



*St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock*

15th June 2025 • Trinity Sunday

# Good News

*our weekly newsletter*

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June 15th • Trinity Sunday

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## Masses and other services

### Trinity Sunday

#### 2nd Collection Day for Life

Sat 14 5pm Derek Jones RIP

Sun 15 8am Anne Costello RIP

10:30 Peter Garnett RIP

Tue 17 7pm Elsie & Bill Hunt RIP

Wed 18 9:30am Pauline Groves 90th birthday

11am Funeral of Frederick Prestwood, conducted by

Rev Chris Ambler, of St Stephen's Methodist Church

Thu 19 9:30am May Higgins RIP

Fri 20 9:30am Bernard Deakin RIP

Sat 21 10am Pat Kilgallon Anniversary RIP

### Corpus Christi

#### 2nd Collection Parish Development (Car Park)

Sat 21 5pm Catherine Bowker (Thanksgivings)

Sun 22 8am Nancy & Sean Costello RIP (B'dy)

10:30 Alice & Thomas McCabe RIP

**Parish Meeting:** As promised, there will be an open meeting for parishioners of both Cannock and Hednesford parishes to discuss the arrangements for parish life following Fr Jeremy's retirement in August. This will be at Hednesford, in the Centenary Hall on Tuesday 8th July at 7pm.

**The Healing Voices Choir**, members of our congregation and choir, along with Glynis's Sing and Sign group are performing at Community Spirit in Symphony Hall on **Sun 13th July at 5pm**. Discounted tickets available from [tinyurl.com/2d5l3fnv](http://tinyurl.com/2d5l3fnv) - use code Spirit9 for £9 tickets or book four or more for £8 each! Please support our parish singers in this celebration!

## Notices

### Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford

Diocesan Pilgrimage Sunday July 6th

2.15 - 3.45 pm - Confessions.

3 pm Rosary.



**4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick**

Celebrant: Bishop Timothy Menezes



Please bring your own chairs

**Confirmation** Bishop Timothy Menezes is celebrating the confirmation for our parishes and schools on Tuesday June 24 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford. All welcome.

**Ruby Fundraising:** Fr Peter and Shirley invite you to join them in celebrating their Ruby Anniversary in the Centre on Sunday 29th June after the 10:30 Mass. A buffet will be served from about 1pm (Tickets £10).

**This is a Fund Raiser for Phase 2 of our Parish Jubilee Appeal - The Car Park.**

**Day for Life** is the second (blue bag) collection on the weekend of June 14th and 15th. The theme this year is *Finding meaning in Suffering – Hope does not Disappoint*. More information: [cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life](http://cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life)

**Collection Envelopes** Let us know if yours are running out soon. A standing order is an easier method for you and the best option for the parish. Alternatively, and for special (second) collections, please use the machine in Church.

**Foodbank** donations over the last two weeks amounted to 71.40 kilos. Thank you for your support.

**SVP Meeting** Thursday 19th 7pm in the Presbytery.

**Votive candles:** revised pricing (in order of size) 25p, 50p and (if available) £1.

Fr. Peter

<b>Rota</b> <small>Date is of Sunday</small>	<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>
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# Prayer List

St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock 8th June 2025



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

## THANKSGIVINGS

*Vicki Wilson, 40th Birthday!*

*Fr Peter & Shirley, celebrating their  
40th Wedding Anniversary!*

*The finding of two lost rings!*

*Pauline Groves, 90th birthday !!!*

## THE SICK and other needs

*For those preparing for confirmation.*

*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*

Pauline Wood, recovering after traffic collision

Emilia & Jasper, recovering from an operation

John, who has Parkinson's

Kathy Dodd, recovering from a stroke

Peter V, inoperable brain tumours

Marto Puljic, heart attack

Pat W, stroke, recovering at home

Peggy, unwell at home

Jerry, in difficult times

Fr Tony Dykes, recent fall

June W, awaiting cornea transplant

Margaret Dale, stroke

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

Matt G, may tests give good news

David Gleve, recovery after hip op

Margaret B, very ill, in hospital

Tony R, undergoing treatment

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

Geoff, prayers needed

Helen C, long covid (many problems)

Nicola, mental health & other problems

Hilary, in hospital

Jay Jackson, in hospital after accident

Joanne, recently unwell

John, brain injury after a fall.

Julie, unwell

Maureen, with cancer, in South Africa

Katie, recurrence of illness

Paul C, surgery

Louise, 13, severe depression

Peter B, recovering from strokes

Peter M, for swift recovery from operation

## The housebound, and long term conditions

Tony Bullivant, Peter Dunton, Ray Bishop, Don

Hinton, 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 Chmielewski, Nicola McCulloch,

Vincent Dockery, Joan O'Sullivan, Charley

## THE HOLY SOULS

### Recently Departed

Frederick Prestwood (Funeral 18 Jun 11am), Kitty  
O'Connor (Fri 4 July 2pm) Rose Ryan, Peter Wootton,  
Anne Costello

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

14 Brenda Murphy

15 Winifred Carville, Mauree Clements, Noel Lawless

17 Paul Glynn, Alan Price, Anthony Lawless

18 Betty Brough, Christopher Cooper

20 Margaret Killian, Elsie Clifton Hunt

21 Kathleen Gill, Syd Grieve, Alice McCabe, Patrick  
Kilgallon

22 Mary Angus, Antoinette Langley

23 Betty Kirton, Maria Bladon

24 Veronica Evans, Arthur B. Rose



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

This list has recently been edited: if a name is missing, do let us know. Add new petitions at [bit.ly/C-PleasePray](https://bit.ly/C-PleasePray).

**Please send corrections, updates and additions to 07766335591 or [stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk)**

# 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 gift aid, and all future donations to the parish using this card (online or in Church) will be increased by 25% by the taxman.

# General Information

## Every Week (usually!)

**Children's Liturgy** Sundays at 10:30 Mass

**Confessions** Saturday 10:30am, 6pm

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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** Thursdays after Mass

## Useful Links

**Latest Newsletter:** [bit.ly/C-Latest](http://bit.ly/C-Latest)

**Live-stream (Live and Recordings)**

[bit.ly/cannock-live](http://bit.ly/cannock-live)

**Baptism Apply Form:** [bit.ly/C-BaptismForm](http://bit.ly/C-BaptismForm)

**Mass intention form:**

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

**Mass intentions Calendar:**

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

**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)



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**Support our Parish**

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

SCAN THE QR CODE IN YOUR PHONE  
OR USE THE LINK ABOVE

## References

Fr Peter is very happy to provide references for parishioners. Usually he knows your face but not your name!!! - so if you would like to put his name down as a referee, please let him know in advance.

## 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)

## 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	
Sun, 15 Jun 2025	Day for Life see <a href="http://prayforlife.ie">prayforlife.ie</a>	Diocesan	
Sun, 29 Jun 2025	Peter's Pence	Diocesan	



# DAY for LIFE

This year we celebrate  
**Day for Life** on Sunday,  
15 June. The theme is:  
*Hope does not  
Disappoint. Finding  
meaning in Suffering.*

*Find out more*



Use your smartphone  
to scan the QR code  
to visit the **Day for Life**  
section on the Bishops'  
Conference website.

Explore the **theme** and  
**message** for the day,  
make a **secure online  
donation** to support our  
pro-life work, join us in  
**prayer**, and more.



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX

# Mass intentions June 2025

Sun 1 Jun 25 8:00	No Mass
Sun 1 Jun 25 10:30	Agnes & Patrick Brown RIP
Tue 3 Jun 25 19:00	Fr Peter away
Wed 4 Jun 25 9:30	Fr Peter away
Thu 5 Jun 25 9:30	Fr Peter away
Fri 6 Jun 25 9:30	Iwan & Lucia Selo RIP
Sat 7 Jun 25 10:00	Sheila Rooney Int
Sat 7 Jun 25 17:00	Pauline Groves (90th Birthday)
Sun 8 Jun 25 8:00	Anne Costello RIP (Birthday)
Sun 8 Jun 25 10:30	Brenda Murphy RIP
Tue 10 Jun 25 19:00	Intentions of Michael & Mary Higgins
Wed 11 Jun 25 9:30	SVP Intentions
Thu 12 Jun 25 9:30	Int of Jacquie Prestwood & family
Fri 13 Jun 25 9:30	Monica Thompson RIP
Sat 14 Jun 25 10:00	No Mass
Sat 14 Jun 25 17:00	Derek Jones RIP
Sun 15 Jun 25 8:00	Anne Costello RIP
Sun 15 Jun 25 10:30	Peter Garnett RIP
Tue 17 Jun 25 19:00	Elsie & Bill Hunt RIP
Wed 18 Jun 25 9:30	Pauline Groves (90th birthday)
Thu 19 Jun 25 9:30	May Higgins RIP
Fri 20 Jun 25 9:30	Bernard Deakin RIP
Sat 21 Jun 25 10:00	Pat Kilgallon Anniversary RIP
Sat 21 Jun 25 17:00	Catherine Bowker intentions Thanksgiving
Sun 22 Jun 25 8:00	Nancy & Sean Costello RIP (B'dy 21 June)
Sun 22 Jun 25 10:30	Alice & Thomas McCabe RIP
Tue 24 Jun 25 19:00	Mary Banks RIP
Wed 25 Jun 25 9:30	Gordon & June Weatherby RIP
Thu 26 Jun 25 9:30	Irene & Bert Owen, & Bernard Deakin RIP
Fri 27 Jun 25 9:30	Neil Wilkinson & Christopher Boot RIP
Sat 28 Jun 25 10:00	Parish & People
Sat 28 Jun 25 17:00	Mike Mellor (sick)
Sun 29 Jun 25 8:00	Pat, Kath, Frank & Andy Gill RIP
Sun 29 Jun 25 10:30	Bernadette Canning RIP

# Getting to Know Pope Leo XIV

## Biography of Pope Leo



Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost, became the 267th Pope after a life dedicated to pastoral service and leadership. Born in Chicago on September 14, 1955, he is of French, Italian, and Spanish descent, and has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph. He joined the Augustinians in 1977. He was ordained a priest in Rome in 1982, before working in Peru.

For over a decade, Fr Bob (as he was known) served in Peruvian missions, supporting community projects, teaching theology, and caring pastorally for poor parishes.

Returning to the U.S., he became leader of the Augustinian Order worldwide for two terms. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed him bishop of Chiclayo and later Callao in Peru, while also contributing significantly to church administration and education in the region. He became a Peruvian citizen in 2015. His deep connection to Peru, particularly through his missionary work and leadership in Chiclayo, has led many Peruvians to regard him as one of their own.

Bishop Robert was called to Rome in 2023 as Prefect for Bishops and elevated to Cardinal in 2024, closely assisting Pope Francis, especially during key Church meetings and synods.

Known for his approachable style and commitment to unity, his episcopal motto captures his spirit: "In Illo uno unum" ("In Christ, we are one"). Following Pope Francis, he is the second Pope from the Americas (the first to be born in North America) and the first Augustinian ever to become Pope.

*"Jesus showed us a model of human holiness that we can all imitate."*

*Pope Leo*

## Prayer for Pope Leo

O God, who chose your servant, Leo in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Leo XIV's First Homily as Pope

The morning after being elected the 267th Pope, Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass with the Cardinal electors in the Sistine Chapel, reminding them that "we are to bear witness to our joyful faith in Christ".

He reminded them that without faith, life loses meaning, pointing out that many in the world today reject or misunderstand Christ's message.

Pope Leo acknowledged that faith is often seen as weak or foolish, but he called for Christians to be witnesses of the Gospel, especially in places where it's hard to preach. He highlighted the need for missionary outreach, especially where society has lost sight of faith's value.

He concluded by stressing the importance of humility in leadership, following the example of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, and prayed for the grace to serve in charity as the Successor of Peter.

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# Remembering Pope Francis ...

## Pope Francis



### Funeral Homily by Cardinal Re

*Note: this is an unofficial summary. The full text is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/2dow73mq>*

In Saint Peter's Square, we gather to pray for Pope Francis, sustained by the faith that life continues beyond death. We are very grateful to the dignitaries and faithful who have come to honour him. His final image remains vivid - offering a blessing on Easter Sunday despite severe illness, showing his enduring commitment to his flock.

Pope Francis' pontificate, shaped by his Jesuit formation and pastoral experience in Buenos Aires, was marked by a spirit of service, simplicity, and closeness to the people, particularly the marginalised. His choice of the name Francis symbolised his dedication to humility and care for the poor.

With warmth and informality, Pope Francis addressed the challenges of modern times, preaching the Gospel with clarity and hope amid an "epochal change." Central to his ministry were the themes of mercy, fraternity, and evangelisation, highlighted in documents like *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato si'*, and *Fratelli tutti*.

His actions for refugees, the poor, and victims of war were countless, with significant journeys to Lampedusa, Lesbos, and Iraq demonstrating his courage and compassion. His message of building bridges, not walls, resonated worldwide.

As a Good Shepherd, Pope Francis gave his life in service, echoing Christ's example. The faithful now commend his soul to God's infinite mercy, asking him to continue blessing the Church and the world from heaven, just as he once did with his final public blessing from Saint Peter's Basilica.

## Prayer for Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



**Amen.**

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, **and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

May he rest in peace. **Amen.**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

### For the People of Ukraine



Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for their government, and all who suffer as a result of war.

Be with them as you stood beside your Son, suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice.

May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. **Amen.**

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# **Masses at St Mary's, Cannock 2025** **especially for children and families**



**January 19th Sunday 10:30am**

*Commitment Mass*

*(First Holy Communion and Confirmation)*



*February/March - Lent*

**March 29th Saturday 5pm**

*Mothering Sunday*

**April 20th Easter Day 10:30am**

*Easter Day Mass*

**May - First Holy Communions**

*Saturday 10th 1230 St Thomas More Children*

*Sunday 11th 1030 St Mary's Children*

**June 24th Tuesday 6:30pm**

*at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford*

*Confirmations (Bishop Timothy)*



**Saturday July 12th 4pm**

*Blessed John Sugar Mass*

# Sacramental Preparation 2025

*For Adults, and children not in Catholic Schools*



## **First Holy Communion** (and **Baptism** where required)

10 sessions Fridays 4:30pm St Mary's Presbytery

Beginning February 14th

Parish First Holy Communions May 10th/11th



## **Confirmation** (for those already baptised, aged 10-18)

6 Sessions Fridays 4:30pm St Mary's Presbytery

Beginning May 16th

Parish Confirmation (Bishop Timothy Menezes)

Tuesday June 24 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes



## **Adults** follow the Journey in Faith course

Wednesdays 7pm until Easter

At Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford

Celebration of the Sacraments, Easter Eve 19th April

*New course will begin in October 2026*



## **Baptisms of Children**

*and whole family celebrations*

By arrangement with the priest

Use this form to apply: [bit.ly/C-BaptismForm](https://bit.ly/C-BaptismForm)



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## St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock | Second Collections 2025

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	
Sun, 15 Jun 2025	Day for Life <a href="http://cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life">cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life</a>	Diocesan	
Sun, 29 Jun 2025	Peter's Pence	Diocesan	
Sun, 13 Jul 2025	Apostleship of the Sea [Direct]	Direct to Charity	
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			£732.23

# FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL EVENTS 2025

## 100 Club

Subs collection during February and March.

£25 per number per year.

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

Draws in May, August, November and February

## Easter Raffle

Tickets on sale from 15th March

Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 27th April after Mass

## 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!

## Some Useful Links ...



### Mass Readings for Today

Show this code to the camera of your smartphone, and follow the instructions to open the page. The readings may not be correct if the mass has special readings (a wedding for example) or if it is a Saturday evening mass for Sunday.



### Mass Live Stream

Live Broadcasts and Recordings  
can be found  
at [stmcannock.org](http://stmcannock.org)  
[bit.ly/cannock-live](http://bit.ly/cannock-live)  
[facebook.com/cannockcatholic/live](https://facebook.com/cannockcatholic/live)



### Online Newsletter

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Or use this link: [bit.ly/C-Latest](http://bit.ly/C-Latest)



### Support our Parish

Scan the QR code with your phone  
or use this link:

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

## More Useful Links ...



### **Baptism Application Form**

to complete the form to apply for baptism for your child, use the camera of your smartphone or tablet to scan this QR code

Alternatively, use the link  
[bit.ly/C-BaptismForm](https://bit.ly/C-BaptismForm)



### **Request for Prayer Form**

To complete a form to make a request for prayer, use the camera of your phone or tablet to scan this QR code:

Alternatively, use this link  
[bit.ly/C-PleasePray](https://bit.ly/C-PleasePray)



### **Mass Intention Form**

To make a request for a mass intention, use the camera of your smartphone or tablet to scan the QR code above.

Alternatively, use this link:  
[bit.ly/C-MassIntention](https://bit.ly/C-MassIntention)



### **Mass intentions Calendar**

To consult the current calendar of mass intentions, and discover availability of dates and times, use the camera of your phone or table to scan the QR code, or follow this link:

[bit.ly/c-mass-calendar](https://bit.ly/c-mass-calendar)

# Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter page 1



## Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish & Diocesan Shrine

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**WhatsApp Group** – text 07868 542268



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

## Sunday 15th June 2025 – Holy Trinity

### Second Collection for Day for Life

The second collection today goes toward the **Day for Life Fund**, which allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations that which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death.

### Masses, Services & Groups

Sat	14 June	6 pm	Vigil - Holy Trinity	RIP Florence Craddock
Sun	15 June	9.15 am	Holy Trinity	RIP John Duffy
Mon	16 June	9.30 am		RIP Florence Craddock
Wed	18 June	11.30 am	St Chad's Cathedral Dedication	Parish & People
Thu	18 June	2.30 pm	School Corpus Christi Mass	RIP Deacon Terry Hum
Fri	20 June	9.30 am		RIP Deacon Tony Rigby
Sat	21 June	6 pm	Vigil - Corpus Christi	RIP Deacon Tony Hewitt
Sun	22 June	9.15 am	Corpus Christi	RIP Gordon Davies

<b>Tue</b>	<b>24 June</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Joint Parishes Confirmation with Bishop Timothy at Hednesford.</b>	
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### Hednesford Pilgrimage Choir Rehearsal

There is a rehearsal in church at 7 pm on

**Thursday July 3rd** for all those who would like to sing in the choir at the Diocesan Pilgrimage on July 6th. All welcome.

### Mass Intentions

My last weekend in the parish will be August 16th / 17th. Any mass intentions after that date will be passed on to Fr Peter Weatherby. There are Saturday slots available before then, but the only Sunday ones remaining are July 6th & August 10th.

### Baptism Dates

There are no available dates for baptism before I leave the parish in August. Please contact Fr Peter for any baptisms from September.

### Grounds Tidy Up Day

**10 am - 1 pm Sat 28 June**

Getting ready for the Diocesan Pilgrimage on Sunday July 6th. Please spare any time that you can and bring tools if you want. Refreshments provided.

### Pilgrimage – Sunday 6 July

**Help needed - please sign up for:**

- Making cakes
- **From 9 am** setting up the Hall, putting up gazebos and putting out signs / cones out for car parking.
- **During the day** - car parkers, programme sellers & kitchen servers
- **At the end of the day**, people to stay behind to help clear up.

### Meetings with Fr Peter & Fr Jeremy to discuss Parish Life after Fr Jeremy's retirement.

**Both on Tuesdays at 7 pm in Hednesford Hall**

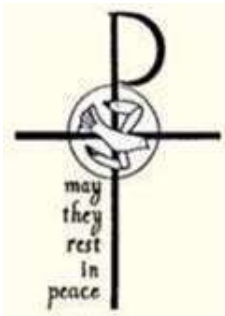
**Tuesday July 1st** - Hednesford Congregation / **Tuesday July 8th** - Cannock & Hednesford Congregations.

### Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Bernadette Corbett, who can be contacted at: 01543 227225 / [sg.lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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**Financial Matters** 8/6/2025 Standing Orders £135.50. Gift Aid £80, other £182.25. Second collection for Church Maintenance GA £31.50, other £94. **Second Collections:** 15 June Day for Life, 29 June Peter's Pence. **Foodbank** - 71.4 Kilos over 2 weeks. **Online donations** at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford>.



- 15/6** Patrick Meehan 2002, Thomas Mackin 2002, Thomas Hannaford 2002, Omelan Dzinora 2007, Roger Bradbury 2012  
**16/6** Arthur Anderson 1989, Ted Burke 2010  
**17/6** Robert Lester 1957, Leah DeFaye Shailes 1995, Olive Perkowski 2000, Amy Prince 2004, Catherine Evans 2008, Alan Price 2016  
**18/6** Jim Gibbons 2023  
**19/6** Pat Clay 2023  
**20/6** Pasquale de Luca Bossa 1983, Margaret Davis 2008  
**21/6** Patrick Rafferty 1991, Elsie Hermanis 1993, John Sheeran 1999, Patrick Kilgallon 2019

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, Maureen Dewhurst, 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



## **Bishops' Day for Life message and reflection on the theme for 2025.**

Care for the sick and suffering was central to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan as a way of explaining what it means to be a "neighbour" to another person. The Good Samaritan is someone who sees and is moved to compassion (while others turn away), who draws close, who "binds up wounds", who accompanies the person in need, and who continues to care for as long as it is needed. Often the healing Jesus offered was much more than just a physical cure; it included emotional and spiritual healing as well, because for Jesus, the human person is more than just a body needing to be fixed. Jesus invites us to "Go and do likewise" (Lk. 10:29-37).

The alleviation of suffering is good and must always be part of our focus. But there remains, for many people, a suffering that cannot be taken away and has to be endured. How do we make sense of that? The claim that it is better to die than to suffer leads some people to suggest that euthanasia or assisted suicide might be more compassionate. As Christians, however, we follow Jesus who lived his entire life, including his suffering, in the confident hope that His Father loved him and would raise him up, and He did! The cross, which Jesus did not ask for and did nothing to deserve, has become a sign of hope for countless millions of people in every generation.

The death and resurrection of Jesus leads us to believe that, far from being futile or absurd, a life marked by suffering, when it is lived with generosity and patience, is full of meaning. People like Simon of Cyrene (who helped carry the cross), or St. Veronica (who wiped the face of Jesus) literally accompanied Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Modern saints like Therese of Lisieux and the soon-to-be first millennial saint Carlo Acutis understood that when we unite our suffering with the suffering of Christ for the good of the world, it is transformed through his grace. Most of us have known people like them. Far from being the end of hope, their suffering, when accepted and embraced, has shown itself to be a path to growth and ultimately to Resurrection.

This year's Day for Life is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us.

Archbishop John Sherrington, Bishop Kevin Doran & Bishop John Keenan