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26th March 2023 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Masses, Intentions and Services

Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIRST COLLECTION (RED BAGS) is for the parish
2nd Collection (Blue) : EASTER FLOWERS

Sat	25	5pm	George Didlock RIP & family
Sun	26	8am	Mrs Nycz (intentions)
Sun	26	10:30	Violet & Jean Claude Huskisson RIP
Tue	28	7pm	Sandra Mytton (sick)
Wed	29	9:30am	Sean Costello RIP
Thu	30	9:30am	Brendan Shannon RIP
Fri	31	9:30am	Neil Wilkinson & Christopher Boot RIP
Sat	1	10am	Tess Peters RIP

*If your clocks or alarms are to the internet-connected… you may wish to adjust them **forward** one hour this evening.*

Palm (Passion) Sunday

FIRST COLLECTION (RED BAGS) is for the parish
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Sat	1	5pm	Eithna Lowbridge RIP
Sun	2	8am	John & Floss Probert RIP
Sun	2	10:30	Bob Simmons RIP (birthday mom)

Stations of the Cross *Sundays in Lent 4pm*
Exposition & Benediction *Saturdays 10:30-11:30am*
Confessions *Saturday 10:30-11:30am*
Rosary *9:05am before Mass on Wed, Thu and Fri*
Divine Mercy Chaplet, *after mass on Thursday*
Sacred Heart Novena *during Mass on the 1st Friday*
Children's Liturgy during Sunday 10:30 mass *(except when there is a family mass)*
Baptism Applications: bit.ly/C-BaptismForm
Mass intentions : bit.ly/C-MassIntention
Calendar of Mass int: bit.ly/cannockmasslist

Notices

Born For This! performed by KS2 from St Marys in church on Friday 31st March at 2pm! Be there if you can … watch and listen if you can't!

Easter Raffle please return counterfoils, cash and unsold tickets as soon as possible.

Eggs Please donations for eggs to give the children on Easter Day are gladly received in Church. The basket is at the front the Church on the right hand side (near the sacristy). Thanks!!

Calling all Readers! (1) There is a rota at the back of the Church for you to put your name down as a reader during Holy Week. Please fill the spaces! (2) We are setting up a WhatsApp group for readers to enable swaps and to share the rota. If you are a reader and are happy for your number to be shared, please let us know.

Eucharistic Ministers meeting Tue 28 March at 7:30pm. Please come if you can. Please also add name to Holy Week rota.

100 Club - do not delay! Please renew or join now!

Finance report (March 19th) (Cash & Dona)
Collection £272 includes Gift Aid of £169. Cafod £15, Cathedral £2. Easter Flowers £38;Heating/ Development £78 Standing Orders £366 (average).
Thank you for your offerings! Please give by standing order if you do not do so already. You can also give through the digital collection plate, in Church, or at cannock.mydona.com. Please gift aid if you can.

Rota	Saturday 5pm			Sunday 8am		Sunday 10:30	
	Readers	Ministers	Stewards	Readers	Ministers	Readers	Ministers
March 25/26	Patrick Warren	Wendy Owens	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Michael Burrowes	Amy Pritchard	Gerard Dillon Justine Lomas	Carol Garnett
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Full Rota: bit.ly/C-Rota

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Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April

Mass at 5pm (Saturday),
Sunday 8am, 10.30am
Stations of the Cross 4pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 6th April

7pm Mass of the L0rd's Supper
followed by vigil of prayer till 9pm

Good Friday 7th April

12pm Stations of the Cross
(outdoors, weather permitting)
3pm Liturgy of the Passion
7pm Stations of the Cross

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April

Saturday 7pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 8am Mass
Sunday 10.30am Mass of **Easter Day**

Barn Dance April 29 7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.. Proceeds to the Joint Parishes SVP. *also …*
Murder Mystery Evening Sat 17 June 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Entry £6 (Please Bring your own food and drink)
Tickets available for both events from Cath Hunt.

The Leprosy Mission will no longer be accepting stamps after the end of March,. If you have collected any stamps please bring them to Church by the end of February or ring 01543578542.

Fr. Peter

Migration. *"Every migrant has a name, a face, and a story"* says Pope Francis. Migrants and refugees are human beings not just statistics, say theBishops' Conference as they release a new publication 'Love the Stranger', which gives the Catholic response to refugees and migrants. See **tinyurl.com/2nbq2oko**

Foodbank: Over 69 kg was donated last week by Cannock and Hednesford parishes! A great response. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Candles. Please pay **at least** £1 per large candle and 25p per small candle - in cash or by card.

Books from the back of Church - donations please for parish funds - recommended minimum is hardbacks £1; paperbacks 50p. Please pay donations to Piety Stall (cash or by machine)

SVP Meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes, Monday 3rd April at 9:30am

Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal.
Please donate at **cafod.org.uk/give.**

Tabor Living who support people to transition from homelessness to independent living, are moving into a new location at St Catherine of Siena, Birmingham. There is a Celebration event we are holding at St Catherine of Siena on Sunday 23rd April. Tabor Living, Mass 11am, (Archbishop Bernard) followed by refreshments will be available, and an opportunity view he renovations.
Further details fatherhudsons.org.uk/events/st-catherine-of-siena-celebration-event/305.htm

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage
Married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, are invited to the annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 29 April at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Go to **www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass**

Supporting those with Dementia
On Monday 20th March, 7.30 -8.30 p.m. there is an online meeting for anyone interested in how parishes can support older people and those who experience dementia. It has been prepared by Father Hudson's Care working with a number of local parish groups. The session is free. Please sign up at eventbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579

Please support the Friendship Club by collecting ASDA green tokens. Go to: **bit.ly/asdatoken**

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Prayer List

26th March 2023 from St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock.

FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, look with mercy upon the Ukrainian people. Protect them from aggression. Grant them peace and steadfast trust in your love. Give them courage to defend what is good, right, and holy; and provide for all their needs. Through the powerful intercession of the Mother of God, Protectress of Ukraine, and St Michael, the Archangel, Patron of Kyiv, banish violence swiftly from their midst and wipe away all tears.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY ALSO FOR

Those preparing for reception into the Church at Easter
Those preparing for first holy communion in May
All struggling in the current financial crisis;

THE SICK and other needs

All who are sick and their carers, especially …
Paula, who has suffered a stroke
Peter Bladon several strokes and other complications
Baby Archie Barlow, poorly in hospital) and his parents
Viv Simmons, quite unwell
Garrett M, quite poorly, for rapid return to health
Dennis, 16. struggling with loss
Ben P, terminal cancer diagnosis
Pal, grieving
Joyce , undergoing further treatment.
Esmae, baby in special care baby unit
Joan O'Sullivan, now very poorly
M & N McCabe, sick
Jade, undergoing difficult time
Webb family, sick
Charley, girl of 14 years, sick with chronic condition
Wendy W, cancer diagnosis, surgery to follow
Isla, 14, flu, respiratory failure in hospital, very sick
John H, and his wife, May
Mary S, sick undergoing treatment
Nella B, recent second cataract operation
Richard H, recently discharged from hospital
Joseph P, now in end of life care
Nathan, born early December, in intensive care
Baby Taylor, recovering from surgery on his feet
Albert, very premature baby, prayers please
Andy, recovering from stroke, undergoing tests
Ann, currently housebound, broken ankle
Daniel, struggling physically and mentally.
Fred, ongoing problems, now in residential care
Gabriel-Francis, 2 years old, good progress
Geoff, prayers needed for continued health
Gerry, in continuing discomfort
Hazel, for a speedy recovery
Helen, home now, prayers much needed
James, now home, recovering well after heart surgery
John K, recent heart attack
Katie, recurrence of illness
Maureen, for a good recovery from surgery
John W, recovering from procedure on spine
Maureen, diagnosed with cancer, in South Africa
Michael, struggling with mental health.
Patrick, 18 months old, recent surgery
Paul, 62, dementia,
Scott, skin cancer, & his father, John, having treatment
Wendy, recurrent throat problems
All suffering from sciatica
Those suffering from mental health issues

The housebound, and long term conditions

Nigel Brindley, Val B, Marion, Iris, Norah, Tess D, Neville, Bernard, Greg, Don Hinton, Keith Davies, Noel Lawless, Josie Morris, Pat Seery, Peer Mohammed, Fred, Hazel Shannon, Ray Bishop, Gina Jaworski, Gladys Chmieleski, Iris Robertson, Nicola McCulloch, Vincent Dockery, Peter Maciejewski, Tony Bullivant

THANSKGIVINGS

Our Mums, living and departed!
Trevor, now free from cancer

THE HOLY SOULS

Recently Departed

Diane Murphy, Richard Binns, Bernadette Gerrard
Fr James Hannigan, George Didlock

March Anniversaries

6 Jack Devlin
7 Fr Terence Luxon
9 Alec Harvey
10 Pauline Zwanger
11 Ellen Jefcoat, Bryn Owens
12 Bernadette Hollowood, Tom Fox
13 Christine Carless, Thomas Erangey
16 Frances Weatherby
18 Tommy Gaughan
19 Floss Hodgkiss
20 Patrick Tyrell, Clare Weatherby
21 Sheila Clarke
22 Robert Hender, Mary Harley,
Elizabeth Mary Chapman
23 Clifford John Warren
25 Margaret Ashton (Landon), Rose Smith
26 Gladys Elizabeth Davis, Margaret Ann Skitt

Ministers & Readers' Rota for Weekend (Sunday) Masses

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April 8/9	Cath Hunt Pat Wilson	Pat Wilson	Peter Summerfield & Paul Doyle	Margaret Tym	David Korzonek	Shirley Weatherby Clare Jackson	Gail Korzonek
April 15/16	Wendy Owens Eileen Sales	Clare Bridges	Ann Spencer & John Gay	David Korzonek	Tony Gaughan	Stephanie Hewitt Denisse Claverol-Perks	Shirley Weatherby
April 22/23	Jo Burrowes Paul Doyle	Doug Bruce	David & Gail Korzonek	Michael Burrowes	Amy Pritchard	Callum Pearce, Dave Guy	Colman Whitelaw
April 29/30	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Eileen Clancy	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris	Gerard Dillon Justine Lomas	Cath Hunt
May 6/7	Patrick Warren	Teresa Smith	Eileen Clancy & Eileen Sales	Margaret Tym	David Korzonek	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Carol Garnett
May 13/14	Kay Rimmer	Sheila Bullivant	Peter Summerfield & Paul Doyle	David Korzonek	Tony Gaughan	First Holy Communions	Clare Jackson
May 20/21	Cath Hunt Pat Wilson	Wendy Owens	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Michael Burrowes	Amy Pritchard	Shirley Weatherby Clare Jackson	Gail Korzonek
March 27/28	Wendy Owens Eileen Sales	Pat Wilson	David & Gail Korzonek	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris	Stephanie Hewitt Denisse Claverol-Perks	Shirley Weatherby
June 3/4	Jo Burrowes Paul Doyle	Clare Bridges	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Margaret Tym	David Korzonek	Callum Pearce, Dave Guy	Colman Whitelaw
June 10/11	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Doug Bruce	Eileen Clancy & Eileen Sales	David Korzonek	Tony Gaughan	Gerard Dillon Justine Lomas	Cath Hunt

Notes for Readers

Please check that what you are reading matches with the Mass Sheets. Also check if the Psalm and Gospel acclamation are being sung.

When there are two readers, one reads the First Reading and Psalm. The other reads Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation and, if there is no Deacon, the Bidding Prayers. The second reader should also introduce the **Communion Antiphon,** which follows the bell, which immediately follows the priest's communion.

If you are reading the Bidding Prayers please approach the lectern **before** the end of the Creed, so that you are already in place before the priest begins the Prayers, and **stay** at the lectern until the priest has concluded them.

Each time, the two readers should swap roles, but can arrange otherwise. If there is only one reader - please read everything!

The latest version of this rota is here: bit.ly/C-Rota

Notes for Ministers of the Eucharist

At each mass, one minister will assist the priest, deacon or sister, so that will normally be three ministers, and always at least two. If the minister on the rota is not present, please be ready to come forward to assist.

Please approach the altar after the peace and during the "Lamb of God". The priest or deacon will give you communion and the paten (plate/dish) with the sacrament. Stand at one side of the altar as appropriate (priest usually in the middle). Return the paten to the altar after communion. Any questions, please ask Sister, Deacon or Priest.

Notes for Stewards

Welcome people to church - assist as necessary, including with sanitiser and masks if requested. Please hand out Newsletters and Sheets, please collect in mass sheets at end for the following day (people may take them home if they want to).

Please use the bags to invite a collection before and after each mass. Please indicate to visitors the position of the Digital Collection Plate (card machine) as they enter the Church, and assist them if necessary.

Please return collecting bags to sacristy at the end of mass.

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