



*St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock*

# 10th August 2025 • 19th Sunday (C)

## Good News

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*Be ready for  
action and  
have your  
lamps lit.  
(Luke 12:35)*

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# Good News!

Aug 10th • 18th Sunday (C)

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## Masses and other services

Sat 9 Aug 5:00 pm	Maria Handy RIP	<b>19TH SUNDAY (C)</b> <i>Second (Blue Bag) Collection for Parish Development (Car Park)</i>
Sun 10 Aug 8:00 am	Joe & Floss Hodgkiss RIP	
Sun 10 Aug 10:30 am	Peter Tibke (Thanks) 70th birthday	
Tue 12 Aug 7:00 pm	Parish & People	Week 19
Wed 13 Aug 9:30 am	Fred Prestwood RIP	Week 19
Thu 14 Aug 9:30 am	Fr Jeremy's Intentions	St Maximilian Kolbe
Fri 15 Aug 9:30 am	Ray Bishop 90th Birthday	<b>ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b> Holy Day of Obligation
Fri 15 Aug 7:00 pm	<i>At Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford</i>	
Sat 16 Aug 10:00	Daniel & Iris Hickey RIP	Our Lady on Saturday
Sat 16 Aug 5:00 pm	John Moyles RIP	<b>20TH SUNDAY (C)</b> <i>Second (Blue Bag) Collection for Parish Development (Car Park)</i>
Sun 17 Aug 8:00 am	Anne Costello RIP	
Sun 17 Aug 10:30 am	Anne Tibke (Thanks) 70th birthday	

## Regular Activities

### Confessions

Saturday 10:30am, 6pm

**Rosary** 9:05am before Mass  
on Wed, Thu, Fri

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursdays after Mass

### Children's Liturgy

Sunday 10:30 Mass (not August)

## Links and Forms

**Donate:** [cannock.mydona.com](http://cannock.mydona.com)

### Baptism Applications:

[bit.ly/C-BaptismForm](http://bit.ly/C-BaptismForm)

### Mass intention form:

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### Mass intentions Calendar:

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### Ask for Prayer

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### Parish Memorial (Anniversaries)

[bit.ly/bjsc-Ann](http://bit.ly/bjsc-Ann)

## New Mass Times

From 6pm on Saturday 23 August

Note - there will be no noon mass on 23rd as there is a wedding at 1pm at Cannock that day.

From 23 Aug	Hednesford	Cannock
<b>Saturday</b> (for Sunday)	<b>12 noon</b> <i>from Saturday 30th</i>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	
<i>Tuesday - Fr Peter's rest day</i>		
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>9:30am</b>

Fr Jeremy's last Sunday as parish priest at Hednesford is 17th August.

**There will no masses from 18th 22nd** with the exception of the funeral mass for Anne Nelson on Thursday 21st at 10:30am.

**Readers & Ministers:** Please check the new draft rota. Any problems, to change your duty, or for any other changes (here or Hednesford) please contact Fr Peter.

### Assumption Friday 15th

Mass 9:30 Cannock; 7pm Hednesford, in the Grotto weather permitting

**Items of value should be delivered to the sacristy, not left in Church.**

**Children's Liturgy** rests during August, but returns on September 7th at 11am. **Volunteers are needed.** If you can help, or want more info, please call Sue on 07484 315480.

We are welcoming and try to be flexible, but please note that the group is intended for those aged from 5 years up to first holy communion. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult, and those who have made their first communion are encouraged to become altar servers.

**Wedgwood:** donations suggested £5 small items; £8 larger. Please pay in cash, on the card terminal or online at [cannock.mydona.com](http://cannock.mydona.com). Thanks!

*Fr. Peter*

<b>Rota</b> <small>Date is of Sunday</small>	Saturday 5pm			Sunday 8am		Sunday 10:30am	
	Readers	Ministers	Stewards	Readers	Ministers	Readers	Ministers
Aug 10	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Sr Norbert	Tony Gaughan Dave Korzonek	Stephanie Hewitt Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Chris Hewitt
Aug 17	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Liz Fraser	Lisa Gretton Amy Pritchard	Gerard Dillon Sr Norbert	Brigid Rhodes Steph Hewitt

*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 10th August 2025



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

## THANKSGIVINGS

*Dave Gleve (80), Ray Bishop & Frank Egerton (90)  
Peter & Anne Tibke 70!  
Wedding of Declan and*

## 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*

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

Fr Paul Johnson, Sam Hogg, Anne Nelson (funeral  
21st August)

### Anniversaries [bit.ly/bjsc-Ann](https://bit.ly/bjsc-Ann)

- 10 Mary Bowker
- 16 Ann Hender, John Ridgeway
- 18 Sister M. Kevin
- 19 Tony Dumblius
- 20 Florence (May) Bullivant, June Weatherby,  
Thyra Thomas
- 21 Enid Wilson, Maria Diver
- 23 Angus Ponton



### Online Newsletter [bit.ly/C-Latest](https://bit.ly/C-Latest)

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tablet to scan this QR code and read the  
full and most recent Parish newsletter.

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Add new petitions at [bit.ly/C-PleasePray](https://bit.ly/C-PleasePray).

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

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 3 August 2025

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

First (red) Collection: **£370** (incl **£110** Gift Aid)

Second (blue collection) **Car Park £78**

Attendance (in person): **203**

## 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](http://bit.ly/c-mass-calendar)

To request a date for a mass go here:

[bit.ly/C-MassIntention](http://bit.ly/C-MassIntention)



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**Support our Parish**

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## 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

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**Mass intentions Calendar:**

[bit.ly/M-Masscalendar](http://bit.ly/M-Masscalendar)

**Parish Memorial Book** (Anniversaries)

[bit.ly/bjsc-Ann](http://bit.ly/bjsc-Ann)

**Add a Petition for Prayer (form):**

[bit.ly/C-PleasePray](http://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 <a href="http://prayforlife.ie">prayforlife.ie</a>	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



# Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter page 1



## Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish & Diocesan Shrine

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**Parish Secretary** Mrs Anne Walker

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**WhatsApp Group** – text 07868 542268



**The Assumption**

The Office is open Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm. Fr Jeremy is not normally available on Tuesdays.

## Sunday 10th August 2025 – 19th Sunday

### Masses, Services & Groups

Sat	9 Aug	6 pm	Vigil 19th Sunday	RIP Alex & Bridie Thompson
Sun	10 Aug	9.15 am	19th Sunday	RIP Gordon Davies
<b>Mon</b>	<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Funeral of Maureen Dewhurst</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Come and Sit with Jesus – Exposition and Benediction</b>	
Wed	13 Aug	9.30 am		RIP Deacon Brian Cox

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Friday August 15th

#### Parish Masses

9.30 am - Mass in Cannock

7 pm - Mass in the Grotto - Followed by light refreshments

#### Holy Name Parish Pilgrimage

11.15 am Devotions & Rosary in Grotto, 12 Noon - Mass with anointing. 1 pm - 1.30 pm Adoration

### 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

- From **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd** Fr Peter iaq off and will be back on Saturday 23rd.
- **No Noon Mass in Hednesford on August 23rd** as there is a wedding at 1 pm at Cannock

### Times of Masses in Hednesford & Cannock Sunday August 24th - Saturday August 30th

- **Hednesford** - Sunday 24th 9.30 am, Monday 25th 9.30 am & Saturday 30th Noon
- **Cannock** - Sunday 24th 11 am & 9.30 am on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

### Advance Notice

Sun	28 Sep	11 am	26th Sunday	<b>Fr Jeremy Farewell Mass &amp; Reception in the hall</b>
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### Churchyard Bins

We are having many problems with people putting things in the wrong bins in the churchyard. This means that the bins cannot be collected until someone spends a considerable amount of time sorting through everything and putting it in the appropriate bin. Please follow the instructions below when putting anything in the bins.

<b>Brown</b>	<b>ONLY</b> Natural Plant Material - If it was once alive, in here please.
<b>Blue</b>	<b>ONLY</b> Plastic Bottles, Metal Containers • <b>NO</b> Cellophane Wrapping from Flowers / Plants. <b>NO</b> Plant Pots or Hard Plastics.
<b>Green</b>	<b>ANY OTHER RUBBISH</b> Cellophane Wrapping, Plant Pots, Artificial Flowers, Decorations, Wooden Baskets, Paper Bags, Plastic Bags Oasis / Foam. <b>If in doubt - in here please.</b>

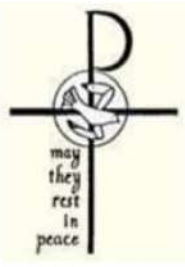
### 12 Noon Mass Readers

Please let Fr Peter know if you would like to read at the new 12 noon Mass on Saturday (1st 12 Noon Mass on August 30th),



# Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter page 2

**Financial Matters** 9/8/2025 Standing Orders £149. Gift Aid £98, other £117.98. **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.



- 10/8** William Davis 1982, Betty Dunning 1984, Maureen Hall 2011
- 11/8** Maria D'Angelo 2010
- 12/8** Ivy Sullivan 2008
- 13/8** Robert G Lester 1983, Andrew Davenport 1988, Patricia Anderson 1989, Mary Maloney 2013
- 14/8** Mary Caley 1993, Jan Mendala 1995
- 15/8** Lionel Ryder 1987, Robert Black Phillips 1994

Recently deceased: Maureen Dewhurst

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, Margaret Wilkinson, 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.



## Hope for the Holy Land

In this Jubilee Year we are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope** but it is hard to find hope in what is happening in the Holy Land. I therefore wanted to let you know about a group of people from all sides of the conflict who, even in these desperate times, are trying to bring people together in peace and harmony. You can keep in touch with what they are doing on their website and, like me, become a supporter if you are inspired by their work. They, and others like them are a beacon of hope in a dark time.

## The Rossing Centre

The Rossing Centre for Education and Dialogue is an interreligious organisation based in Jerusalem which promotes an inclusive society for all religious, ethnic and national groups. Through education, encounter, research and consulting, the Rossing Centre promotes better relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land.

In line with our mission and theory of change, our activities are designed to foster the desire and build the capacity of Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Christians and Muslims, to create inclusive, just societies for all. Our projects and programs fall under three main spheres of action:

- **Our Education Department** aims to enable the Israeli education system to educate the next generation of Jews and Arabs to develop open, pluralistic identities to be tolerant of difference and to be ready to live together and side by side in an inclusive society.
- **Our Dialogue Department** projects focus on engaging Jews and Arabs to act cohesively together to make the mixed spaces in which they live, work and study, shared and inclusive.
- **Our International Engagement Department** provides encounter, research and information services to local and international audiences. This enables the valuable exchange of ideas vis-à-vis effective peacebuilding between the Rossing Center and institutions and organisations in other countries – learning from each other's experiences and practices.

To date, we have collaborated with over 140 religious, interfaith, intercultural, educational and public bodies.

For more information and to watch an introductory video go to <https://rossingcenter.org/>

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# BE READY

“Do now what you wish to have done  
when your moment comes.”

– St Angela of Foligno, *Instructions*

The best way to prepare for the coming  
of Christ is never to forget his presence.

– St Bernard of Clairvaux  
*Sermon on the Song of Songs*

‘We must always be ready, for we can die  
at any moment. But let us not fear – God  
is with us.’

– St John Vianney, *Catechetical Instructions*

Let your door stand open to receive Him,  
unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a  
welcome in your mind.

– St Ambrose of Milan, *Commentary on Luke*

The time is always now to begin again, to  
rise up, to love God more than we did  
yesterday.

\*St Josemaria Escriva, *The Way*, no. 261

You learn to speak by speaking, to study by  
studying, to work by working, and just so,  
you learn to love God by loving God.

– St Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*



# Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (19 C)

*You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Luke 12:40)*

Jesus often takes us by surprise. He doesn't wrap the truth in cosy words. He tells it straight. And in today's Gospel, he compares his return to that of a thief in the night.

At first, that sounds unsettling. Why would he compare himself to someone who comes to rob and steal, and invade our comfort?

If you've ever been robbed or burgled, or even had something go missing, you know the impact. It shakes your sense of safety. You feel outraged that your own place had been violated. It makes you think differently about what really matters to you. And it usually makes you more watchful.



That's the point Jesus is making. When he comes to us – whenever that will be – he will take us by surprise. Unexpected. And we need to be ready. With our lamps lit.

Jesus will not spook us or scare us. He's not waiting to catch us out. He wants us to be ready. To live as people who expect to meet him – not just at the end of our lives, but in the middle of them. Whenever. In the people we speak to. In our compassion or generosity. In the way we treat strangers. In the times we spend – or don't spend – in prayer.

It's so easy to put these things off. We say: I'll pray more when life calms down. I'll go to Mass more often when things are easier. I'll sort things out when I'm older, or when I'm sick, or when I retire, when I move on. But that's like saying we'll lock the door when the horse has bolted, ... or after the burglar's helped himself.

The problem is not that we fall short – we all do – but that we make peace with falling short. We give up on change. We live with habits that numb us to God. And before long, we're spiritually asleep.

That's why Jesus tells these parables. He wants to wake us up.

The early Christians lived with this sense of readiness. They believed Jesus could return at any moment. And that shaped how they lived. They were generous, because they knew treasure in heaven mattered more than treasure on earth. They were prayerful, because they knew they needed God's grace daily. They were forgiving, because they knew the Lord would come to judge the living and the dead.

And what about us?

St Thérèse of Lisieux put it like this:

*“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice. Here, by a smiling look. There, by a kindly word. Always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”*



The Gospel today calls us to that kind of life – a life of watchfulness, not worry. Of readiness, not fear. Of being faithful, even when no one is watching.

Because if he comes today – and he can come today – we want to be found watching, not sleeping. Praying, not drifting. Loving, not waiting.

This Gospel isn't just about the end of the world. It's about today. It's about the moments when Christ knocks at the door of our heart: In the face of someone who needs help; In the quiet whisper of conscience; In the longing for something more.

*“You also must be ready,”* Jesus tells us, *“for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect”* (Luke 12:40, ESV).

Let's not delay. Let's be ready – today.



# 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](https://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](https://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](mailto:CLIMATEACTION@RCAOB.ORG.UK)



# 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**



<b>Rota</b> <i>Date is of Sunday</i>	<b>Saturday 5pm</b>			<b>Sunday 8am</b>		<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>	
	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>
Apr 20 Easter Day	See also Additional Rota for Holy Week and Easter			Margaret Tym	Lisa Gretton Amy Pritchard	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Brigid Rhodes Steph Hewitt
Apr 27	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Liz Fraser	Tony Gaughan Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Helen Land Caroline Baker
May 4	Kay Rimmer Cath Hunt	Pat Wilson Clare Bridges	Gerard Dillon Kay Rimmer	Margaret Tym	Tony Gaughan	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce
May 11	Pat Wilson	Doug Bruce Wendy Owens	Eileen Clancy	Amy Pritchard	David Korzonek	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Carol Garnett Sheila Houghton
May 18	Patrick Warren Lynn Jones	Cath Hunt Grace Bishop	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Sr Norbert	Liz Fraser	Stephanie Hewitt Doug Bruce	Brigid Rhodes Chris Hewitt
May 25	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Liz Fraser	Tony Gaughan Sr Norbert	Gerard Dillon Sr Norbert	Helen Land Caroline Baker
Jun 1	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Gerard Dillon Kay Rimmer	Margaret Tym	Margaret Harris Liz Fraser	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Jun 8	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	Eileen Clancy	Amy Pritchard	Tony Gaughan Dave Korzonek	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Chris Hewitt
Jun 15	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Sr Norbert	Lisa Gretton Amy Pritchard	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Brigid Rhodes Steph Hewitt
Jun 22	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Liz Fraser	Tony Gaughan Sr Norbert	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Helen Land Caroline Baker
Jun 29	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Gerard Dillon Kay Rimmer	Margaret Tym	Margaret Harris Liz Fraser	Stephanie Hewitt Doug Bruce	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Jul 6	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Eileen Clancy	Amy Pritchard	Tony Gaughan Dave Korzonek	Gerard Dillon Sr Norbert	Shirley Weatherby Chris Hewitt
Jul 13	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Sr Norbert	Lisa Gretton Amy Pritchard	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Brigid Rhodes Steph Hewitt
Jul 20	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Liz Fraser	Tony Gaughan Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Helen Land Caroline Baker
Jul 27	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	Gerard Dillon Kay Rimmer	Margaret Tym	Tony Gaughan Dave Korzonek	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek
Aug 3	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Eileen Clancy	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris Liz Fraser	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Aug 10	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Sr Norbert	Tony Gaughan Dave Korzonek	Stephanie Hewitt Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Chris Hewitt
Aug 17	Pat Wilson Wendy Owens	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Liz Fraser	Lisa Gretton Amy Pritchard	Gerard Dillon Sr Norbert	Brigid Rhodes Steph Hewitt

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

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

<b>Rota</b> <i>Date is of Sunday</i>	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
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



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# 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!

# Second Collections

## St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock | Second Collections

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 <a href="http://cbcw.org.uk/day-for-life">cbcw.org.uk/day-for-life</a>	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)