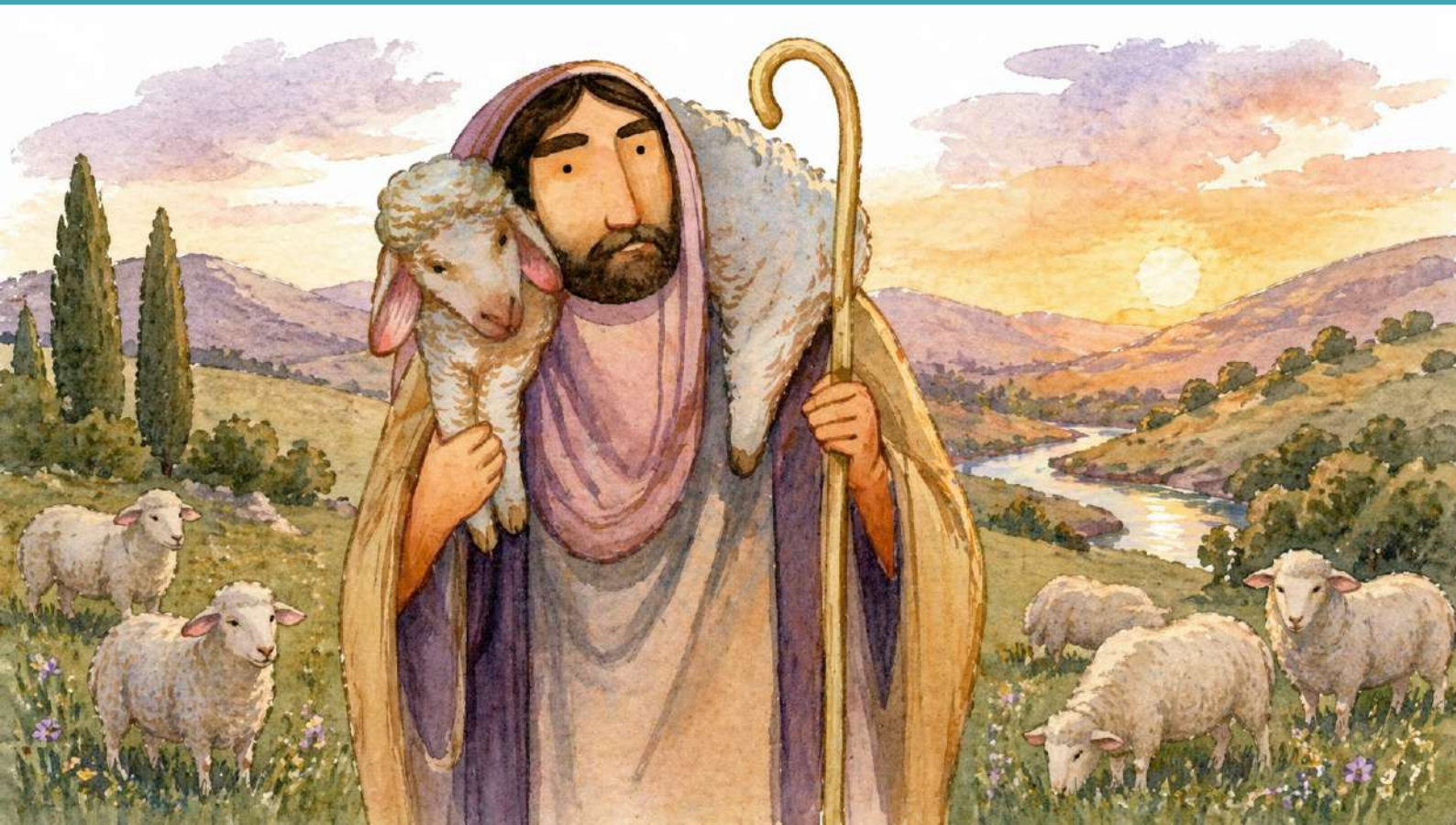


26th April 2026 • Easter 4 (A)

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The Good Shepherd — Called to Life

“The Lord is
my shepherd;
I shall not
want.”

— *St Augustine*

“The
priesthood
is the love
of the heart
of Jesus.”

— *St John
Vianney*



“The only thing
necessary for
the triumph of
evil is for
good men to
do nothing.”

— *Edmund
Burke*

“Do not
be afraid.
Open wide
the doors
to Christ.”

— *St John Paul II*

“The Church needs shepherds
after the heart of Christ.”

— *Pope Benedict XVI*

“Christ loves us not because
we are good, but because he is god.”

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VE DAY HANGAR PARTY

Saturday 2nd May

1 - 4pm

**DIG FOR
VICTORY**

*Celebrate
in style!*

**Henderson Big Band,
Lindy Hop,
Dig for Victory,
Vintage Stalls and Tea Room.**

Admission £5

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford



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

Parish Priest Father Peter Weatherby 07766 335591 fr.peter.weatherby@rcaob.org.uk

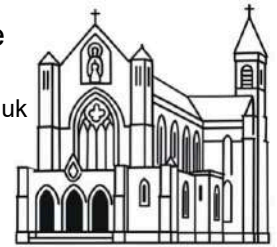
Websites: olohednesford.org & stmcancock.org

Hednesford Parish Office 01543 422576 olohednesford@rcaob.org.uk

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

Cannock Parish Office 07362 418105 stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk

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



Sunday 26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Clergy Training Fund – Vocations Sunday Appeal

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, with a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund, which supports the formation of future priests and deacons. Training takes around seven years and costs about £200,000 per seminarian, relying entirely on your generosity. Please give as you are able, either this weekend or online. Do also keep those discerning their vocation and in formation in your prayers. For more information, and to give online, go to www.vocations.org.uk

Sat	25 Apr	12 pm	H	RIP Michael Jobburns	Fourth Sunday of Easter Blue Bag = Clergy Training Fund
Sat	25 Apr	5pm	C	RIP Sean Costello	
Sun	26 Apr	9.30 am	H	RIP John Martin	
Sun	26 Apr	11 am	C	RIP Allan Avery	
Mon	27 Apr	9.30am	C	Int Wilf Palmer	Easter 4
Wed	29 Apr	9:30am	C	RIP Angela Cooke	Easter 4
Thu	30 Apr	9.30am*	H	RIP Alban & Margaret Rogers	Easter 4
Fri	1 May	9.30am	C	RIP Raymond Thomas Bishop	First Friday; St Joseph
Sat	2 May	12 pm	H	RIP Elizabeth & Larry Winwood	Fifth Sunday of Easter Blue Bag = Car Park (C)
Sat	2 May	5pm	C	RIP Shelagh Gleve	
Sun	3 May	9.30 am	H	RIP Departed Members of the Costello family	
Sun	3 May	11 am	C	RIP Terence Boller	

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

*** Weekday Mass in Hednesford will be in Church during the summer months**

Baptism of Reign and Renaya Opara 26 April (C)

Fr Michael Miners and Sister Norbert are currently away.

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

Confessions Saturday 11:15-11:45am (H); 4:15pm-4:45pm (C)

Livestream Schedule and Recordings: Got to stmcancock.org/stm-online



First Holy Communion Masses in May: St Mary's Saturday 9th at 2pm (St Thomas More School), Sunday 10th at 11am (St Mary's School); and at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 16th at 10am (St Joseph's School).

The Meetings for those not in Catholic schools are now on Fridays at 5:30pm in the Presbytery at Hednesford.

VE Day Hangar Party Saturday 2 May 2026 in Centenary Hall (H) 1pm – 4pm, enjoy dancing to the Henderson Big Band, Lichfield Lindy Hop, Dig for Victory, Vintage Stall & Tea Room. Admission £5. Please note that due to setting up, the lower car park will be unavailable for 12noon mass, park on the upper car park or on the field. We could do with a couple of people to help with the car parking for the event from 11.30am - 2pm.

Journey in Faith group continues to meet: alternate Thursdays at Hednesford Presbytery 7pm. Next: 30 April.

Principal (Headteacher) sought for St Thomas More, Primary. Deadline 13 May, 2026 Details: tinyurl.com/22xasi7f

Pupil Spaces in Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Hednesford. Visits to see the school are warmly invited. Call Mrs Harvey or Mrs Mallen in the school office 01543 227225 to arrange a visit or for information.

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

Please Pray for ...

*Peace and Justice: in Gaza and the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine and all places beset by war
Congratulations to the new Catholics this Easter!*

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

Please let us know of names to add or remove. Names are included with permission. FrP

The Holy Souls

Recently departed: Alex Gaughan, Sam Pee, Peter Harper, Christopher Martin

Anniversaries

- 26/4 Albert Waite 2006, Larry Kilgallon
27/4 Pat Dixon, Margaret Erangey, Teresa Wooton, Patricia Marriott
28/4 Marie Reynolds 2019, Luciana De Pascalis 2006
29/4 Margaret Larkin 1994, Mary Crofts 1999
30/4 Maria Slater 1988, Mary Bullock 1992, Elizabeth Windwood 2023
1/5 Alban Rogers 1981, Florence Arthurs 1981, Enoch Lane 1988, Bertha Owens 1988, Robert Simmons
2/5 Daisy Woollaston 1970, Eamon Doyle 1999, Elizabeth Kur 1999, Brian Taylor 2000, Annie Turner 2006, Annie Taylor 2006, Evelyn Tatton

Financial Report

Second Collections:

26 April Clergy Training Fund *Cannock Second Collections are for Car Park when there is no other 2nd Collection.*

Our Lady of Lourdes: 19 April Standing Orders £149. GA £129, other £195.29, Church Maintenance £8.92.

St Mary & St Thomas More 19 April St Orders £439 (each week); Gift Aid £101; Other £114; Car Park £48

Foodbank from Hednesford and Cannock: 24.10Kilos donated to the Foodbank

Donations are needed of tinned tomatoes and tinned fruit & rice pudding as stocks are very low. Thanks for your support!.

100 CLUB (C) - Thank you to all who have renewed or joined this year.

If you have not yet responded, please contact Veronica to confirm whether you are continuing.

WANT TO JOIN? New members are welcome – blank envelopes with temporary numbers are available in Church. Please join before the first draw on 3rd May 2026, before which permanent numbers will be issued to new members.

Spring Raffle Tickets (C) are now available. There is a list on the notice board for donation of prizes.

Red Boxes Missio (APF) are collected during April.

Newsletter Online bit.ly/M-Latest	Mass int Calendar bit.ly/M-Masscalendar	Live Stream (C) stmcannock.org	Baptism Form bit.ly/M-BaptismForm	Mass Int Form bit.ly/M-MassInt
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Why am I a priest?

Fr Peter Weatherby

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood.

These do not seem, perhaps, easy times. The numbers of those going forward for the priesthood are much smaller than they ever used to be. The average age of priests is increasing, in some places alarmingly so. We are often told that the great woes of the Church are the fault of the clergy, of clericalism, of celibacy, of the secrecy and privilege which surrounds the priestly life.

Why would anyone at present want to be a priest?

Why am *I* a priest? Let me tell you.

I am a priest because this gives me the greatest privilege any person can ever have: to share something of people's lives, and in doing so bring the grace of God to them.

Every week I sit and talk with those who are bereaved and distressed. Every week I discuss the struggles of prayer and daily living with those who come to confession. Every week I am asked for advice by those in difficulty. Every week I am challenged to justify what I believe in. Every week I have the joy of sharing what I hold to be true and I try explain it. Every week I visit homes, schools, hospitals and sometimes prisons and meet the young and the old, the working and the retired, the healthy and the sick, the good and the not so good. I frequently share with a family the joy of the gift of their child, by celebrating baptism with them. And I am part of the preparations of a family as they approach the joy and excitement of their wedding. I am called out to anoint the dying and pray with them, to console their relatives, to bring some little comfort in a difficult time. I chat with young children,

talk to teenagers and converse with adults. On occasion I meet the homeless, the desperate, alcoholics, parents separated from their children. I sometimes sit on committees and boards and have the responsibility and privilege of sharing in decisions which affect people's lives.

And most of all, I celebrate, with joy, the sacraments and especially the mass, the supreme sacrifice in which bread and wine become His body and blood, in which grace touches our lives, in which heaven touches earth.

And this is the point - the real point. Because I know there are many things I'm not so good at. I talk a bit too quick and I'm always a bit too busy. I'm late starting mass and sometimes forget appointments. It is often difficult to know what to say to those in distress, and to know how to help those in trouble. I make decisions which sometimes work out, but sometimes don't. Sometimes people are upset, or hurt, or overlooked. I forget people's names ... I'm sure you could add to the this.

But here is the amazing thing. When I have struggled with my words or an answer, or discussed for a long time a difficult problem someone says to me, "Thank you so much Father, I feel so much better" or "your words are really helpful" or even "I enjoyed your homily". Sometimes such comments are about words I have written or said or are they are some other extraordinary and unexpected words of thanks.

And I know I don't deserve them. This is not me who has done this. I know that. This is God working within me. This is heaven touching earth. This is the operation of grace. The grace of holy orders.

And this is why I am a priest.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (Easter 4, Year A)

*“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
(John 10:10)*

The image of Christ as the Good Shepherd is one of the most loved in the whole

of the Gospel. It speaks to us of care, of protection, of patience. We picture the shepherd who knows his sheep, who calls them by name, who goes out in search of the lost.

It is a comforting image – but it is not a soft or easy one.

The life of a shepherd in the time of Christ was demanding and often dangerous. The shepherd had to lead the flock through uncertain terrain, protect them from wild animals, and remain watchful through the night. The safety of the sheep often came at a cost to himself.

When Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd, he is not offering a sentimental image. He is revealing a love that is strong, costly, and faithful. This love leads, protects, and, when necessary, lays down its

life.

He also says something even more striking: “I am the gate.” There is one way into the safety of the fold. This challenges a very modern way of thinking. We often prefer to believe that all paths are equal, that truth is simply a matter of preference. Yet Christ speaks clearly. There is a right path, and it matters that we follow it.

This is not a message of exclusion, but of invitation. The gate is open. The Shepherd calls. But we must choose to enter.

[Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.]

It is a moment to reflect on how the Good Shepherd continues his work in the Church. Priests, religious, and all who are called to serve share in that

mission of guiding, caring, and strengthening the flock.

Why would anyone choose such a life today?

It is not because it is easy. It is not because it brings status or comfort. It is because it brings a deep and lasting joy – the joy of sharing in the lives of others and seeing the grace of God at work.

A priest stands with people at the most important moments of life: in joy and in sorrow, in beginnings and in endings. He celebrates the sacraments, listens, encourages, and sometimes simply accompanies. Often he feels his own limitations very clearly. Yet again and again, something happens that cannot be explained by human effort alone.

A word offered in weakness brings comfort. A prayer spoken quietly brings peace. A simple presence becomes a source of strength. This is grace at work – the Shepherd continuing his care through human hands.

Pope Saint John Paul II once spoke of the priesthood as a gift and a mystery.

It is a gift because it is freely given by God. It is a mystery because it is God who works through it, often beyond what we can see or understand.

That is true not only for priests, but for all of us. Each of us is called, in our own way, to listen to the voice of the Shepherd and to follow him.

The promise remains: “I came that they may have life.” Not a small or limited life, but life in its fullness.

The question for each of us is simple and direct. Do we recognise his voice? Do we trust where he leads? And are we willing to follow?



Mass Times in Hednesford and Cannock

April – May 2026

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W18 25 Apr St Mark ● Exp & Conf (H) 11:00 ● Mass (H) 12:00 ● Confessions (C) 16:15 ● Mass (C) 17:00	26 4th Sunday of Easter ● Mass (H) 09:30 ● Mass (C) 11:00	27 4th Monday of Easter ● Mass (C) 09:30 ● Men's Group (H) 19:30	28 4th Tuesday of East... Fr Peter (day off)	29 St Catherine of Sien... ● Mass (C) 09:30	30 4th Thursday of Eas... ● Mass (H) 09:30 ● JIF26→ 19:00	1 May 4th Friday of Easter... First Friday ● Mass (C) 09:30
W19 2 May St Athanasius, Bish... ● Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 ● Mass (H) 12:00 ● Conf (C) 16:15 ● Mass (C) 17:00	3 5th Sunday of Easter ● Mass (H) 09:30 ● Mass (C) 11:00	4 The English Martyrs ● Mass (C) 09:30	5 5th Tuesday of Easter Fr Peter (day off)	6 5th Wednesday of E... Wed 1 ● Mass (C) 09:30 ● Mass (STM) 14:15	7 5th Thursday of Eas... ● Mass (H) 09:30	8 5th Friday of Easter ● Mass (C) 09:30
W20 9 May 5th Saturday of Eas... ● Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 ● Mass (H) 12:00 ● FHC Mass 14:00 ● Conf (C) 16:15 ● Mass (C) 17:00	10 6th Sunday of Easter ● Mass (H) 09:30 ● Mass (C) First Holy Communion 11:00	11 6th Monday of Easter ● Mass (C) 09:30 ● Come Sit with Jesus (H) 19:00	12 6th Tuesday of East... Fr Peter (day off)	13 6th Wednesday of E... ● Mass (C) 09:30 ● Mass before Lunch Club (H) 11:30	14 THE ASCENSION O... Thu 2 ● Mass (H) in Church w School 09:30 ● Mass (C) Ascension Day 19:00	15 6th Friday of Easter ● Mass (C) 09:30
W21 16 May 6th Saturday of Eas... ● FHC Mass (H) 10:00 ● Mass (H) 12:00 ● Conf (C) 16:15 ● Mass (C) 17:00	17 7th Sunday of Easter ● Mass (H) 09:30 ● Mass (C) 11:00	18 7th Monday of East... ● Mass (C) 09:30	19 7th Tuesday of East... Fr Peter (day off)	20 7th Wednesday of E... Wed 3 ● Mass (C) 09:30 ● Mass (STM) 14:15	21 7th Thursday of Eas... Thu 3 ● Mass (H) 09:30	22 7th Friday of Easter... ● Mass (C) 09:30
W22 23 May Half Term 7th Saturday of Eas... ● Exp & Conf (H) 11:15 ● Mass (H) 12:00 ● Conf (C) 16:15 ● Mass (C) 17:00	24 Pentecost ● Mass (H) 09:30 ● Mass (C) 11:00	25 Fr Peter (Spring break) Mary, Mother of the... ● Mass (C) 09:30 ● Men's Group (H) 19:30	26 Fr Peter (day off) St Philip Neri, Priest...	27 St Augustine of Can... Wed 4 ● No Mass 09:30	28 Jesus the High Priest Thu 4 ● No Mass 14:15 ● JIF26→ 19:00	29 ANNIVERSARY OF... ● No Mass 09:30

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

27 Apr 2026 at 11:02:09

Planned Mass Intentions (may change: check weekly)

Sat 25 Apr 26 12:00 RIP Michael Jobburns
 Sat 25 Apr 26 18:00 RIP Sean Costello
 Sun 26 Apr 26 9:30 RIP John Martin
 Sun 26 Apr 26 11:00 RIP Allan Avery

Mon 27 Apr 26 9:30 Int Wilf Palmer
 Wed 29 Apr 26 9:30 RIP Angela Cooke
 Thu 30 Apr 26 9:30 RIP Alban & Margaret Rogers
 Fri 1 May 26 9:30 RIP Raymond Thomas Bishop

Sat 2 May 26 12:00 RIP Elizabeth & Larry Winwood
 Sat 2 May 26 18:00 RIP Shelagh Gleve
 Sun 3 May 26 9:30 RIP Departed of Costello family
 Sun 3 May 26 11:00 RIP Terence Boller

Mon 4 May 26 9:30 RIP Anthony Costello
 Wed 6 May 26 9:30 Int of Mary Duffy
 Thu 7 May 26 9:30 RIP Ray Bishop
 Fri 8 May 26 9:30 RIP Mike Lordan

Sat 9 May 26 12:00 RIP Margaret Gaughan
 Sat 9 May 26 18:00 RIP Brendan Hunston
 Sun 10 May 26 9:30 RIP Daisy Woollaston
 Sun 10 May 26 11:00 RIP Elsie & Bill Hunt

Mon 11 May 26 9:30 RIP Tony Bullivant
 Wed 13 May 26 9:30 RIP Alexis Gaughan
 Thu 14 May 26 9:30 RIP Ray Bishop
 Fri 15 May 26 9:30 RIP Katie Nelson

Sat 16 May 26 12:00 RIP John Martin
 Sat 16 May 26 18:00 RIP Anne Costello
 Sun 17 May 26 9:30 Int Nesta Martin & family
 Sun 17 May 26 11:00 Edith & Clem Brady RIP

Mon 18 May 26 9:30 RIP Alexis Gaughan
 Wed 20 May 26 9:30 RIP Bert Owen
 Thu 21 May 26 9:30 RIP Ray Bishop
 Fri 22 May 26 9:30 RIP Neil Wilkinson
 & Christopher Boot

Sat 23 May 26 12:00 Int Stephen & Christina Groves
 (50th W An)
 Sat 23 May 26 17:00 RIP Leo Carroll
 Sun 24 May 26 9:30 Int of Mary Duffy (85th Bday)
 Sun 24 May 26 11:00 Retirement Thanks Dcn Michael

Mon 25 May 26 9:30 Iwan & Lucia Selo
 Wed 27 May 26 to Fri 29 May 26 Fr Peter away

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>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 noon</p>		<p>(H) Exposition and Confessions from 11:15am</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">5pm</p>
Sunday	<p style="text-align: center;">9:30am</p>		<p>Children's Liturgy 1st Sunday (H)</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">11am</p>
Monday		<p style="text-align: center;">9:30am <i>Chaplet of the Divine Mercy after mass Confessions after Mass</i></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>	

YOUNG DISCERNERS GROUP

“What are you seeking?” - John 1:38

Are you a young man in **School Years 9 - 13**, who wants to **explore a vocation to the Catholic priesthood**?

Come to **St. Mary's College, Oscott** in Birmingham on **Saturday 9th May 2026, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Spend time with others who are thinking about a vocation to the priesthood and **meet Fr. Craig Szmidt** (Diocesan Director of Vocations).

There will be time for **discussion and prayer**, a **tour of Oscott**, and an opportunity to **speak with seminarians**, joining them for the **celebration of Holy Mass** and lunch.

To find out more, or to book (by 26th April) contact **Deacon Owen Gresty** **0121 321 5135** or **deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk**

FREE OF CHARGE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL



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WHAT TO EXPECT



For young adults 18-29 to build a community where the freedom to discover and share faith together is paramount.



This is a chance for young adults to explore the real and relevant topics that challenge us in our faith, as we navigate life as young Catholics in the world today, in a safe and inclusive environment. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you are in your journey of faith.

St Mary & St Thomas More, 100 Club

Rules of Operation

Purpose

The 100 Club is a small society lottery regulated by the Gambling Act (2005), and registered with Cannock Chase District Council by St Mary's Church, Cannock, a Small Non-Commercial Society run for the benefit of the Parish of St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock, in its pastoral, cultural and community activities.

Rules

1. The 100 Club is run on an annual basis, from March to February each year.
2. Membership of the Club is open to any adult person who pays the annual subscription before the first draw of the year
3. Each member is allocated a number which is entered into the draw. Members keep the same number/s until they cancel their membership.
4. Members may have as many numbers as they wish, paying the subscription for each number.
5. There is no limit on the number of members.
6. The draw takes place quarterly as decided by the Parish Priest & advertised in the parish.
7. All communications of the 100 Club, including the announcement of the winners of each draw, is made in the weekly Newsletter of the parish, which is distributed in the Church and across social media.
8. Any prize which remains unclaimed after 12 months reverts to the Parish.
9. The levels of subscription, and the number of prizes are decided each year by the Parish Priest, and in consultation with the parish fundraising group, then are made clear to members at the time they pay their subscription.
10. All matters of interpretation and the variation of these rules are referred to the Parish Priest of *St Mary and St Thomas More*, Cannock, who acts in accordance with the guidance of the Licensing Authority, Cannock Chase District Council, as authorised by the Gambling Act (2005).

For more info, or if you can't continue, please contact organiser, Veronica, on 07808 899239.
DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: 31 March 2026

Join the 100 Club and support your parish!

(Birmingham Diocesan Trust: Reg Charity No. 234216)



There are four quarterly prize draws with prizes of £150, £100 and £50 - a total of £1,200 in prizes!

The 100 Club is our parish lottery. The funds raised go to help the Parish. To take part you become a member. The cost is just £25 per year, which you pay by 31st March each year.

How to Join or Renew

To join, or renew your membership, please use the pre-printed envelopes provided and make payments as indicated on the envelopes, as set out below.

CASH or CHEQUES, (payable to St Mary's Cannock), should be placed in the pre-printed envelope and handed in with info requested on them, after any of the weekend Masses.

ONLINE PAYMENTS can be made at cannock.mydona.com. Please leave your name as a message when making your payment as a reference.

CARD PAYMENTS can be made by selecting 100 Club, then £25 on the card reader in church.

PLEASE notify the organiser, Veronica, when payment is made when using **ONLINE & CARD READER**, together with date and time, and by noting it on the envelope and **RETURNING** the **ENVELOPE**, as it can become difficult to trace without the details!

**PLEASE ENSURE
CORRECT PAYMENT METHODS ARE USED**

NEW MEMBERS please use spare blank pre-printed envelopes to enrol, (at the back of the box) as well as notify organiser of your intention to join, to lessen any complications arising

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

Rota <i>Date is of Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday 6pm</i>		<i>Sunday 11:00am</i>	
	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Ministers</i>
Mar 8	Wendy Owens Jeev Jinson	Lisa Gretton Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Cath Hunt
Mar 15	Amy Pritchard Margaret Tym	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Doug Bruce David Korzonek
Mar 22	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Wendy Owens Sr Norbert	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Helen Land Stephanie Hewitt
Mar 29	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Stephanie Hewitt Gerard Dillon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
Apr 5	<i>Easter Vigil Rota</i>	Amy Pritchard Tony Gaughan	Mike Burrowes Liz Fraser	Caroline Baker Chris Hewitt
Apr 12	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek
Apr 19	Wendy Owens Jeev Jinson	Lisa Gretton Sr Norbert	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby Cath Hunt
Apr 26	Amy Pritchard Margaret Tym	Lindsay Rotchell Grace Bishop	William Pearce, Dave Guy	Doug Bruce David Korzonek
May 3	Vikki Wilson Lynn Jones	Wendy Owens Sr Norbert	Shirley Weatherby Denisse Perks	Helen Land Stephanie Hewitt
May 10	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy Doug Bruce	Stephanie Hewitt Gerard Dillon	Sheila Houghton Carol Garnett
May 17	Patrick Warren Cath Hunt	Amy Pritchard Tony Gaughan	Mike Burrowes Liz Fraser	Caroline Baker Chris Hewitt
May 24	Kay Rimmer Lindsay Rotchell	Clare Bridges Cath Hunt	Justine Lomas Miriam Gannon	Colman Whitelaw Gail Korzonek

Saturday 6pm Stewards Rota ...

A	Mar 28	Apr 25	May 24	Jun 21	Jul 19	Aug 16	Sep 13	Oct 11	Patrick & Patsy Warren
B	Apr 4	May 2	May 31	Jun 28	Jul 26	Aug 23	Sep 20	Oct 18	Gerard Dillon & Kay Rimmer
C	Apr 11	May 9	Jun 7	Jul 5	Aug 2	Aug 30	Sep 27	Oct 25	Eileen Clancy
D	Apr 18	May 16	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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