

Good News!

25th November • Feast of Christ the King

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.



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Masses, Intentions & other services

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

25th November • 34th Sunday • Leader

Sat 24 5pm Holy Souls (Memorial Mass)

Sun 25 8am Parish & People
10.30am Mike Lordan RIP

Mon 26 No Mass

Tue 27 7pm Cath Hunt Intentions

Wed 28 9:15am Betty Murphy RIP (School Mass)

Thu 29 9:15am Maria Rowland RIP
1.45pm Holy Souls (at St Thomas More School)

Fri 30 9:15am Clare Breeze RIP

Sat 1 10am Eucharistic Service (No Mass)

2nd December • First Sunday of Advent • Hope

Sat 1 5pm John & Helen Prendergast

Sun 2 8am Maria Rowland RIP
10.30am Mary Bosworth RIP

WEAR SOMETHING RED ON #REDWEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 28 November people across the UK will be standing together in solidarity for the world's persecuted Christians. St Chad's Cathedral, which will be floodlit red for a whole week to incorporate this special day. More info here: bit.ly/2TEQiEs

Saints & Holy Days Friday, *St Andrew the Apostle*, Saturday *St Edmund Campion*.

Children's Liturgy Sunday at 10.30am Mass

Exposition (Holy Hour) Saturdays 9am to 9.50am

Funeral 11am Thu 29th Nov Kathleen Morrell

Baptism 2nd Dec 12noon, Joshua Embury & George Metcalf.

Rosary 8.50am before Mass on Thursday and Friday

Morning Prayer 9.40am Saturday

Confessions usually Sat 9-9.50am, 10.30-11am, 4.30-4.50pm, but no morning confessions on 1st.

Parish Income 18th Nov £531 (£247 Gift Aid), Carpet Fund £45 (£45 Gift Aid). Thank you!

Second collections: this weekend: 25th Nov Catholic Youth Service, 2nd Dec Christmas Flowers, 9th Dec Carpet Fund.

APF Total for October quarter was £624.43 and total for the year £2625.60. Thank you to promoters and subscribers!

Please submit notices and items for publication to Fr Peter by hand, by text 07766 335591 or by email to priest@cannockcatholic.org

My Kingdom is not of this world.

Welcome to those at the 5pm Memorial Mass Saturday for all our loved ones.

Griffin Christmas Party

A generous invitation to those of a certain age to join this party on Thursday 20th December from 2pm till 4:30pm. Limited numbers: book now using the letters available from the back of the Church or from here: bit.ly/2JRKp25

CONTACTLESS IS HERE!



The contactless terminal available for donations from this weekend. It will be available for use from next weekend. To begin with it will be used just for donations to parish funds but not yet for second collections and Gift Aid. The machine is set to receive £2, but you can give increase this to £5 or £10 by tapping the button. Gift Aid will be possible early in the new year.

Carols. Dec 11 7.30pm.

Come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie with Songbirds in Harmony at Our Lady of Lourdes Centenary Hall. Donations on the door

to be shared by Our Lady's and MIND.

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fair this weekend, and especially to all who worked so hard for its success.

Journey of Faith

Thursday at 7pm in the Centre. Fr Jeremy Howard speaks about Fr Alfred Delp, a German priest and victim of the Nazis who described Christian Spirituality in a book "All is Advent". More info about Fr Delp is here bit.ly/2AgWN7y

Diocesan Newsletters

for November can be read here: no. 1 bit.ly/2JRKX89 and no. 2 here: bit.ly/2TEuoT5

Notices from the Diocese and further afield:

Maryvale: BA in Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition, Scholarship Offer. bit.ly/2KtppyY

Diocesan Education Service: A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools in the Diocese. bit.ly/2TEsikD

Good Counsel Fast Day for Sanctity of Life: <http://bit.ly/2TFjvPy>

Fr Peter

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St Mary's Centre 01543 579364

Sunday Carvery 12-4pm £6.95

Wednesday Carvery 5.30-8pm 2 for £10

Thursday 5.30-8pm 2 for £10 (OAP £4 each)

Friday 5.30pm-8.30pm from 2 for £10

ALL FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR

Advent and Christmas

Choir practices for Christmas Eve services every Tuesday 6pm in Church. All welcome!

Sat Dec 1st Retreat Day

Coolock Pastoral Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme. We leave Cannock at 9:45am from the Car Park. The days ends with mass at 3pm. Bring your own lunch, including things to share. List to sign at the back of the Church - especially if you need a lift or can offer one.

Sun Dec 2nd 4.30pm Advent Light celebration

at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford. A short service of light, then a procession to the grotto!

Wed 5th Dec 6pm Reconciliation Service

For candidates for first holy communion and confirmation, their parents: everyone else is very welcome!

Sun Dec 9th is Bambino Sunday

Please bring your Baby Jesus to Mass on Saturday 5pm or ? Sunday (8am, 10.30am) for him to be blessed!

Sun Dec 9th 6.30pm Christmas Concert at St Mary's

St Stephen's Gospel Choir entertain and inspire again. Admission £5 per adult, £1 per child, pay on the door.

Dec 13th 6pm Christmas Reflection

led by St Thomas More School (note start time!)

Dec 21st 1.15pm Christmas Carols

led by St Mary's School

Christmas Services

Parish Christmas Cards now available from Church: please distribute some to friends, neighbours and family.

Christmas Eve 4pm Nativity Mass; 6pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass of Christmas Night

Christmas Day 10am Mass of Christmas Day

Family Christmas Party in the Centre, Sunday December 30th from 6pm. Tickets available soon!

Please Pray ...

... The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

... for all who have lost their lives, or their loved ones, or their property in the terrible fires in California

... for all those who are persecuted for their faith, that they will be given courage and hope to persevere

... for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

... for our country, the government and all involved in the difficult discussions and negotiations which have come about after the referendum to leave the European Union: that there may be wisdom and a concern for all in society, especially the most vulnerable

... for the sick or housebound: Don McCulloch, Mary Rowley, Helen Pawlak, Kath Turner, Stella Skillen, Winifride Haynes, Annette Mason, Doris Crabb, Joanne Jeavons, 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: Mary Kirby, Tom Murphy, 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: Fr Paul Chamberlain, Peter Garnett, Hannah Newborough, Peter Clamp, Kevin O'Mahony, Tom Murphy, LeeAnn Lister, Ray Bishop, Audrey George, Mitek Karasinska, Geoff Tipping, Fred Houghton, Josie Riley, James B, Helen, Michelle & Chris Bell

The Holy Souls

.... for the departed souls of our parish and our families

... for those who have died recently: Tom Murphy, Fr Petroc Howell, Kathleen Morrell, Mary Bricklebank, Edna Mooney.

... for those with anniversaries about this time: 26 Norman Kirton, Mike Lordan, 27 Agnes Landon, Mary Tarbuck, 28 Patrick Molloy.

Thanksgivings

... for a successful Christmas Fair!

... for the devotion of all those who work for help the poorest and those in greatest need.

... for our wonderful parish schools!

Full rota is at bit.ly/cannockparishrota

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
November 25th Sunday 34 Christ the King	Paul Doyle Morna Doyle	S & T Bullivant P & C Wilson	Margaret Tym	M Harris & Amy Pritchard	Tom Burrowes Richard Playfair	D Bruce, C Hunt C Whitelaw M Sargeant	Michael Seavers David Gleve	Team 3 M. Jones, S Clancy G Dockery	Sheila Bullivant
December 2nd Advent 1 YEAR C	Françoise Gray Cath Hunt	Gail & David Korzonek C Bridges, C Jackson	Shirley Weatherby	D & M Hibberts	Javier Gonzalez-Fritz Wendy Owens	Eileen Clancy, Julie Kennedy Pat Johnston, Sister Jacinta	M. Powell, S. Nelson	Team 4 M & B Briggs M Simpson	Nancy Costello