

# Good News!

31st March 2019 • Fourth 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](http://bit.ly/mass-intentions)

31st March • 4th Sunday of Lent • Forgiveness  
**Mothering Sunday**

Sat 30 5pm Norma Rowley RIP

Sun 31 8am Sandra Lakin RIP

10.30am Peter Garnett intentions

Mon 1 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford

Tue 2 9.15am Mandy Rigby RIP

Wed 3 9.15am Deceased members of McDonnell  
and Egan families (School mass)

Thu 4 9.15am Violet Perera RIP

1.45pm No mass this week at St Thomas More

Fri 5 9.15am Lucia Selo RIP

Sat 6 10am Parish & People

7th April • 5th Sunday of Lent • New Start

Sat 6 5pm Violet Huskinsson

Sun 7 8am John & Floss Probert RIP

10.30am Tom & Brenda Murphy RIP

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

**Saints & Holy Days** Sunday 31st, Fourth of Lent; Sunday 7th, Fifth of Lent.

**Baptism** 31st March, Vihara Anjani Kuruppu Arachchige,  
7th April Rose Amelia Sheppard, Lael Will Tatenda Exton.

**Children's Liturgy** Sun 10.30 Mass (not 31st)

**Exposition (Holy Hour)** Saturdays 9am to 9.50am

**Rosary** 8.50am before Mass on Thursday and Friday; and  
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** 24th March £438.21 (£183.50 Gift Aid),  
Legacy £1,000. Thank you!

**Second Collections** 31 March Parish Development Fund,  
**April:** 7th Easter Flowers, 12th Cyclone Idai (Cafod),  
19th Holy Places, 21st April Easter Offerings.

A full list of second collections is here: [bit.ly/2LQNZKN](http://bit.ly/2LQNZKN)

**Walk with Me** booklets and **Calendars**, and **Bible Alive**  
for Lent are now available.

**Diocesan Newsletter** for March (2) [bit.ly/2WoxwYh](http://bit.ly/2WoxwYh)

**APF boxes** in for April please.

## While he was still a long way off ...

**A Happy Weekend to  
all Mothers!**

**Cyclone Idai Second  
Collection**

Christine Allen, the recently appointed Director of CAFOD, requests, with the encouragement of the Archbishop, that our parishes to hold a second collection in the wake of the recent terrible emergency in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi caused by Cyclone Idai. This will take place on the weekend of 11/12 April.

**Nurses needed to  
support sick pilgrims**

The Diocese are a little short on nurses this year. Can you help? The pilgrimage runs from 25-31 May.

For more information and for contact details, please visit the Lourdes Hospitalite website:

[bit.ly/2UY91Ll](http://bit.ly/2UY91Ll)

**Hednesford**

**Pilgrimage** Sunday July 7th 50th Anniversary Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford, Archbishop Bernard, Mass at 3pm.

Poster: [bit.ly/2UWZswj](http://bit.ly/2UWZswj)

**100 Club : renew your  
numbers!**

**New Life Sale**

Sunday April 7th

6pm - 8pm at New Life

Tickets £5.

**Eggs please!** Donations of Creme eggs and similar for the children on Easter Day!

**Friendship Club**

1. Thanks to Morrisons for £15 for the flower arranging class led by June Jukes MBE.

2. Monday 1 April a guide dog for the blind will be visiting the Club : donations welcome.

3. The Friendship Club is part of the Asda green token scheme from April 2 to 30 June in Cannock Asda Store. Vote for them for more funds.

**Murder Mystery**

Centenary Hall Hednesford Sat 11 Apr 7pm. Adults £10, Children £6 includes food. For tickets contact Mick 07789 111767.

**Food Bank** Thank you for your continued donations. We collected 35.4 kg of food in March Please keep these donations coming!

**Thanks** to all who supported Little Jimmy evening - you raised £400!!!!

Fr Peter

Cyclone Idai has caused terrible devastation in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Please prayer for those affected and contribute to the appeal here: [bit.ly/2U3YZef](http://bit.ly/2U3YZef)

**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  
 @cannockreclub  
 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

**The Holy Triduum 18th to 20th April**

**Maundy Thursday** 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday** 12 & 7pm Stations of the Cross  
 3pm Liturgy of the Cross  
**Easter Vigil** 7pm Mass and Ceremonies

**Please Pray ...**

... for all those suffering in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe after Cyclone Idai.

... The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

... 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 political situation at present: 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 Wacławski, 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.

**The Holy Souls**

.... for the recently departed: Deacon Louis Livesey, Mary Harley, Theo Brennan-Hulme  
 ... for those with anniversaries about this time: 1st Arthur Perry; 2nd John Probert (senior), 6th Agnes Teresa Brown; 7th Emma Madigan

**Thanksgivings**

... for Mothers: our Mothers, all Mothers, Mothers on earth and Mothers in Heaven!

Full rota is at [bit.ly/cannockparishrota](http://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
<b>March 31st Lent Four Mothering Sunday</b>	Paul Doyle Morna Doyle	S & T Bullivant P & C Wilson	Margaret Tym	D & G Korzonek	<b>Schools</b>	D Bruce, C Hunt A Pritchard M Sargeant	G. Keeling, C. Bridges	Team 3 M. Jones, S Clancy G Dockery	Carol Garnett
<b>April 7th Lent Five</b>	Françoise Gray Cath Hunt	Gail & David Korzonek C Bridges, C Jackson	Shirley Weatherby	D & M Hibberts	E Sargeant Wendy Owens	Eileen Clancy, Julie Kennedy, Pat Johnston, Sister	E. Clancy, G. Dockery	Team 4 M & B Briggs M Simpson	Pat Seery