



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

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A more detailed parish directory and guide to activities is here: [bit.ly/M-Directory](http://bit.ly/M-Directory)



## Sunday 14th December 2025 – Third Sunday in Advent (Year A)

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

Sat	13 Dec	12 noon	H	RIP B Keege (nee Robinson)	<b>Advent 3</b> <b>BAMBINELLI</b> <i>Bring your Cribs/Baby</i> <i>Jesus to be blessed!!</i> Blue Bag = Flowers (H) Building Fund / Car Park (C)
Sat	13 Dec	6 pm	C	RIP Sam & Muriel Taylor	
Sun	14 Dec	9.30 am	H	RIP Ray Bishop	
Sun	14 Dec	11 am	C	RIP Peter Garnett	
Mon	15 Dec	9.30 am	*H	RIP Gordon & June Weatherby	
Wed	17 Dec	9.30 am	C	RIP Fred Prestwood	Advent 3
Wed	17 Dec	11:30am	H	<i>Mass in Centenary Hall with Lunch Club</i>	Advent 3
Thu	18 Dec	9.30 am	C	RIP Albert Wood & Robert Fox	Advent 3
Fri	19 Dec	9.30 am	C	RIP Alice & Thomas McCabe	Advent 3
Sat	20 Dec	12 noon	H	Thanks Terry & Christine Green (50th W Ann)	<b>Advent 4</b> Blue Bag = Building Fund / Car Park (C)
Sat	20 Dec	6 pm	C	RIP Derek Jones	
Sun	21 Dec	9.30 am	H	All bereaved in past 2 years	
Sun	21 Dec	11 am	C	RIP Irene & Bert Owen	
Sun	21 Dec	4pm	H	<b>Carols in the Grotto!</b> 🎵	

**\*Midweek Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes currently take place in the Presbytery**

**School Masses** usually anticipate the following Sunday: Masses at St Joseph and St Thomas More usually in school.

Wednesday mass (C) is in church and includes children from St Mary's School.

**Confessions during Exposition** Saturday 11am (H), 5:15pm (C)

**Rosary** 9am (C) before Mass on Wed, Thu, Fri; **Divine Mercy Chaplet** (C) Thursdays after Mass

**Hednesford Christmas Market (H)** Sunday December 14th 10:15am in the Hall (after the Bambinelli Mass). Please bring Homemade cakes on the day.

**Sunday Masses** this weekend are led by the schools. Your own Bambinelli will be blessed at those masses, or alternatively the Saturday masses.

**Mass Intentions** – there have been very many requests for dates in advance, well into 2026. Please be aware, as always, that your preferred date may not be available. The Mass Calendar will be updated as soon as possible.

**More Stewards and Readers** needed! – especially at Hednesford. Please see Poster and Newsletter Online for more into or speak to Paul or Lombe.

**Fr Hudson's Caritas – Christmas Project** Centenary Hall (H) was used as the drop off point on Friday for Foodbank donations from our local and not so local schools. The total amount collected was an amazing 792.70kg.

**Church Cleaning for Christmas (H)** 9am on Saturday 20 December 2025

**Quick Guide to Christmas Eve Masses: 12noon like Saturday; 3pm & 5pm Nativity (Family) mass; Come as Nativity Character or Wear Christmas Jumper; Children reading; fun! 7pm Sublime!**

**Can you help Fr Peter acquire the following items?** **Straw** (for Crib at Cannock); **Empty Jam Jars** of glass with screw lids; **Chocolate Coins or similar** (for children on Christmas Eve); **Newspapers** (for Fr Peter's Parrot's cage)

**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](mailto:sg.olohednesford@rcaob.org.uk) and Stephanie Hewitt [sg.stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk) and. Alternatively, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

## Please Pray for ...

*Peace and Justice: in Gaza and the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine and all places beset by war*

*Our Parishes, and the work of evangelisation and teaching the faith, especially through our schools and the Shrine*

**Thanksgivings:** *Ezra James Busby-Gannon - to be baptised on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>!*



**All who are sick or other kinds of need:** Fr Simon Bishop SJ, Anthony Costello, James Hunt, Valerie Brace; Clare Burrowes, Alan C, Alan White, Allan Weatherby, Allison, Angela Freary, Anna Bayliss, Anne Conway-Jones, 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, Jo Reading, Joan O'Sullivan, John Dewhurst, John Martin, Josephine Kafwembe, Josie Morris, Julie, June, June W, Kath Poole, Kathleen Mongon, Kathy Dodd, Katie, Keith Davies, Kyriese, Layla, Louise, Maggie Dale, Margaret B, Margaret Phipps, Margaret Reynolds, Marie, Marion, Mark Duffy, Mary D, Mary Klek, Mary Philpott, Mary Turvey, Matt G, Matt Twohig, Maureen, Michael Liddy, Michael M, Mick Flynn, Mick Jobburns, Mike Baldwin, Nicola McCulloch, Oscar Wordsworth, Pat & Wilf Palmer, Pat Lester, Pat Seery, Pat W, Patricia, Patrick, Pauline March, Peer Mohammed, Peggy, Peter Dunton, Peter H, Peter Hawthorne, Peter Maciejewski, Peter Woollaston, Phyllis Michael, Rajinder, Rev Ned Kelly, Richard Sharp, Robert, Russell Mackuin, Sophie King, Sue Atkinson, Sue Green, Sue Titley, Sylvia Hale, Tess Dudley, Tim Wright, Tom Poxon, Tony Bullivant, Val B, Vincent Dockery, Zorah McQuillan

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

## The Holy Souls

**Recently departed:** Kevin Corfield, Anne Shepherd, Fr David Keniry

## Anniversaries

- 14/12** Margaret Kilkenny 2001, William Connolly 2001, Audrey Favreh 2001, Harriet Denny 2004  
**15/12** Joan Goode 1997, Lilian Wassall 2003, David Thomas  
**16/12** Violet Rose 1978  
**17/12** Kathleen Longstaff 1998, Bridget Sneyd 2014, Sheila Pee  
**18/12** Stephanie Jones 1988, Edith Wilkins 1995, Harold Crabb 1999, Irene Jones 2011, Albert Wood, Harold Holt  
**19/12** Alice Fegan 1993, Eileen Fallon 1998, Keith Hood 1999  
**20/12** Mary Martin 1999, Edna Raciejenski 2001, Josepine Ingaglia 2007, Richard Kirton, Marie Therese Christane Warren, Fred Taylor

## Financial Report

**Second Collections:** 18 January 2026 Pax Christi. (Printed info at the back of the each Church)

*Cannock Second Collections are for Car Park when there is no other 2nd Collection.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** 7 Dec Standing Orders £149. GA £74, other £230.20, Second collection Poor Parishes Fund GA £25.19, other £45.62.

**St Mary & St Thomas More** 7 Dec St Orders £439, Christmas Bazaar £3,005; Hot Chocolate (for Car Park) £46, Other items to be counted by next week.

**Cannock Christmas Market:** Over £3,000 raised! Thanks to all involved. Full list of prize winners is in the Newsletter Online, and on the Noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church. All prizes have been claimed or winners notified.

**Foodbank** from Hednesford and Cannock: 17.10kg. Thanks for your support!

**Priest's Christmas** are the words you will see on the donation machines in Church ... there are also envelopes available for you to make your Christmas Offering to your parish priest, as you wish. Thank you!

<b>Newsletter Online</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/M-Latest">bit.ly/M-Latest</a>	<b>Calendar of Mass intentions</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/M-Masscalendar">bit.ly/M-Masscalendar</a>	<b>Newsletter Online</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/M-Latest">bit.ly/M-Latest</a>	<b>Live Stream of Masses at Cannock (C)</b> <a href="http://stmcancock.org">stmcancock.org</a>
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or Fr Peter [stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary-sttm.cannock@rcaob.org.uk) before Thursday afternoon.*