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17th September 2023 • 24th Sunday of the Year

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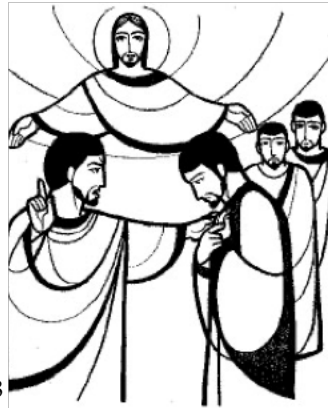
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## Masses, Intentions and Services

*"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, which runs from 1st September to October 4th. There are many resources and lots of information on the Diocesan Facebook page and the Diocesan Website here: [tinyurl.com/22s9jhql](https://tinyurl.com/22s9jhql)*

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 2nd (Blue) Collection: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

*This is the new name for "Home Mission Sunday"*

Sat 16 5pm Shelagh Gleve RIP

Sun 17 8am Pat, Kath & Andy Gill RIP

Sun 17 10:30 Patrick Kilgalon RIP

Tue 19 11:30am Funeral Mass of May Higgins  
7pm Brendan Shannon RIP

Wed 20 9:30am June Weatherby RIP

Thu 21 9:30am Muller & Beeson families RIP

Fri 22 9:30am Paddy McNulty RIP (Anniversary)

Sat 23 10am Sean McCarron RIP

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 2nd (Blue) Collection: Fr Hudson's Society

Sat 23 5pm Rita Collins RIP (Birthday Rememb)

Sun 24 8am Jack Healy RIP

Sun 24 10:30 Glynis Davies RIP

**Saints:** Wed St Andrew Kim Taejon & Comp;

Thu St Matthew; Sat S Pius of Pietrelcino.

**Confessions** Saturday 10:30-11:30am

**Rosary** 9:05am before Mass on Wed, Thu, Fri

**Children's Liturgy** Sundays at 10:30 Mass

**Baptism Applications:** [bit.ly/C-BaptismForm](https://bit.ly/C-BaptismForm)

**Mass intentions :** [bit.ly/C-MassIntention](https://bit.ly/C-MassIntention)

**Mass intentions Calendar:** [bit.ly/cannockmasslist](https://bit.ly/cannockmasslist)

**Add a Petition for Prayer:** [bit.ly/C-PleasePray](https://bit.ly/C-PleasePray)

**FOODBANK:** thanks for 41kg of donations this week!

## Notices

**FAMILY MASS** this weekend is on Saturday at 5pm. Welcome to all who join us!

### THIS WEEKEND IS EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

("Joy of the Gospel" Sunday), is the new name for Home Mission Sunday. The second (blue bag) collection is for Evangelisation. More information is on page 3 of this Newsletter online, and also here: [tinyurl.com/yrl7xqax](https://tinyurl.com/yrl7xqax)

**PARISH FUND RAISING COMMITTEE** will meet on Sunday October 1st after the 1030 Mass. All welcome.

### VISIT ST CHAD'S, CATHEDRAL AND SINGERS HILL

**SYNAGOGUE** Birmingham on the afternoon of November 16th. More details on our WhatsApp - contact Fr Jeremy if interested 07868 542268 or

[fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk)

**2024** is the Centenary of the building of St Mary's Church - so let's have some fun! Ideas for commemorative events are very welcome.

### FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 28TH

Collection: £ 278 (inc Gift Aid £80); PDF £45  
Standing orders £350 (average). *Please give by standing order. You can also give through the digital collection plate, in Church, or at [cannock.mydona.com](https://cannock.mydona.com). Please gift aid if you can.*

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** - for all who want to learn more about the Catholic faith - will begin on Thursday 28th September and runs to Easter. As before, we will have a joint group between ourselves and Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford. The first group of meetings will be in the Presbytery in Cannock. More details soon. All welcome!

**DEFIBRILLATOR** We need a new person to check the defibrillator regularly, and report to AEDonate if it has been used. Let Fr Peter know if you can help.

Fr. Peter

Rota	Saturday 5pm			Sunday 8am		Sunday 10:30	
	Readers	Ministers	Stewards	Readers	Ministers	Readers	Ministers
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# Prayer List

17th September 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

*All who are struggling in the current financial crisis;  
Schools and their students in the new academic year*

## THE SICK and other needs

*All who are sick and their carers, especially ...*  
Jason, 49, seriously ill  
Betty C, in hospital again, quite poorly  
Emma C, recovering from an operation  
Karen, undergoing chemotherapy  
Hazel, in hospital, hopefully home soon  
JJ in hospital, prayers please  
Frances, encouraging progress, keep praying!  
Matthew, recovering from surgery, outlook good  
Glynnis, recently in hospital  
Helen, leukaemia, encouraging progress  
    following transplant, keep praying, please  
Monica, still in hospital  
John, diagnosed with Parkinson's  
Heather Casserley, diagnosed with cancer  
David, in hospital, & Teresa his wife who is very worried  
Joan O'Sullivan, now very poorly  
Michaela, sick in New Cross  
Bill, in hospital  
Val G, recovering hip op, low mobility, prayers please  
Janet, poorly  
John, skin cancer  
Peter M, awaiting procedure  
Martin, undergoing treatment in hospital  
Mick, home now, continued prayer please  
Dave, having treatment for bowel cancer  
Geraldine, worrying health news  
Stephanie, addiction, family very worried  
Peter, recent stroke  
Mary, frail, cancer treatment taking its toll  
Tim, increasing dementia, in care home  
Susan, surgery required on a broken ankle,  
Peter B, several strokes and other complications  
Pal, grieving ; N McCabe, sick; Webb family, sick  
Jade, undergoing difficult time  
Wendy W, cancer diagnosis, surgery to follow

Mary S, sick undergoing treatment  
Nella B, recent second cataract operation  
Paul, 62, dementia,  
Those suffering from mental health issues  
Joseph P, now in end of life care  
Andy, recovering from stroke, undergoing tests  
Ann, currently housebound, broken ankle  
Daniel, struggling physically and mentally.  
Geoff, prayers needed for continued health  
Gerry, in continuing discomfort  
Hazel, for a speedy recovery  
Helen, home now, prayers much needed  
Katie, recurrence of illness  
Maureen, for a good recovery from surgery  
John H, continuing to recover from stroke  
Maureen, diagnosed with cancer, in South Africa  
Michael, struggling with mental health.  
Dennis, 16. struggling with loss  
Charley, girl of 14 years, with long term condition  
Caitlin, 13, long way yet to recovery from car accident  
Amelia, 7, at risk of forced conversion  
Patrick, 18 months old, recent surgery  
Gabriel-Francis, 2 years old, good progress  
Esmee, baby in special care baby unit  
Nathan, born early December, in intensive care  
Baby Taylor, recovering from surgery on his feet  
Albert, very premature baby, prayers please

## The housebound, and long term conditions

Peter Dunton, Val B, Marion, Iris, Norah, Tess D,  
Bernard, Mary Turvey, Greg, Don Hinton, Keith Davies,  
Noel Lawless, Josie Morris, Pat Seery, Peer  
Mohammed, Hazel Shannon, Ray Bishop, Gina  
Jaworski, Gladys Chmielecki, Nicola McCulloch,  
Vincent Dockery, Peter Maciejewski, Tony Bullivant.

## THANKSGIVINGS

*Margaret & Brian Briggs 60th Wedding Anniversary*

## THE HOLY SOULS

### Recently Departed

Helen Cooper, Fr Paul Chavasse, Fr Edwin Cownley,  
Joyce Grieve; May Higgins (funeral 19/9 11:30am),  
David Buxton, 59; Glynnis Davis, Mary Hayes

### September Anniversaries

11 Floss Probert, Bernard Landon, Donald McCulloch  
12 Irene Owen  
14 Sandra Lakin, Eileen Peachey  
15 Samuel Beasley  
19 Les Ames  
20 Helen Harvey, Fr David Mellor  
21 Hugh Dunbar  
22 John Pugh  
24 Leon Yvon Michel Collard

# Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

## 17 September 2023

*Evangelii Gaudium - Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer*

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "*Evangelii Gaudium*" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord's Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

### Prayers of the Faithful

- As we respond to Pope Francis' invitation to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 may we seek opportunities to deepen our knowledge and grow in faith.
- The disciples asked, 'Lord, teach us to pray'; may we give more time to prayer, lifting our hearts and minds to God.

### 'Fact sheet'

The second collection of *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II\* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops' Conference via Historic England through the governments' Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

# Ministers & Readers' Rota for Weekend (Sunday) Masses

<b>Rota</b> <i>Date is of Sunday</i>	Saturday 5pm			Sunday 8am		Sunday 10:30	
	Readers	Ministers	Stewards	Readers	Ministers	Readers	Ministers
Sep 17	Kay Rimmer	Eileen Clancy	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris	Gerard Dillon Justine Lomas	Clare Jackson
Sep 24	Pat Wilson	Wendy Owens	David & Gail Korzonek	Margaret Tym	David Korzonek	Callum Pearce, Dave Guy	Gail Korzonek
Oct 1	Wendy Owens Eileen Sales	Pat Wilson	Eileen Clancy & Eileen Sales	David Korzonek	Tony Gaughan	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Shirley Weatherby
Oct 8	Jo Burrowes Paul Doyle	Clare Bridges	Peter Summerfield & Paul Doyle	Michael Burrowes	Amy Pritchard	Shirley Weatherby Clare Jackson	Colman Whitelaw
Oct 15	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Teresa Smith	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris	Stephanie Hewitt Denisse Claverol-Perks	Cath Hunt
Oct 22	Patrick Warren Sue Bowen	Sheila Bullivant	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Margaret Tym	David Korzonek	Gerard Dillon Justine Lomas	Carol Garnett
Oct 29	Kay Rimmer Paul Mobberley	Eileen Clancy	David & Gail Korzonek	David Korzonek	Tony Gaughan	Callum Pearce, Dave Guy	Clare Jackson
Nov 5	Pat Wilson	Wendy Owens	Eileen Clancy & Eileen Sales	Michael Burrowes	Amy Pritchard	Colman Whitelaw Doug Bruce	Gail Korzonek
Nov 12	Wendy Owens Eileen Sales	Pat Wilson	Peter Summerfield & Paul Doyle	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris	Shirley Weatherby Clare Jackson	Shirley Weatherby
Nov 19	Jo Burrowes Paul Doyle	Clare Bridges	Ann Spencer & John Gay	Margaret Tym	David Korzonek	Stephanie Hewitt Denisse Claverol-Perks	Colman Whitelaw
Nov 26	Alex & Tamsin Davis	Teresa Smith	Ann Spencer & John Gay	David Korzonek	Tony Gaughan	Gerard Dillon Justine Lomas	Cath Hunt
Dec 3	Patrick Warren Sue Bowen	Sheila Bullivant	Patrick & Patsy Warren	Michael Burrowes	Amy Pritchard	Callum Pearce, Dave Guy	Carol Garnett
Dec 10	Kay Rimmer Paul Mobberley	Eileen Clancy	David & Gail Korzonek	Amy Pritchard	Margaret Harris	Callum Pearce, Dave Guy	Clare Jackson

## 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.

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

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.

When it is Family (School) Mass, Readers' rota may change.

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## Notes for Ministers of the Eucharist

At each mass, one minister assists the priest, deacon or sister. 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". Purify hands with water if provided. (and sanitise). 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.

## 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 ensure security of bags and return them to the sacristy at the end of mass.

## St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock | Second Collections 2023

Date	Collection	Type	Amount
Sun, 5 Mar 2023	Cathedral Maintenance	Diocesan	
Sun, 12 Mar 2023	Cafod	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 26 Mar 2023	Easter Flowers	Parish	
Fri, 7 Apr 2023	Holy Places	Diocesan	
Sun, 9 Apr 2023	Easter Offerings	Priest	
Sun, 30 Apr 2023	Clergy Training Fund Annual collection	Diocesan	
Sun, 21 May 2023	Catholic Communications	Diocesan	
Sun, 18 Jun 2023	Day for Life	Diocesan	
Sun, 2 Jul 2023	Peter's Pence	Diocesan	
Sun, 9 Jul 2023	Apostleship of the Sea [Direct]	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 3 Sep 2023	Missionary Appeal (Spiritans Fathers)	Direct to Charity	£481.00
Sun, 17 Sep 2023	Evangelium Sunday	Diocesan	
Sun, 24 Sep 2023	Fr Hudsons Society	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 8 Oct 2023	Cafod	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 22 Oct 2023	APF - World Mission Day	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 5 Nov 2023	Missio Appeal	Direct to Charity	
Sun, 19 Nov 2023	Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy)	Diocesan	
Sun, 26 Nov 2023	Catholic Youth Service	Diocesan	
Sun, 10 Dec 2023	Poor Parishes Fund	Diocesan	
Sun, 17 Dec 2023	Christmas Flowers	Parish	
Mon, 25 Dec 2023	Christmas Offerings	Priest	
Sun, 3 Mar 2024	Cathedral Maintenance	Diocesan	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£481.00</b>

**St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock WS11 0AS**

# **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023**

## **Christmas Eve**

Sunday 24th December

**12noon Christmas Vigil Mass**

**4pm Nativity Mass**

*Children: please come as a Nativity Character*

*Adults: wear your Christmas Jumper!*

6pm Carols

**6.30pm Mass of Christmas Night**

## **Christmas Day**

Monday 25th December

**10am Mass of Christmas Day**

## **St Stephen's Day**

Tuesday December 26th 10am Mass