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| C:\Users\Jeremy Howard\Downloads\Black White Rectangle BG.jpg | Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish & Diocesan ShrineOur Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, Uxbridge St., Hednesford. WS12 1DB01543 422576 / olol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk **Parish Priest** Father Jeremy Howard 07868 542268 fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk**Parish Deacon** Reverend Peter Tibke **Parish Secretary** Mrs Anne Walker**Parish Safeguarding Rep –** Mrs Bernadette Corbett 01543 227225sg.olol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk**Website** ololhednesford.org **Facebook** Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford**WhatsApp Group** – text 07868 542268  | A Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent | Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre |

**The Office is open Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm. Fr Jeremy is not normally available on Tuesdays.**

Sunday 9th March 2025 – First Sunday of Lent - Second Collection – Church Maintenance

**Lenten Fast Day**

**The CAFOD Lenten Fast Day is this Friday March 14th**. In the Jubilee Year we aim to be *Pilgrims of Hope*, chosen to inspire peace-building in a world threatened by climate change and ongoing conflicts. To see how CAFOD helps throughout the world, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/lent-appeal>

**Lent 2025**

A list of activities and resources is on page 2 of the Newsletter.

Masses & Services

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| Sat | 8 Mar | 6 pm | Vigil – Lent 1 | RIP Yvonne Niland |
| Sun | 9 Mar | 9.15 am | Lent 1 | Happy Birthday Nesta Martin |
| Mon | 10 Mar | 9.30 am |  | Anushan Arumamainagam |
| **Mon** | **10 Mar** | **7.30 pm** | ***Come & Sit With Jesus* - Exposition & Benediction.** |
| Wed | 12 Mar | 11.30 am |  | Parish & People |
| Fri | 14 Mar | 9.30 am | Lent Fast Day | Intentions Sr Angela Breen |
| **Fri** | **14 Mar** | **12 noon**  | **Stations of the Cross in church** |
| Sat | 15 Mar | 6 pm | Vigil – Lent 2 | RIP Canon Peter Taylor |
| Sun | 16 Mar | 9.15 am | Lent 2 | RIP Catherine Taylor |
| **Mon** | **17 Mar** | **12 noon**  | **Churches Together Lunch in the Hall with Lent Talk** |

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| **Children’s Liturgy****A huge thank you to Louise Keeling, who began our Children’s Liturgy, and has just stepped down from organising it after many years.** The next Children’s Liturgies will be on: 2nd March / 30th March / 6th April / 4th May / 1st JuneMore helpers are needed. Please speak to Bernadette if you are interested.**Thanks from Friends of the Holy Land**Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank us for £225.00 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help.**School Live Simply Award**Congratulations to St Joseph’s School on the award of the **CAFOD Live Simply Award**. The Award is an opportunity for Catholic communities who have to answered the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.  | **St Joseph’s School Headteacher**We were very sorry to hear that Mrs Corbett will be retiring as Headteacher at St. Joseph’s School at the end of the school year. We are very grateful for all that she has done for the school and parish community and wish her well in the future. We will express our thanks more fully at a later date. **Headteacher Vacancy St Joseph‘s School** **St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Hednesford:**are currently seeking to recruit a new Headteacher for **September 2025**; Group 2: L11-L17. **Closing Date 12pm – 24th March 2025.**Interviews to be held on Thursday 3rd April 2025. Please email the school bursar, Mrs Helen Edge for further details office@st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk or tel 01543 227225. Visits encouraged. |

**Financial Matters**

2/3/2025 Standing Orders £135.50. Gift Aid £146, other £172.14. Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance GA £33, other £63.91. Coffee Morning £50. Second Collections - 9 March Church Maintenance, 16 March CAFOD. **Foodbank** - 47 Kilos **Online donations** at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford>.

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| **11/3** | Catherine Collins 1998, Bridget Phillips 2007 |
| **12/3** | Sybil Lockley 1994, Margaret Bula 2015, Catherine Taylor 2023 |
| **13/3** | Virginia Lewis 1992, Barnard Dacey 1997  |
| **15/3** | Michael Giles 1995, John Hodson 2004, Kerry Klek 2005, John Wright 2017, William Galvin 2017 |
|  |  | Recently departed: Teresa Murphy |

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| Joan O’Sullivan, John Dewhurst, Anna Bayliss, Margaret Phipps, Tom Poxon, Zorah McQuillan, Florence Craddock, John Martin, Den Owens, Peer Mohammed, Sue Atkinson, Jane Seal, Sue Titley, Peter Woollaston, Margaret Wilkinson, Sue Green, James Hunt, Phyllis Michael, Bert Dodd, Míchael Liddy, Margaret Brown, Sylvia Hale, Henry & Josephine Kafwembe, Janet Barker, Mary Klek, Jack Kennedy, Maureen Dewhurst, Mark Duffy, Christopher Allan, Dominic Mulchrone, Clare Murphy, Tess Dudley, Sophie King, Oscar Wordsworth, Matt Twohig, Anne Conway-Jones, Peter Hawthorne, Kath Poole, Christine Makinson, Michael M, Ivan Molyneaux, Russell Mackuin, Pauline March, Richard Sharp, Alan White, Margaret Reynolds, Bernard Beeson, Marie, Bert Mears, Catherine Baker, Gino Memoli, Deborah Woollaston, Jo Reading, Angela Freary, Mike Baldwin, Jane Morecroft, Rosanita Gargarita. | Please Pray for the Sick | Our Lady &amp; St Joseph |

### Lent 2025



### Mondays at 12 noon - Churches Together Lent Lunches.

### With talks on The Churches Together Lent Course on *Christian Unity in a Fragmenting World* - Reflecting on the Nicene Creed

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| * 17th March - Our Lady of Lourdes.
* 24th March - Salvation Army.
 | * March 31st - St Peters.
* April 7th - Pye Green Christian Centre.
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**Fridays at 12 noon in church - Stations of the Cross -**

Every Friday from March 14th to April 11th inclusive.

#### **Saturdays at 10 am in the Presbytery** **We Dare to Hope Jubilee Year Lenten Course**

**From the Bishops’ Conference -** following on from last year’s course We Dare to Say.

Walk with me booklets and calendars are at the back of church, Resources and prayers Can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter>

**Prayer for Pope Francis**

Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

**SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Bernadette Corbett, who can be contacted at: 01543 227225 / sg.olol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns..