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| C:\Users\Jeremy Howard\Downloads\Black White Rectangle BG.jpg | Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish & Diocesan Shrine  Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, Uxbridge St., Hednesford. WS12 1DB  01543 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 227225  sg.olol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk  **Website** ololhednesford.org **Facebook** Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford  **WhatsApp Group** – text 07868 542268 | 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare -Year C -  Catholicireland.netCatholicireland.net |

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

Sunday 30th March 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare / Mothering Sunday

9.15 Sunday Mass - Worship will be led St Jospeh’s School/

Masses, Services & Groups

***Mass at 9.30 am on Mon & Fri is in the Presbytery & at 11.30 am on Wed in the Hall.***

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| Sat | 29 Mar | 6 pm | Vigil – Lent 4 | RIP Nancy Costello |
| Sun | 30 Mar | 9.15 am | Lent 4 | RIP Rosanita Gargarita |
| Mon | 31 Mar | 9.30 am |  | Intentions Sr Margaret Murray |
| **Mon** | **31 Mar** | **12 noon** | **Churches Together Lent Lunch at St Peter’s** | |
| Wed | 2 Apr | 11.30 am |  | Parish & People |
| Fri | 4 Apr | 9.30 am |  | RIP Ann & Basil Sprigg |
| **Fri** | **4 Apr** | **12 noon** | **Stations of the Cross in church** | |
| **Sat** | **5 Apr** | **10.30 am** | **Lent Group in Presbytery on Christian Hope** | |
| Sat | 5 Apr | 6 pm | Vigil – Lent 5 | RIP Bożyna Appleton |
| Sun | 6 Apr | 9.15 am | Lent 5 | RIP Mel |
| **Mon** | **7 Apr** | **12 noon** | **Churches Together Lent Lunch at Pye Green Christian Centre** | |

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| **St Joseph's Nursery**  If your child turns 3 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025 then you can apply for a place at St Joseph's nursery for September 2025. Please contact the school office on 01543 227225 for an application form and to arrange a visit.  **Weekday Masses - Monday & Friday**  As the weather is so changeable, I suggest that we move back into church for the 9.30 am masses on Monday and Friday after Easter. As I am away after Easter, the first mass back in church will be on Friday May 2nd. | **Assisted Suicide Biil**  Legislation is passing through parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide. The Bill's Third Reading and vote is likely to take place at the end of April or start of May. Please contact your MP to oppose it at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>  **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage - register now**  Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on **Saturday 3rd May**,  **12 noon, at St Chad's Cathedral**. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker.  ***Please register by Sunday April 13th*** [***https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass***](https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass) |
| **Guild of St Stephen National Mass**  The National Mass for Altar Servers is being held on **Saturday 17 May at 12.15 pm** at Lancaster Cathedral. This is the first time the Mass has been held here and coincides with the celebrations to mark the Centenary of the Diocese of Lancaster and of course the Holy Year. Post Mass there will be some light refreshments and there will be an opportunity for altar servers from around England and Wales to meet each other. You must inform of your attendance by **Sunday 27 April**.  [**ianmulholland@guildofststephen.org**](mailto:ianmulholland@guildofststephen.org) / **07944 857 813** | | |

**Financial Matters** 23/3/2025 Standing Orders £135.50. Gift Aid £118, other £116.43. Second Collection for Walsingham Shrine £86.60. Second Collections 6 April Church Maintenance. **Foodbank** - 42.10 Kilos **Online donations** at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford>.

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| **31/3** | James Johnson 1987, Wacław Sieradzki 2006, |
| **1/4** | Stephen Harnett, Julia Evans  2016 |
| **2/4** | Cornelius Sullivan 1985, Annie Collins 2003, , Paul Wynne 2004,  Fredrick Payton 2010, Gordon Spurr 2020, |
| **3/4** | Michael Bryndley 2004, Brian Proud 2010,, Hilda Higgs 2011 |
| **4/4** | Bertram Mears  1978 |
| **5/4** | Elsie Venables 1997 |
| **6/4** | Gwendoline Lancaster 1976 |
|  | Recently departed: Graham Walker. |

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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, | Please Pray for the Sick | Our Lady &amp; St Joseph |

**The Motherhood of Mary**

Meanwhile, standing near the Cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple: “Here is your mother.” (Jn 19:25-27)

Even when He was dying in agony, Our Saviour thought of us. John represented all who are willing to be disciples of Jesus. If Our Lady was given to St John as mother by our dying Saviour, we can all regard Our Lady as our mother. This is far from a courtesy title for Mary. As someone once described her, “she is a mother with her sleeves rolled up.” She doesn’t bask in the glory of her sinlessness, she intercedes us- so that we can overcome sin and reach the place in Heaven which Our Saviour has won for us.

The American author Scott Hahn once described how he understood Our Lady’s Motherhood. When he was a child, an uncle would come visiting at Christmas with a big box of presents for all the children in Scott’s large family. If the uncle left the children to select their own gifts from the box, there would be mayhem and it would all end in tears. The children would argue over the goodies, toys would get broken, fights would ensue. However, if the uncle left the box of gifts with the mother of the family, she would know the needs of each child and would distribute the presents accordingly. She would also know what gifts the children were not ready for yet, and she would put them to one side – reserving them for a later point.

This, I feel, is a good way of understanding Our Lady’s motherhood. Grace comes from God, but, through His Own Choosing, he involves Our Lady in the distribution of His Graces. She knows the needs of her children better than we know them ourselves. She knows the right gifts to give us, at the right time. As we approach Mothering Sunday, may we always honour our Heavenly Mother, to whose motherly care Our Saviour entrusted us from the Cross.

Fr John Peyton

**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](mailto: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..