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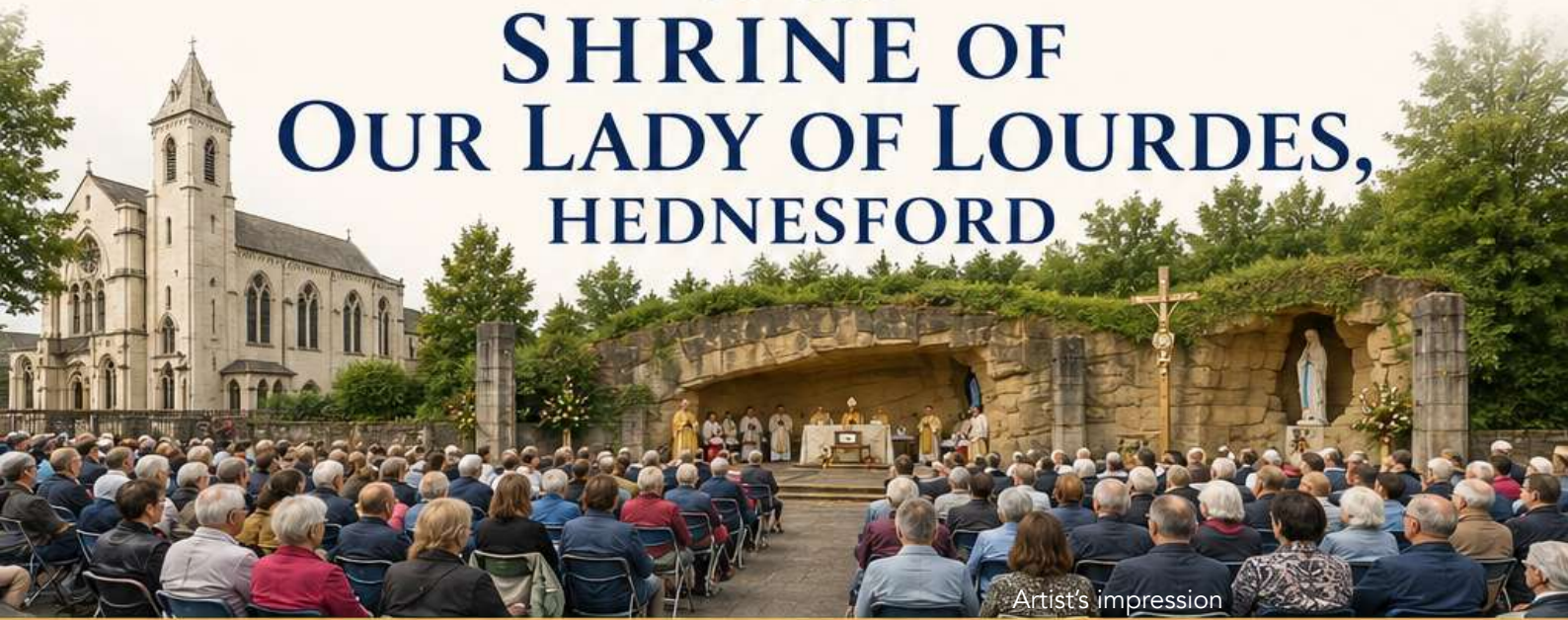


THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

TO THE

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, HEDNESFORD



Artist's impression

SUNDAY 5TH JULY



1 PM

Refreshments available in hall.



2.15 – 3.45 PM

Confessions.



3 PM

Rosary.



4 PM

Mass & Sacrament of the Sick –
Celebrant *Bishop David Evans*



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS



DIRECTIONS: Hednesford, near Cannock, is a couple of miles off Junction 11 of the M6 and Junction T7 of the Toll Road. Follow signs to Hednesford and Rugeley A460.



TRAIN SERVICE: from New Street, Birmingham to Hednesford.



The Church and Shrine is on Uxbridge Street on the A460, WS12 1DB.



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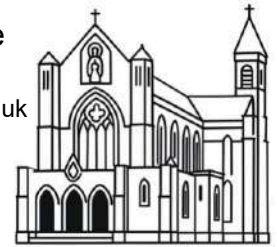
Websites: olohednesford.org & stmcancock.org

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

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



Sunday 21st June 2026 – Twelfth Sunday

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

Sat	20 June	12 pm	H	RIP Igmedio Arquiza Jr	Twelfth Sunday Blue Bag = Day for Life
Sat	20 June	5pm	C	Intentions of Catherine Bowker	
Sun	21 June	9.30am	H	RIP Anthony Costello	
Sun	21 June	11 am	C	RIP Peter Garnett	
Mon	22 June	9.30am	C	RIP Pat Kilgallon (Anniv)	St John Fisher & St Thomas More
Wed	24 June	9.30am	C	Iwan & Lucia Selo	Nativity of St John the Baptist
Wed	24 June	11:30am	H	Holy Souls (<i>in Centenary Hall</i>)	
Thu	25 June	2:15am	H	RIP Neil Wilkinson & Christopher Boot	Week 12
Fri	26 June	9.30am	C	RIP Thomas & Alice McCabe (Annv)	Week 12
Sat	27 June	12 pm	H	RIP Susan James <i>Catenian Provincial President's Mass</i>	St Peter & St Paul Blue Bag = Peter's Pence
Sat	27 June	5pm	C	RIP Sam & Muriel Taylor	
Sun	28 June	9.30am	H	RIP Weronika and Franciszek Antoszkiewicz	
Sun	28 June	11 am	C	RIP Maeve, Michael and Damien Synnott RIP	

* Weekday Mass in Hednesford is in Church during the summer months.

Rosary: Mon, Wed, Fri (C) at 8:55am; **Divine Mercy:** Mon (C) after mass.

Confessions Saturday morning (H) and evening (C) on request to the priest.

Livestream Schedule and Recordings: stmcancock.org/stm-online - any problems, text 07766 335591

Growing in Faith meets twice a month, as announced. Next meeting Thursday 2nd July 7pm in Our Lady's Presbytery. Topic: Atheist objections to the Catholic faith. See Newsletter Online for topic info page.

Men's Group Monday June 29 7:30pm, starting in the Centenary Hall.

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford Sunday 5 July 2026. Volunteers needed!

(1) Saturday 20 June after midday mass: Grounds tidy-up, refreshments will be provided.

(2) On the day: can you help with piety sales, programme selling, refreshments in the Hall, car parking?

A sign-up sheet will be at the back of both churches from this weekend, which will include 'the cake list'!

There is a dedicated page on the website with details <https://www.olohednesford.org/pilgrimage>

Please note there will be no morning masses at either church on 5 July.

Spring Raffle (C): winners were Sue Browne (£100), Margaret Harris (£50), Gail Korzenek (Brandy); Hollins (Gin), Jo Burrowes (Whisky), Sue G&B (Chocolates).

Catenian Provincial President's Mass 12 noon Saturday 27th June at Our Lady of Lourdes

Representatives of Catenian Circles across the West Midlands will join their Provincial President, Deacon Peter Tibke, for this mass. They will pray for their work in Province 6 over this year for new members, growing groups formed in faith family and friendship. Members and wives will meet in the Parish Hall after Mass for light refreshments Please join visitors to our Shrine and in the Hall after Mass

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.

DO NOT BE AFRAID



“Perfect love
casts out fear.”

– Saint John the Apostle



“Be not afraid.”

– Saint John Paul II



“Hope is the virtue
of a heart that does not
close itself in darkness.”

– Pope Francis



“He who has God
lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.”

– Saint Teresa of Ávila



“Courage is grace
under pressure.”

– Ernest Hemingway



“Fear defeats more people
than any other one thing
in the world.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson



Our Ladies Circle

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC GROUP

OPEN TO ALL 18+

A view to start monthly meetings within the church for discussion as well as fun and varied outings

Together in Faith, Friendship & Sisterhood

WE WILL:



DISCUSS OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



MAKE NEW FRIENDSHIPS



HELP EACH OTHER GROW IN THE FAITH



MEET UP OUTSIDE OF CHURCH FOR FUN AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SHARED THERE.



SCAN TO JOIN

"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED THAT THE LORD WOULD FULFILL HIS PROMISES TO HER!"
~ LUKE 1:45 ~

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (Sunday 12 Year A)

*“Have no fear.”
(Matthew 10:26)*

Fear has a powerful effect upon human beings. It can creep quietly into the

heart or descend suddenly upon us through tragedy, illness, uncertainty, violence, or loss. Fear changes the way we think, the way we see others, and even the way we live our daily lives.

And into that fearful world, Jesus speaks these simple words: “Do not be afraid.”

We hear them many times throughout the Scriptures. The angel speaks them to Mary. Jesus speaks them to the disciples in the storm. The risen Christ speaks them after the resurrection. Again and again, God speaks words of reassurance to frightened people.

Yet we might wonder whether these words can really help us. Fear is not imaginary. There are genuine dangers in life. Families struggle with anxiety about money, health, relationships, or the future. Nations fear war and instability. Individuals fear loneliness, failure, rejection, and death itself. So what does Jesus mean?

He certainly does not mean that we should ignore danger or pretend suffering is not real. Christian faith is never blind optimism. Courage is not foolishness.

Instead, Jesus calls us to live differently in the midst of difficulty. Fear can paralyse us. It can freeze the heart. People become trapped by anxiety, unable to move forward, unable to trust, unable even to hope. Fear narrows life until survival becomes the only goal.

And fear can also poison relationships. It can lead to anger, suspicion, blame, and division. When people are afraid, they often look for someone to blame. Communities become divided. Individuals become defensive and hostile. Fear makes us see only weakness and threat in other people.

But Jesus calls his disciples to another way.

Christian courage does not deny suffering, but faces it honestly while refusing to surrender to despair.

Courage allows us to acknowledge danger while still choosing hope, compassion, and love.

This is why moments of crisis often reveal extraordinary goodness. We see ordinary people acting with remarkable generosity. We see carers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, volunteers, neighbours, friends, and family members quietly giving themselves for others. We see patience, sacrifice, and kindness shining through darkness.

Saint John Paul II often repeated the words: “Be not afraid.” He spoke them at the beginning of his pontificate, but they were not merely a slogan. They were an invitation to open our hearts fully to Christ. Fear closes the heart. Christ opens it.

And Saint John gives us the deepest reason of all why fear does not have the final word: “Perfect love casts out fear.” (1 John 4:18, ESV)

Love is stronger than fear because love draws us out of ourselves. Fear makes us turn inward. Love moves outward. Fear isolates. Love connects. Fear destroys trust. Love rebuilds it.

In today’s Gospel Jesus reminds his disciples that they are precious in the sight of God. Not even the sparrows are forgotten by the Father, and “even the hairs of your head are all numbered.” (Matthew 10:30, ESV)

That does not mean life will always be easy. The disciples themselves would face persecution, suffering, and martyrdom. But they were never abandoned. God remained with them through every trial.

The same is true for us.

There are moments when fear will visit every life. Some here may be carrying anxieties known only to themselves. Some may fear illness, grief, uncertainty, or the future. Some may feel overwhelmed by the troubles of the world. And yet Christ still says: “Do not be afraid.” Not because difficulties are unreal, but because God’s love is greater still.

Christian hope is not pretending that darkness does not exist. It is believing that darkness will never overcome the light of Christ.

And so today the Lord invites us to live not in fear, but in courage. Not in bitterness, but in compassion. Not in despair, but in hope. For the God who knows every sparrow also knows each one of us by name, and holds us always in his love.



Sunday 12 (Year A)

Exploring the Gospel

♥ Jesus tells us:

Jesus tells us: "Do not be afraid." Jesus knows that sometimes we feel worried, nervous, or frightened. But he reminds us that God loves us very much and stays close to us in every situation.



≡ BIDDING PRAYERS ≡

- ♥ Let us pray for the Church, that Christians may share God's love with courage and kindness.
- ♥ Let us pray for people who are frightened or worried, that they may find peace and hope.
- ♥ Let us pray for our families, teachers, and friends, that we may help one another when life is difficult.
- ♥ Let us pray for our local community, that people may work together with kindness and understanding.

Lord, hear us.

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💬 1. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- What kinds of things make people afraid?
- Why do you think Jesus says "Do not be afraid" so often?
- How can we help someone who feels worried or lonely?
- When have you seen courage in another person?



2. A SAINT TO LEARN FROM



Saint John Paul II often told people: "Be not afraid." He trusted God even in difficult times and encouraged others to live with courage and hope.



3. A SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
when I feel worried or afraid,
help me to remember that you are
always with me.
Fill my heart with peace, courage, and love.
Amen.



4. SOMETHING PRACTICAL TO DO

Try to encourage someone this week who seems worried or sad. A smile, kind words, or helping someone can make a big difference.





THE CATHOLIC CHURCH and the JUST WAR TRADITION

A Summary of Catholic Teaching



The Catholic Church teaches that peace is one of the greatest gifts of God and that war is always a tragic consequence of human sin. Christians are called to be peacemakers and to work tirelessly for reconciliation, justice, and the avoidance of conflict. Nevertheless, the Church recognises that, in certain limited circumstances, the use of military force may be morally justified in defence of people and nations. This is known as the **Just War** tradition.



1. THE PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF PEACE

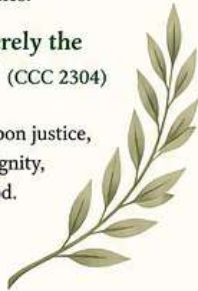
The Church begins from the principle that peace is the normal and desired condition of human society.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

The Catechism teaches:

“Peace is not merely the absence of war.” (CCC 2304)

True peace is built upon justice, respect for human dignity, and the common good.



2. CONDITIONS FOR A JUST WAR

The decision to use military force belongs to legitimate public authorities and may be morally justified only when ALL of the following conditions are met:

- 1 JUST CAUSE**
The damage inflicted by an aggressor on a nation or community must be lasting, grave, and certain.
- 2 LAST RESORT**
All other means of resolving the conflict must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective.
- 3 SERIOUS PROSPECT OF SUCCESS**
There must be a reasonable chance that military action will achieve its legitimate aim.
- 4 PROPORTIONALITY**
The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders greater than the evil being resisted.



The Catechism summarises these requirements: **“The strict conditions for legitimate defence by military force require rigorous consideration.” (CCC 2309)**



3. MORAL CONDUCT DURING WAR

Even when a war is judged to be just, not everything becomes permissible.

The Church teaches that:

- Non-combatants must never be deliberately targeted.
- Prisoners and wounded soldiers must be treated humanely.
- Acts of terrorism are always immoral.
- Genocide and mass destruction are gravely evil.
- Soldiers remain morally responsible for their actions.



“The mere fact that war has regrettably broken out does not mean that everything becomes licit between the warring parties.” (CCC 2312)



4. WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

The Church strongly condemns the indiscriminate destruction caused by modern weapons, especially nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons.

“Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man.” (CCC 2314)



Recent Popes, especially **Pope Francis**, have spoken strongly against the possession and use of nuclear weapons.



5. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

The Church recognises that some Christians may, in conscience, refuse military service. Such individuals should contribute to society in other ways that serve the common good.

“Should a grave and certain injustice be committed, soldiers may rightly refuse to serve, refuse to obey orders, or abandon their post.” (CCC 2311)

KEY CATECHISM REFERENCES

	CCC 2302–2306	Peace and the avoidance of war
	CCC 2307–2310	Legitimate defence and Just War criteria
	CCC 2311	Conscientious objection
	CCC 2312–2314	Moral conduct during war
	CCC 2315–2317	Arms race and international peace
	CCC 2318–2319	Peacemaking and Christian responsibility



6. THE CHRISTIAN DUTY TO SEEK PEACE

The Just War tradition is not a justification for war but a set of strict moral limits designed to restrain violence and protect human life. The Church consistently teaches that prevention, diplomacy, dialogue, international cooperation, and reconciliation are always preferable to armed conflict.

“All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war.” (CCC 2308)



IN SUMMARY

The Catholic Church strongly prefers peace and regards war as a grave evil. Military force may be morally permissible only under strict conditions of legitimate defence, and even then the dignity of every human person must be respected. The ultimate goal remains the restoration of a just and lasting peace.



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

– St. Francis of Assisi

SEVEN COMMON ATHEIST OBJECTIONS TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH RESPONDS

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."

– *Fides et Ratio*, 1

1 THERE IS NO GOD.

There is no proof that God exists. The universe can be explained by science.

2 GOD CREATED EVIL AND SUFFERING.

If God is all-good and all-powerful, why is there so much evil and suffering?

3 RELIGION IS BASED ON FAITH, NOT REASON.

Faith is blind belief. Religion is irrational and a barrier to true knowledge.

4 THE BIBLE IS FULL OF ERRORS AND CONTRADICTIONS.

The Bible is just a human book, full of myths and historical inaccuracies.

5 MORALITY DOESN'T NEED GOD.

We can be good without religion. Morality is simply a product of society and evolution.

6 MIRACLES DON'T HAPPEN.

Miracles defy the laws of nature. There is no reliable evidence that they occur.

7 THE CHURCH IS HYPOCRITICAL AND OUT OF TOUCH.

The Church has a history of scandals and errors. It clings to outdated beliefs.

GOD CAN BE KNOWN BY REASON.

The world shows the "footprints" of a Creator: everything that begins to exist has a cause; the universe is ordered and fine-tuned for life; moral truth points to a Lawgiver. Science discovers how; faith reveals who. They cannot contradict.

CCC 31, 36, 300, 337

GOD CAN BRING GOOD FROM EVIL.

Evil is not created by God but is the result of free creatures misusing their freedom. God permits evil but can bring greater good from it, and He promises eternal life where every tear will be wiped away.

CCC 309, 385, 415

FAITH SEEKS UNDERSTANDING.

Faith is not opposed to reason; it perfects it. God gave us both faith and reason. The Church has always encouraged the pursuit of truth in philosophy, science and theology.

CCC 42, 159, 274, 428

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD IN HUMAN WORDS.

The Bible is inspired by God and true in what it teaches about our salvation. It must be read in its context and according to the intended meaning of the human authors.

CCC 101, 105, 107, 134

MORAL TRUTH IS OBJECTIVE.

Every person has a conscience and can know basic moral truths through reason. Without God, there is no ultimate foundation for human dignity or objective right and wrong.

CCC 1954–1960, 2005–2009

MIRACLES ARE POSSIBLE FOR GOD.

God is the Creator of nature and is not bound by it. Miracles confirm His revelation and point to a deeper reality beyond the material world.

CCC 156, 547, 1567

THE CHURCH IS HOLY BECAUSE CHRIST IS HOLY.

The Church is made up of sinners and saints. Christ promised He would be with His Church until the end of the age and that the gates of hell would not prevail against her.

CCC 807, 823, 857

TRUTH IS ONE.
 FAITH AND REASON AGREE
 BECAUSE THEY COME FROM GOD.

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

- ✦ God exists and can be known.
- ✦ God is the Creator and source of all truth.
- ✦ Faith and reason come from God and lead to Him.
- ✦ Jesus Christ is the fullness of divine revelation.
- ✦ The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, proclaims the truth that saves.

"Human reason, though capable of reaching certain truths about God, needs to be purified and healed by Revelation and grace."

– *Fides et Ratio*, 48

FURTHER READING

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- *Fides et Ratio* – St. John Paul II
- *Summa Theologiae* – St. Thomas Aquinas
- *Mere Christianity* – C. S. Lewis
- *The Case for Christ* – Lee Strobel
- *Why We're Catholic* – Trent Horn

TRUTH ✦ GOODNESS ✦ BEAUTY
 In the Catholic Church, Faith and Reason Meet in Christ.

"Be always ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."

– 1 Peter 3:15

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W22 23 May	24	25	26	27	28	29
Half Term 7th Saturday of Eas... • Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 • Mass (H) 12:00 • Conf (C) 16:15	Pentecost • Mass (H) 09:30 • Mass (C) 11:00	Mary, Mother of the...	Fr Peter (day off) St Philip Neri, Priest...	St Augustine of Can... Wed 4 • Mass (C) 09:30 • Men's Group (H) 19:00	Jesus the High Priest Thu 4 • Mass (H) 09:30	ANNIVERSARY OF... • Mass (C) 09:30
W23 30 May	31	1 Jun	2	3	4	5
Half Term Saturday of week 8... • Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 • Mass (H) 12:00 • Conf (C) 16:15	TRINITY SUNDAY • Mass (H) 09:30 • Mass (C) 11:00	Fr Peter (spring break) St Justin, Martyr (M...)	Tuesday of week 9 (...)	SS. Charles Lwanga... Wed 1	Thursday of week 9	First Friday St Boniface, Bishop,...
W24 6 Jun	7	8	9	10	11	12
Saturday of week 9... • Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 • Mass (H) 12:00 • Conf (C) 16:15 • Mass (C) 17:00	CORPUS CHRISTI • (H) Children's Liturgy & Coffee Morning 09:30 • Mass (H) 09:30	Monday of week 10 • Mass (C) 09:30 • Come Sit with Jesus (H) 19:00	Fr Peter (day off) Tuesday of week 10...	Wednesday of wee... • Mass (C) 09:30	St Barnabas, Apostl... Thu 2 • Funeral Mass of Mary Wale 11:30 • Mass (SJH) [may ...]	THE MOST SACRE... • Mass (C) 09:30
W25 13 Jun	14	15	16	17	18	19
Saturday of week 1... • Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 • Mass (H) - Fr Jeremy 12:00 • Conf (C) 16:15	11th Sunday in Ordi... • Mass (H) 09:30 • Mass (C) 11:00	Monday of week 11 • Mass (C) 09:30	Fr Peter (day off) Tuesday of week 11...	Wed 3 Wednesday of wee... • Mass (STM) 14:15	Dedication of the C... Thu 3 • Mass (H) 09:30	Friday of week 11 (S... • Mass (C) 09:30
W26 20 Jun	21	22	23	24	25	26
Saturday of week 11... • Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 • Mass (H) 12:00 • Conf (C) 16:15 • Mass (C) 17:00	12th Sunday in Ordi... • Mass (H) 09:30 • Mass (C) 11:00	SS. John Fisher, Bis... • Mass (C) 09:30	Fr Peter (day off) Tuesday of week 12...	BIRTHDAY OF ST J... Wed 4 • Mass (C) 09:30 • Mass before Lunch Club (H) 11:30	Thu 4 Thursday of week 12 • Mass (SJH) 14:15	Friday of week 12 • Mass (C) 09:30
W27 27 Jun	28	29	30	1 Jul	2	3
Saturday of week 1... • Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 • Mass (H) 12:00 • Conf (C) 16:15 • Mass (C) 17:00	SS. PETER AND PA... • Mass (H) 09:30 • Mass (C) 11:00	Monday of week 13 • Mass (C) 09:30 • Mass (St Peter & St Paul) - Parish and People 19:00	Fr Peter (day off) Tuesday of week 13...	Wed 1 Wednesday of wee... • Mass (C) 09:30 • Mass (STM) 14:15	Thursday of week 13 • Mass (H) 09:30	First Friday St Thomas, Apostle • Mass (C) 09:30

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KEY: (C)=Cannock; (H)=Hednesford; (STM)=St Thomas More; (SJH)=St Joseph's, Hednesford; Conf=Confession; Exp=Exposition

Planned Mass Intentions (may change: check weekly)

Sat 23 May 12:00 Stephen & Christine Groves (50th)
Sat 23 May 17:00 RIP Joseph, Sheila & Betty Murphy
Sun 24 May 9:30 Int of Mary Duffy (85th Bday)
Sun 24 May 11:00 Retirement Thanks Dcn Michael

Mon 25 May 9:30 Fr Peter away
Wed 27 May 9:30 RIP Leo Carroll
Thu 28 May 9:30 RIP Ray Bishop
Fri 29 May 9:30 Alex Rimmer (Special Intention)

Sat 30 May 12:00 RIP Anthony Costello
Sat 30 May 17:00 RIP Leo and Joan Lakin
Sun 31 May 9:30 RIP Michael Jobburns
Sun 31 May 11:00 RIP Edith & Clem Brady

Mon 1 Jun - Fri 5 Jun No Mass

Sat 6 Jun 12:00 RIP Mr P Kidner
Sat 6 Jun 17:00 RIP Iris & Daniel Hickey
Sun 7 Jun 9:30 RIP Anne Costello-Gaston
Sun 7 Jun 11:00 RIP Brenda Murphy
Mon 8 Jun 9:30 RIP Peter Hinsley

Wed 10 Jun 9:30 RIP Anthony Costello
Thu 11 Jun 11:30 Funeral Mass for Mary Wale RIP
Fri 12 Jun 12:00 RIP Agnes & Patrick Brown

Sat 13 Jun 12:00 RIP John & Floss Probert
Sat 13 Jun 17:00 RIP Monica Thompson
Sun 14 Jun 9:30 RIP Michael Jobburns
Sun 14 Jun 11:00 RIP Bert & Irene Owen

Mon 15 Jun 9:30 Thanks: Pauline Groves (91st bday)
Wed 17 Jun 9:30 RIP Elsie & Bill Hunt
Thu 18 Jun 14:15 RIP Raymond Thomas Bishop
Fri 19 Jun 9:30 RIP Tony Bullivant

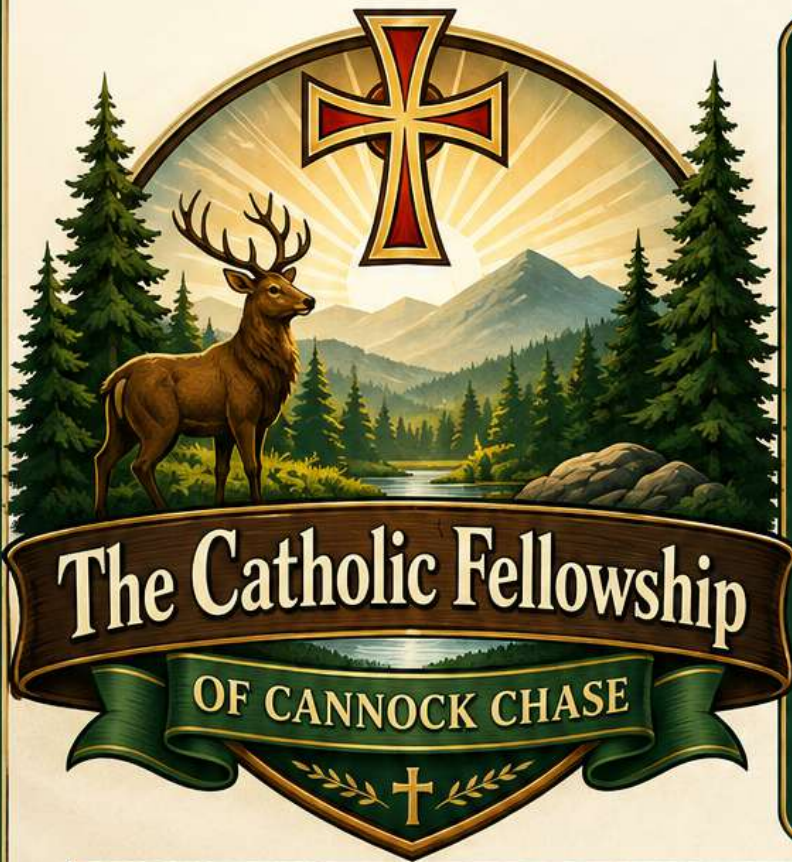
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The Catholic Fellowship of Cannock Chase

Join our Catholic community online!
We are a friendly and welcoming Discord server based around the Cannock Chase area.



GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH



Share fellowship
Build genuine friendships in a supportive community.



Discuss Scripture
Explore the Word of God and deepen your faith.



Pray Together
Uplift each other through prayer and intentions.



Connect & Belong
Engage in conversations and community events throughout the week.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN OUR DISCORD SERVER!

All are welcome

COME AND BE PART OF OUR FELLOWSHIP.



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FAITH IN CHRIST



COMMUNITY IN LOVE



HOPE IN GOD

One Faith. One Family. All in Christ.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISHES

Check weekly newsletter for current activities: bit.ly/M-Latest

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mass</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>and other activities before and after mass</i></p>		<h2 style="text-align: center;">Other Activities</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Times may change, please consult weekly newsletter</i></p>
Day	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, WS12 1DB</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock WS11 0AA</p>	<p>(H) - Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (C) - St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock</p>
Saturday <i>fulfils Sunday Obligation</i>	12 noon		<p>(H) Exposition and Confessions from 11:15am</p>
		5pm	<p>(C) Confession from 5:15pm</p>
Sunday	9:30am		<p>Children's Liturgy 1st Sunday (H)</p>
		11am	<p>Children's Liturgy term time (C)</p>
Monday		<p>9:30am Chaplet of the Divine Mercy after mass Confessions after Mass</p>	<p>2nd Monday 7pm Come Sit with Jesus (H) Last Monday 7:15pm Men's Group (H)</p>
Tuesday			<p>No Masses this day</p>
Wednesday	<p>11:30am Centenary Hall (H) Mass on one Wednesday each month when announced</p>	<p>9am Rosary 9:30am St Mary's School Mass in Church (term time) 1st & 3rd Wednesday 2:30pm Mass at St Thomas More School, Great Wyrley (term time)</p>	<p>12 noon Forget-me-nots Luncheon Club (H) 5:30pm (dates as announced) Confirmation and First Holy Communion Preparation</p>
Thursday	<p>1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday 9:30am or 2nd & 4th Thursday 2:15pm (term time) Mass at St Josephs School, Hednesford</p>	<p>9am Rosary, followed by the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</p>	<p>Journey in Faith: October to Easter 7pm - in the Presbytery at Hednesford</p>
Friday		<p>9am Rosary 9:30am First Friday devotions during mass</p>	

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

Rota <i>Date is of Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday 5pm</i>		<i>Sunday 11:00am</i>	
	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Ministers</i>
May 24	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek
May 31	Wendy Owens Jeev Jinson	Lisa Gretton Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Cath Hunt
Jun 7	Amy Pritchard Margaret Tym	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Doug Bruce David Korzonek
Jun 14	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Wendy Owens Sr Norbert	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Helen Land Stephanie Hewitt
Jun 21	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Stephanie Hewitt Gerard Dillon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Jun 28	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Amy Pritchard Tony Gaughan	Mike Burrowes Liz Fraser	Caroline Baker Chris Hewitt
Jul 5	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek

***Would you like to read
at Mass in our Parishes?
If so, please just send your name,
the mass(es) you attend
(Sat 12, Sat 5, Sun 9:30, 11am)
and we will be in touch!***

Saturday 5pm Stewards Rota ...

A	May 24	Jun 21	Jul 19	Aug 16	Sep 13	Oct 11	Patrick & Patsy Warren
B	May 31	Jun 28	Jul 26	Aug 23	Sep 20	Oct 18	Gerard Dillon & Kay Rimmer
C	Jun 7	Jul 5	Aug 2	Aug 30	Sep 27	Oct 25	Eileen Clancy
D	Jun 14	Jul 12	Aug 9	Sep 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Ann Spencer & John Gay

If you cannot do a duty on a particular day, please swap

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CAN YOU HELP AS A STEWARD OR READER OF THE WORD?

It's an opportunity to get involved and serve your parish.

Stewards

- Welcome parishioners at Vigil & Sunday Mass
- Prepare the church (hymn numbers, windows, books)
- Guide seating and give out hymn books
- Take the collection
- Arrange the Offertory procession
- Supervise movement during Holy Communion

Readers of the Word

- Proclaim the Old & New Testament readings (not the Gospel)
- Prepare prayerfully and practise before Mass
- Read clearly and audibly with reverence
- Faithfully proclaim the approved liturgical text
- Lead intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful (where required)

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