

Good News!



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26th August • 21st 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

26th August • 21st 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

Mon 27 No Mass

Tue 28 7pm Ken & Alice Jones RIP

Wed 29 9:15am Thanksgiving (MB)

Thu 30 9:15am Elsie Jeans RIP

Fri 31 9:15am Frank Davenport RIP

Sat 1 10am Betty Murphy RIP

2nd September • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sat

Sat 1 5pm Jack McDonnell RIP

Sun 2 8am Parish & People

10.30am Betty Murphy RIP

Saints & Holy Days Mon, *St Monica*, Tues *St Augustine*, Wed, *The Beheading of St John the Baptist*, Thurs, *Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward*, Martyrs, Friday, *Saint Aidan, Bishop and Missionary*, and the Saints of Lindisfarne, 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.

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

Parish Income 19th Aug £478 (Gift Aid £225), Carpet Fund £423 (Gift Aid £216) Parish Annual financial report: bit.ly/2LogYZH

Next second collections .. 26th Aug, CTF retiring collection, 9th Sept, Carpet Fund

Double your Pound ... has raised £925 ... so far!

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

Quiz sheets for sale after 10:30am mass this Sunday. Prize for the winner depending on number of sheets sold. If there is a tie a draw will be made for the winner.

Adoption Focus. Interested in adopting? See poster: <http://bit.ly/2M66fTX> and letter bit.ly/2Ost7JT

Intolerable language ...

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer Preparation Day for next year's service at St Stephen's Methodist Church on Thu 13 Sep at 10am. Info from Sue 01543 578542.

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

St Mary's Friendship Group meets on alternate Mondays from 12-1.45pm at St Mary's Centre. Next meeting is Mon 3rd Sep. Info from Veronica 07808899239.

Apostleship of the Sea Mass in honour of our patron Our Lady Star of the Sea on Sat 15 Sep at 4.30pm in St Chad's Cathedral.

Pilgrimage of the Sick to Hednesford - Sun 16 Sep, 3pm. Led by Bishop Robert Byrne for all those who are sick, their families and carers, Chaplains and Chaplaincy Volunteers and Healthcare Workers and Volunteers. Poster: bit.ly/2BASZSi

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.

SVP Appeal for Kerala.

Kerala is the most Christian state in India and has been devastated recent floods. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away. SVP is doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal: visit www.svp.org.uk, call 020 7703 3030 or send a cheque. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

Fr Peter

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

Coming Soon ...

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. Profits to Development (Carpet) Fund. £10. Poster here: bit.ly/2o05RHS*

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.*

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 all those suffering in Kerala after the recent floods

... for the World Meeting of families in Dublin

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

... 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 those in our parish receiving communion at home: Norah Perry, Peter Clamp, Don and Breeda Hinton, Gerry Marriott, Billie Wyles, Maria Waclawski, 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, Josie Riley

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

... for those who have died recently: Alistair, Ian "Sludge" Lees, Barbara Smith

... for those with anniversaries about this time: 28th Franciczek Korzonek, 29th Dorothy Holt, Harold Wooliscroft, 30th Patricia Quinn

Thanksgivings ...

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

... for the good examination results

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).

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 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
Sep 2nd Sunday 22	Pat Wilson Doug Bruce	D Gleve, S Weatherby Jo Burrowes & R Cranney	Marie-Therese Cornes	M Sargeant	Justine Lomas Clare Jackson	P & C Garnett A Gaughan M Harris	Michael Seavers David Gleve	Team 3 M. Jones, S Clancy G Dockery	Carole Garnett