference)	Local SVP	
Sun, 23 Nov 2025	Catholic Youth Service	Diocesan	
Sun, 7 Dec 2025	Poor Parishes Fund	Diocesan	
Sun, 14 Dec 2025	Christmas Flowers	Parish	
Thu, 25 Dec 2025	Christmas Offerings	Priest	-
Total			£946.23

100 Club 2025-2026

Welcome to the new 100 Club year for 2025-2026

The 100 Club is a major annual fundraiser for our parish, and we value your support.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who are able to continue their membership and a BIG welcome to any new members who are planning to join this year.

Costs just £25 per year, with 4 draws per year, each consisting of £150, £100 and £50 in prize money. No limit on number of tickets you can have. Good Luck to you all.

Pre-printed Envelopes are in a box at the back of the church, in alphabetical order.

Please return your envelopes to any member of the fundraising committee, to Veronica, or directly to Fr Peter.

To help us keep track of donations, please **follow the payment instructions provided on the envelope**, especially for electronic payments.

For safety, we kindly ask that you **hand in envelopes in person** rather than placing them back in the box.

Full details can be found on the poster at the back of church and in the information leaflet inside the envelope box.

If you're donating **cash**, please ensure it is not placed in the Presbytery letterbox, but handed in **using the methods above**.

To make sure your donation is properly recorded, please **avoid** using the Diocesan Website or PayPal.

For any questions or further information, Veronica will be happy to help – please contact her directly.

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Use the envelopes in the back of the box that are for new members, which use a Temporary number, that start with the letter T. These will change to permanent numbers before 1st draw in May. Your permanent numbers carry on from year to year until cancellation

For those not able to continue, please write CANCELLED on the pre-printed envelope and return it to us, so we don't follow up later. Alternatively, please notify Veronica ASAP.

For any queries, please contact the Organiser:
Veronica Davies on 07808 899239

First Draw May 4th: 2025 £150 Miriam Gannon; £100 Anon; £50 Vera Boot

Second Draw August 3rd: £150 Sue Walker; £100 Jack Peters; £50 Bernard Tedeschi

Third Draw November 2nd: £150 ; £100 ; £50

Fourth Draw February 1st: £150 ; £100 ; £50

Our Lady, Untier of Knots



The Devotion to Our Lady, Untier of Knots has its origins in 17th-century Germany, inspired by a painting, of which this is a simplified version - in the church of St. Peter am Perlach, in Augsburg, Bavaria.

It shows the Virgin Mary patiently untying a long, knotted ribbon - symbolising the difficulties and struggles of life.

The devotion is based on the confident belief that Mary, through her intercession, can untangle the "knots" of sin, conflict, and suffering.

The devotion gained worldwide popularity after Pope Francis, then a young Jesuit in Germany, encountered the image and later encouraged it in Argentina. It reflects trust in Mary's gentle help in resolving life's problems.

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot:

[Mention your petitions now]

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once and for all. You are my hope.

O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge!

Mary, Untier of Knots, **pray for me.**

Cannock & Hednesford Catholic Parishes

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

DRAFT – Time and locations may change

Your feedback is welcome to Fr Peter 07766 335591

Advent 4

Sunday 20th December

4pm Carols by Candlelight in the Grotto (H)



Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December

12noon Christmas Vigil Mass (H)



Family Christmas Masses

3pm at Cannock; 5pm at Hednesford

Adults - wear your Christmas Jumpers!



7:30pm Carols (C)

8pm Mass of Christmas Night (C)



Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December

10am Mass of Christmas Day (H)

St Stephen's Day

Friday December 26th 10am Mass (C)