

Good News!

17th March 2019 • Second Sunday of Lent

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

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Sat 16 5pm Tony Nunn RIP
Sun 17 8am Floss & Joe Hodgkiss RIP
10.30am Tom Murphy RIP
(also Jim & Beryl Cranney RIP)

Mon 18 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford

Tue 19 9.15am Mark & Family Intentions
Wed 20 9.15am Marie Beasley RIP (School mass)
Thu 21 9:15am Betty Murphy RIP
1:45pm Holy Souls (at St Thomas More School)
Fri 22 9.15am Nancy Quinn RIP
Sat 23 10am Parish & People

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Sat 23 5pm Betty & Pat Macguire RIP
Sun 24 8am Sylvia Robinson RIP
10.30am Stanley & Ellen Jefcoat RIP

Stations of the Cross: Sundays 4pm, Fridays 7pm

Saints & Holy Days Monday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor; Tuesday, St Joseph, Solemnity.

Children's Liturgy Sun 10.30 Mass

Exposition (Holy Hour) Saturdays 9am to 9.50am

Rosary 8.50am before Mass on Thursday and Friday; and

Rosary with the intention of the Unborn

First Saturday of each month at 9.40am with the intentions of the unborn. Prayer cards are available.

Morning Prayer 9.40am Saturday (not first Saturday).

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

Parish Income 10th March £503.41 (£193.50 Gift Aid); Parish Development Fund £330.02 (£112.55 Gift Aid). Thank you!

Second Collections 17th March Cafod, 17th March CTF retiring collection, 31st March Parish Development Fund, 7th April Easter Flowers. A full list of second collections can be found here: bit.ly/2LQNZKN

Clergy Training Fund The total collected for 2018 was £2,642. Thank you all for your support and to Richard for organising the regular retiring collections.

The disciples were afraid ...

Welcome to students and staff from Cardinal Griffin who lead the mass this Sunday at 10:30am.

Little Jimmy, the country & western singer is performing at the Centre on Friday March 29th at 7.30pm. **Tickets £5 including light refreshments now available.** All proceeds in aid of Development Fund.

Support the Friendship Club's application for funding from *Tesco Bags of Help Scheme*. Make any purchase in March and April at any of 4 local Tescos (Heath Hayes, Hednesford Great Wyrley and Stafford Road) and use the token you receive to place a vote.

Aid to the Church in Need have sent a letter of thanks for the Christmas donations. It is displayed at the back of the Church.

Diocesan Newsletter for March: bit.ly/2WoxwYh

The Sower Diocesan magazine now available from Church.

Did you notice? the bench, renovated in memory of Betty Murphy, outside the entrance to the Church?

New Life Sale
Sunday April 7th
6pm - 8pm at New Life
Tickets £5.

100 Club Envelopes for current members are at the back of the church. Return yours by 31st March please. Add your contact number, and please give the envelope to the representative: **don't place returned envelopes back in the box.**

Draws will be in May, Aug, Nov and Feb, three prizes of £100 each.

Each number costs £25 per year, payable in March and has 12 chances to win during the year. You can have as many numbers as you want.

If you want to withdraw from the 100 club, return your envelope with CANCELLED written across it.

NEW MEMBERS
Please give your details to one of the collectors, or call Veronica Davies on 07808899239 or 01922 513722. New Members will be contacted with their NEW number once all the envelopes have been returned.

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Murder Mystery Evening Centenary Hall Lourdes Saturday 11th Mass 7pm. Licensed bar. Adults £10, Children £6 includes food. For tickets contact Mick 07789 111767.

Thursday Night Dancing at St Mary's Centre, from 21st March. 8pm to 11pm. Admission £3. For more information call 07944 411005.

Food Bank Thank you for your continued donations. We collected 41.35 kg of food in January and 36.05 in February. Please keep these donations coming!

Marmelade and Jam £2.50 per jar from the back of Church.

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

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All functions catered for

Lent and Holy Week

Believe

Journey of Faith and Lent group on the Creed
Tuesdays 7.30pm (until 9th April)
Centenary Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford

Stations of the Cross

Sundays 4pm (not April 7th) and Fridays 7pm
Good Friday 12pm and 7pm

Mother's Day Family Mass

10:30am Mothering Sunday 31st March

Born for This

Cardinal Griffin Liturgy and Worship group and St Mary's Catholic Primary School choir. A moving liturgy of song, words and action commemorating the last few hours of Jesus' life. A retiring collection for Cafod and CGCC Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Sunday April 7th 4pm

Shadow of the Cross

St. Stephen's Gospel Choir

Tuesday April 16th 7pm

Please Pray ...

... The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: that Christian communities, especially those that are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights protected.

... for the 'Ladies in White' of Cuba, who go to Mass dressed in white then silently walk through the streets to remind the government that they are still awaiting the release of their unjustly detained family members. Many of them will be harassed, beaten or detained to stop them attending church.

... 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, Sandra Avery, 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 Waclawski, Catherine Holloway, Bernard Deakin, Iris Robertson, Mary Casey.
... for those in difficult situations at home or at work

... for those undergoing or recovering from treatment or otherwise in particular need of our prayers: Katie Bruce, Anne Costello, John Morris, Vincent Dockery, Peter Garnett, Hannah Newborough, Peter Clamp, Kevin O'Mahony, Ray Bishop, Audrey George, Mitek Karasinska, Geoff Tipping, Josie Riley, James B, Helen, Fr Neil Bayliss, Deacon Louis Livesey, Vanessa Bayliss

The Holy Souls

.... for the recently departed: Mary Harley
... for those with anniversaries about this time: 11th Ellen Jefcoat, Bryn Owens. 18th Tommy Gaughan; 19th Floss Hodgkiss; 20th Patrick Tyrell, Clare Weatherby; 21st Sheila Clarke; 22nd Robert Hender; 23rd Clifford Warren

Thanksgivings

... for the heritage of faith and witness of Catholic Ireland!

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
March 17th Lent Two	Stephen Clancy Jo Burrowes	A & R Hinsley D & M Hibberts	David Korzonek	Doug Bruce Cath Hunt	Cardinal Griffin	A Gaughan, M Harris, S Weatherby, C Whitelaw	Michael Seavers, David Gleve	Team 1 David Gleve Peter Sargeant I Savage	Carol Garnett
March 24th Lent Three	Paul Doyle Morna Doyle	S & T Bullivant P & C Wilson	Margaret Tym	C Bridges	Tom Burrowes Richard Playfair	D Bruce, C Hunt A Pritchard M Sargeant	M. Powell, S. Nelson	Team 2 S & P Kilgallon G Dockery	Carol Garnett