

Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford Parish & Diocesan Shrine St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock



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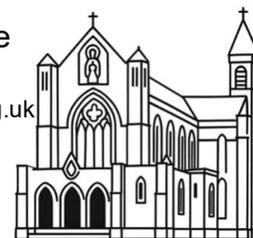
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A more detailed parish directory and guide to activities is here: bit.ly/M-Directory



Sunday 8th March 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

Calendar of Masses (H = Hednesford C = Cannock) **Full calendar:** bit.ly/M-Masscalendar

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| Sat | 7 Mar | 12 noon | H | RIP Catherine Cotterell | Third Sunday of Lent Blue Bag = Cathedral Maintenance |
| Sat | 7 Mar | 6 pm | C | RIP Egan & McDonnell families | |
| Sun | 8 Mar | 9.30 am | H | Int Pat & Michael Jobburns & family | |
| Sun | 8 Mar | 11 am | C | RIP Christine Gregory | |
| Mon | 9 Mar | 9.30 am | H | RIP Departed Members of the Costello family | Lent 3 |
| Mon | 9 Mar | 7 pm | H | <i>Come and Sit with Jesus</i> | |
| Wed | 11 Mar | 9.30 am | C | RIP Raymond Thomas Bishop | Lent 3 |
| Thur | 12 Mar | 9.30 am | C | RIP Alban & Margaret Rogers | Lent 3 |
| Thur | 12 Mar | 2.15 pm | H | St Joseph's School – <i>Mass in School</i> | Lent 3 |
| Fri | 13 Mar | 9.30 am | C | Int Webb family | |
| Sat | 14 Mar | 12 noon | H | RIP May Higgins (Bday) | Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday Blue Bag = Car Park (C) Church Maintenance (H) |
| Sat | 14 Mar | 6 pm | C | RIP Jean Golik | |
| Sun | 15 Mar | 9.30 am | H | RIP Nancy Costello | |
| Sun | 15 Mar | 11 am | C | RIP Edith & Clem Brady | |

Come Sit with Jesus Mon 9th March in Church 7pm – 8pm.

Stations of the Cross (H) on Fridays in Lent at noon, and (C) on Sundays in Lent at 4pm, at St Mary's, Cannock.

Rosary Wed, Thu, Fri (C) at 8:55am. **Confessions** before or after mass on request to the priest.

First Holy Communion Programme for those children not in Catholic Schools begins on **Wednesday March 11th** at 5:30pm in the Presbytery at Hednesford. If your child cannot make this meeting, please send a message to Fr Peter that she/he wants to be part of the programme.

Our Lady of Lourdes Churchyard – any remaining Christmas wreaths, decorations etc need to be removed from burial/cremation plots by this weekend. Spring is coming and the grass will start growing again!

Fr Peter writes: Thank you again for your prayers, kindness, and patience during my recent absences. Our family situation is improving, and we are very grateful for your continued prayers and support. Over the past couple of weeks I have also thought about our weekly parish programme, taking into account comments from parishioners as well as my own workload. I am pleased to say that Bishop Timothy has arranged for a priest to help us a little during the week. From 16th March, Fr Michael Miners will celebrate Mass and hear confessions each Monday. This means that the weekday Masses on Monday and Thursday will be swapped. Fr Michael will celebrate Mass on Mondays in Cannock. I will then celebrate Mass in Hednesford on Thursdays - at St Joseph's School on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of term at 2:15pm, and on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays at 9:30am in the Church or Presbytery. Other weekday Masses remain unchanged. Mass intentions for Mondays and Thursdays will move with the Mass to the other parish. This may sound a little complicated, but the newsletter will make this clear. I have also been listening to comments about the **Saturday evening Mass**. Many feel that the "new" time of 6pm is not working well. I am therefore proposing to move it back to **5pm from 22nd March**. As always, comments, compliments, and complaints are welcome — your opinion matters.

Small Chocolate eggs are now being collected to gift to the children at Easter. Seek out the box in Church.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Bernadette Corbett sg.olohednesford@rcaob.org.uk and Stephanie Hewitt sg.stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk and. Alternatively, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Please Pray for ...

*Peace and Justice: in Gaza and the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine and all places beset by war
Our Parishes, and the work of evangelisation and teaching the faith, especially through our schools and the Shrine
Candidates preparing for the Baptism, Confirmation, Communion and Reception into the Church
Congratulations to: the newly confirmed; Jodie & Morgan on the birth of their son Elias!*



All who are sick or other kinds of need: Mary G, Brenda Bird, Mary Jevons, Jill & Eric C, Allan Weatherby, Sue Wayman, Mick Jobburns, Teresa Maloney, Diane Wyatt, James Hunt, Valerie Brace; Alan C, Alan White, Allison, Angela Freary, Anna Bayliss, Anthony, Baby Amelia, Bernard, Bernard Beeson, Bert Dodd, Bert Mears, Bill, Carol, Catherine Baker, Charley, Christopher Allan, Clare Murphy, David K, Deborah Woollaston, Den Owens, Dominic Mulchrone, Don Hinton, Eileen H, Emilia, Frank Heaton, Frank Taylor, Gerard, Gerry, Gladys Chmieski, Greg, Hayden Turvey, Helen C, Henry, HR, Iris, Ivan Molyneaux, Jack Kennedy, Jane Morecroft, Jane Seal, Janet Barker, Jasper, Jean Nycz, Jerry, Joan O'Sullivan, John Dewhurst, Josephine Kafwembe, Josie Morris, Julie, June, June W, Kath Poole, Kathleen Mongon, Kathy Dodd, Katie, Keith Davies, Kyriese, Layla, Louise, Maggie Dale, Margaret B, Margaret Phipps, Margaret Reynolds, Marie, Marion, Mark Duffy, Mary D, Mary Klek, Mary Philpott, Mary Turvey, Matt G, Matt Twohig, Maureen, Michael Liddy, Michael M, Mick Flynn, Nicola McCulloch, Oscar Wordsworth, Pat & Wilf Palmer, Pat Lester, Pat Seery, Pat W, Patricia, Patrick, Pauline March, Peer Mohammed, Peggy, Peter Dunton, Peter H, Peter Hawthorne, Peter Maciejewski, Peter Woollaston, Phyllis Michael, Rajinder, Rev Ned Kelly, Richard Sharp, Robert, Russell Mackuin, Sophie King, Sue Atkinson, Sue Green, Sue Titley, Sylvia Hale, Tess Dudley, Tim Wright, Tom Poxon, Tony Bullivant, Val B, Vincent Dockery, Zorah McQuillan

Please let us know of names to add or remove. Each person named on this list must have given their consent. FrP

The Holy Souls

Recently departed: Mick Brace (Australia), Neil Basford, Brian Murton, Fr Brian Wall, Helen Gallagher.

Anniversaries

- 8/3** Joyce Smith 1973, William McLaughlin 1979, Patrick Connelly 1994, David Mears 1998, Michael Taylor 2022
10/3 Joan Welch 1958, Delia Baker 2009, Gerard Taylor 2010, Bernard Holland- Martin 2016, Pauline Zwanger
11/3 Catherine Collins 1998, Bridget Phillips 2007, Ellen Jefcoat, Bryn Owens
12/3 Sybil Lockley 1994, Margaret Bula 2015, Catherine Taylor 2023, Bernadette Hollowood, Tom Fox
13/3 Virginia Lewis 1992, Bernard Dacey 1997, Christine Carless, Thomas Erangey

Financial Report

Second Collections:

8 March Cathedral Maintenance, (Printed info at the back of each Church) *Cannock Second Collections are for Car Park when there is no other 2nd Collection.*

Our Lady of Lourdes: 1 March Standing Orders £149. GA £87, other £188.84, Second Collection CAFOD £193.80, Coffee Morning £25.25

St Mary & St Thomas More 1 March St Orders £439, Collection Gift Aid £160 other £85, CAFOD *figure next week*

Foodbank from Hednesford and Cannock: ??kg. Thanks for your support!

Donations for the Foodbank are needed of Squash, Jam and Tinned Carrots, as their stocks are very low.

Please note for future reference (St Mary's Church)

- 1) Even when the Club is closed, a key is available for the toilets from Sister Norbert.
- 2) Parking for St Mary's, Cannock is in the Church/Club car park **WS11 0AA** Access is from Hunter Road, opposite St Mary's School. (*Hallcourt Crescent is not suitable for parking*). Overflow parking is recommended at Asda.

Born For This: 30th Anniversary. A reflection on the stations of the cross written by CJM music. Jo Boyce, along with a number of secondary schools across the diocese are performing this at the Symphony Hall on March 25th at 7:00pm. The Archbishop has recorded a message to support the event - youtu.be/qDNft1n7s9s

Tickets can be purchased from <http://bmusic.co.uk/events/born-for-this>

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