

Good News!

2nd December • Advent Sunday

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

2nd December • First Sunday of Advent • Hope

Sat 1	5pm	John & Helen Prendergast
Sun 2	8am	Maria Rowland RIP
	10.30am	Mary Bosworth RIP
Mon 3		No Mass
Tue 4	7.30pm	UCM (Advent Mass)
Wed 5	9.15am	Matteo - that his health will improve (School Mass)
Thu 6		No morning Mass
	1.45pm	Holy Souls (at St Thomas More School)
	4pm	Reception of the body of Tom Murphy
Fri 7	10:30am	Funeral Mass Tom Murphy
Sat 8	10am	Parish and People



9th December • Advent Two • Preparation

Sat 8	5pm	Michael Crofts RIP
Sun 9	8am	James & Hannah Whitehouse RIP
	10.30am	Marie Harris RIP

Saints & Holy Days Monday St Francis Xavier, Tuesday St John of Damascus, Wednesday St Birinus, Thursday St Nicholas, Friday, St Ambrose, Saturday Immaculate Conception

Children's Liturgy Sunday at 10.30am Mass

Journey in Faith is on a break till the new year.

Exposition (Holy Hour) Saturdays 9am to 9.50am

Funeral 11am Friday 7th Dec, Tom Murphy funeral mass (into Church Thursday 4pm)

Baptism 2nd Dec 12noon, Joshua Embury & George Metcalf; 1pm Conall Patrick Bing

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 25th Nov £624.10 (£271 Gift Aid), Catholic Youth Service £231 (£89.15 Gift Aid). Christmas Fair £2,500. Thank you!

Second collections: this weekend: Christmas Flowers, 9th Dec Carpet Fund, 16th Dec Poor Parishes Fund, 25th Dec Christmas Offerings.

Your liberation is near at hand!

Advent and Christmas

Parish Christmas Cards are now available - take one or more to give to friends and neighbours!

Walk with Me for Advent Booklets for daily readings and Family Calendars are now available. Help yourselves (donations welcome)

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!

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

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!

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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



Yes, we know it is cold!

For safety reasons the boiler is not operating during Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am masses. It should be working fine in time for the Sunday 10.30am Mass.

Diocesan Education Service:

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

The **contactless** terminal is now available 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.



Songbirds 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.

Please Pray ...

... The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

... Brendan Shannon who is sick

... Tom Murphy RIP

... 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, 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: Fr Paul Chamberlain, Peter Garnett, Hannah Newborough, Peter Clamp, Kevin O'Mahony, 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: Tony Nunn, Tom Murphy, Fr Petroc Howell, Kathleen Morrell, Mary Bricklebank, Edna Mooney. ... for those with anniversaries about this time: 3rd Maria Rowland, 5th Kenneth Morgan, 8th Margaret Jordan, John McCape

Thanksgivings

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

Advent is the time of promise; it is not yet the time of fulfilment. We are still in the midst of everything and in the logical inexorability and relentlessness of destiny ... Space is still filled with the noise of destruction and annihilation, the shouts of self-assurance and arrogance, the weeping of despair and helplessness. But round about the horizon, the eternal realities stand silent in their age-old longing. There, shines on them already the first mild light of the radiant fulfilment to come. From afar sound the first notes as of pipes and voices, not yet discernible as a song or melody. It is all far off still, and only just announced and foretold. But it is happening today.



Fr Alfred Delp (1907-1945) *Martyr and Priest of Advent*

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
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
December 9th Advent 2 YEAR C	Josie Morris Clare Jackson	D Bruce, C Hunt Teresa Smith M Sargeant	Michael Burrowes	A & R Hinsley	Schools	P & C Garnett Jo Burrowes & R Cranney	G. Keeling, C. Bridges	Team 5 A Spencer V Brookes, M Tym	Nancy Costello