

Good News!



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19th August • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. Practising Catholics, clear in conscience that they are properly prepared, may receive **holy communion**. Others are invited to come forward for a **blessing**. If so, please place your hand on your heart to indicate this to the priest, deacon or minister.

Masses, Intentions & other services

Check mass intentions online at bit.ly/mass-intentions

19th August • 20th Sunday • Holy Communion

Sat 18 5pm Josie Morris, Birthday Intentions
Sun 19 8am Norman Rowe RIP
10.30am Mike Lordan RIP

Mon 20 No Mass
Tue 21 7pm Jean Golik RIP
Wed 22 9:15am Holy Souls
Thu 23 9:15am Dayananda Jayawardene RIP
Fri 24 9:15am David Bruce RIP
Sat 25 10am Parish & People

26th August • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Loyalty

Sat 25 5pm Betty Marie Poole RIP
& Anne Marie Nagle RIP
Sun 26 8am Nick McGuikin RIP
10.30am Holy Souls

Saints & Holy Days Mon, *St Bernard*, Tues, *St Pius X*, Wed, *Our Lady Mother & Queen*, Thurs, *St John Wall*, Fri, *St Bartholomew*, Sat, *Our Lady*

No Children's Liturgy in August

Exposition (Holy Hour) Saturdays 9am to 9.50am

Rosary 8.50am before Mass on Thursday and Friday

Morning Prayer 9.40am Saturday

Confessions Sat 9-9.50am, 10.30-11am, 4.30-4.50pm.

Baptisms August 26th 2pm Lottie and Lyla Quince

Funeral Service of Ian "Sludge" Lees, Thursday 30th August at 11.30am in St Mary's.

Parish Income 12th Aug £496 (Gift Aid £265), Carpet Fund £423 (Gift Aid £216) Parish Annual financial report: bit.ly/2LogYZH

Double your Pound ... almost there ... a chance to take part in a quiz . after the Sunday 10.30am Mass. Get your quiz sheets!

100 Club Winners: 105 Clare Yates; 78 Margaret Jones; 15 Mary Green. Thanks to members and organisers.

St Mary's Centre 01543 579364

Sunday Carvery 12-3pm £6.95

Wednesday Carvery 5.30-8pm 2 for £10

Thursday OAP Special:

12-2pm £4.00 (£5.95 non oaps)

Saturday Menu 4-8pm 2 for £9

ALL FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR

I am the living bread ...

Refugee Day Cardinal Griffin Catholic College are hosting a Refugee Day for a small number of Syrian families soon. Donations of children's toys and clothing (boys/girls up to approx 13 years) as well as items for appropriate food parcel would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left with Jo Burrowes or Shirley Weatherby or ask either of them for further information on ways to support the day.

St Mary's Friendship Group meets on alternate Mondays (not Bank Holidays) from 12-1.45pm at St Mary's Centre. There are speakers and also trips. The next meeting is on Mon 3rd September. There is an Tue 21st Aug on a Classic Bus to the Aldridge Transport Museum, leaving St Mary's at 11.30am £5 each. Photos of the recent trip to the National Arboretum are on the parish facebook page: bit.ly/2MF3jcX The cake sale raised £60 for group funds. Veronica 07808899239.

Situations Vacant in the Diocese. Administrative Roles at Maryvale: bit.ly/2mDRacX and Youth Service bit.ly/2M8gbMB Vocations Fieldworkers bit.ly/2nnc4gW Follow the links to find out more.

World Meeting of Families. Petitions are being taken by Archbishop Bernard and Diocesan pilgrims. They will be presented to Pope Francis at the closing Mass. Email your prayers to lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org by August 19th. More info here: bit.ly/2KV5l2p.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington is on Sep 2nd. The poster is here: bit.ly/2m1CzNz.

Cardinal Griffin students celebrate amazing A Level results! The pass rate was 99.2% and three quarters of the grades were A*-C. All who applied for Higher Education got places. There are students leaving to study at the universities of Cambridge, Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Loughborough, Lancaster, Nottingham, Bangor, Cardiff and others. Headteacher, Mr Burrowes said "The students and staff deserve a great deal of credit for these results. I wish all of our students well as they embark upon the next stage of their lives, and I thank them for the leadership and example they have displayed over their time at the college."

Fr Peter

Coming Soon ...

August

21st Aldridge Transport Museum Friendship Group (tel. 07808 899239)

September

Sep 8th 60th Birthday Party!

The Birthday Boy has asked for no personal presents please, but rather donations for the Parish Development Fund.

Tickets (£5 or more for adults) from Shirley Weatherby after mass each weekend and at other times. We need to sell most tickets in advance in order to ensure numbers for catering.

Sep 9 New Life Sale: 6pm - 9pm, £5 tickets.

Great bargains and a wonderful fund raiser for the parish. Get your tickets now!

10th Fund Raising Meeting 7pm

October

6th 7.30pm Barn Dance in St Mary's Community Centre Mucky Duck Ceilidh Band - back by popular request. Buffet.

November

1st All Saints' Mass at St Mary's at 7pm (jointly with Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford)

4th Blessing of Graves 2pm at Hednesford

24th Christmas Fair 12 noon till 2pm

1st December: Advent Retreat - more information to follow soon.

A Diocesan Safeguarding Review is being undertaken by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE, an independent charity. Anyone who has had experience with safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, working with parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese is invited to speak to the team. Please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

Please Pray ...

... The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of August. The treasure of Families: that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

... for Persecuted Christians: Please pray for China where new regulations for Chinese churches has led to increased harassment including church closures and demolitions and a ban on children attending services.

... for Sr Jacinta and the other sisters from Bloxwich who are taking part in Adoremus in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September.

... for all receiving examination results at this time

... for those in our parish receiving communion at home: Norah Perry, Peter Clamp, Don and Breeda Hinton, Gerry Marriott, Billie Wyles, Maria Wacławski, Catherine Holloway, Bernard Deakin, Iris Robertson, Mary Casey, Christine Rogers.

... for those undergoing or recovering from treatment or otherwise in particular need of our prayers: Peter Garnett, Don McCulloch, Jean Carmichael, Hannah

Newborough, Stephen Thomas, Michelle Bell, Peter Clamp, Kevin O'Mahony, Tom Murphy, LeeAnn Lister, Ray Bishop, Audrey George, Mitek Karasinska, Cath Hunt, Geoff Tipping, Fred Houghton.

... for the sick or housebound: Mary Rowley, Kath Turner, Stella Skillen, Winifride Haynes, Annette Mason, Doris Crabb, Joanne Jeavons, Bob Evans, Nicola McCulloch, Celia Hurdiss, Dee Fellows, David Holt, Theresa Hadley, Dr Peter Hayward, Fr Pat Farrelly, June Weatherby.

... for all in need of our prayers, including James B, and Helen

... for those who have died recently: Alistair (brother in law of Fr Jeremy Howard), Ian "Sludge" Lees (funeral 30th August 11.30am at St Mary's), Barbara Smith

... for those with anniversaries about this time: 21st Enid Wilson, 23rd Andrew Ponton, 24th Andrew Wooton, 26th Dieter Grunow

Thanksgivings ...

... for amazing A level results!

... for the recent marriages of Clare and Adam and of Hannah and Josh

Full Sunday rota is at bit.ly/cannockrota

ROTAS	Readers Sat 5pm	Ministers Sat 5pm	Readers Sun 8am	Ministers Sick Visiting	Readers Sun 10.30am	Ministers Sun 10.30am	Counters	Cleaning	Stole Washing
August 19th Sunday 20 <i>Holy Communion</i>	Françoise Gray Cath Hunt	Gail & David Korzonek C Bridges, C Jackson	Marie-Therese Cornes	D & M Hibberts	Javier Gonzalez-Fritz Wendy Owens	Eileen Clancy, Julie Kennedy Pat Johnston, Sister Jacinta	G. Keeling, C. Bridges	Team 1 David Gleve Peter Garnet I Savage	Margaret Harris
August 26th Sunday 21 <i>Loyalty</i>	Patrick Warren Wendy Owens	S & T Bullivant P & C Wilson	David Korzonek	S & T Bullivant	Martyn Porter Shirley Weatherby	Gail & David Korzonek C Bridges, C Jackson	E. Clancy, G. Dockery	Team 2 S & P Kilgallon G Dockery	Margaret Harris