

### St. Anne's Catholic Church

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### St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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**The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No.234216**

## TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

**Third Sunday of Advent - Lectionary Cycle C, Weekday Mass Cycle 1, Psalter Week 3 [Parish Mass Book P87]**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Steve Moore RIP
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 11:15 am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudate)	Special Thanks Madge & Joe Fox RIP
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am <b>7:00 pm</b>	St Anne's St Austin's	Advent FERIA <b>Penitential Service for the parishes of Stafford</b>	Advent FERIA David Green
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Patrick's	Advent FERIA	Holy Souls
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am <b>5:30 pm</b>	St Anne's St Anne's	Communion Service <b>Reception of Body of Jill Sly</b>	Advent FERIA
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am <b>12 Noon</b>	St Patrick's St Anne's	Advent FERIA <b>Requiem Mass for Jill Sly</b>	Advent FERIA Fr. Tom Breslin RIP
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	Advent FERIA	People of the Parish
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am 6:00 pm	St Anne's St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Jack McDonnell RIP
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am 11:15 am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Paul Lawley Bridie Toner RIP

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** *[St. Patrick's]* Florence Preston, Winifred Cliff, Alice Sheehan, Jacobus Ashun, Mary Harding, Jean Taylor, James Crossan, Joyce Wynter, Simon Collins, Bertram Shotton, Stanislaw Gackowski, Winifred Cotton, Dom Krsul, Francis Ackland Clifford Hewitt and Violet Melvin. *[St. Anne's]* Mary Chatterley, Alec Gourley, John Grennan, John Helks, Patrick McMahon, Monica Beardmore, Kathleen McMahon, Lottie Riley, Vincent Eardsley, Noel Joret, Esther Martin and Peter Rice.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** This list is being 'rebuilt' as signed forms come into the parish office. Please do take one from the back of the churches. The list should be appearing in due course.

#### CHURCH ROTAS

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	21 <sup>st</sup> December Julia Turner & Clare Whitehall	23 <sup>rd</sup> December Marie Badger		23 <sup>rd</sup> December The Kelly Family	
St Patrick's		Joan McKinlay	Carmel P & Mary O	23 <sup>rd</sup> December No refreshments until 6th January	23 <sup>rd</sup> December Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

#### READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
<b>Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> December : Readers:</b>	Kevin McKie	
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	T Whitehall & C Whitehall	
<b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> December : Readers:</b>	Joan Collins	Jenice & Glate
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	J Peck & B Turvey	Mary W, Carmel & Lyn

Income	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£184.50	£200.58	£179.65	£564.73	156
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£72.40	£140.96	£136.23	£349.59	137

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**DROP-IN:** Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in St Anne's church hall on Wednesday morning at 10:30 am. Everyone welcome. £150 has been sent to Cafod (£187.50 with gift aid) to help the terrible situation for the people of the Yemen.

**SECOND COLLECTION last weekend for the Poor Parishes Fund of the diocese.** St Anne's £245.43 St Patrick's £96.40 Thank you

**St Patrick's tea/coffee will not be available on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December.**

**SAFEGUARDING** Following the Archbishop's letter a few weeks ago the parishes need to make sure all procedures for safeguarding are being carried out to the letter. Earlier in the year Fr Bob appointed two representatives to carry out this role.

Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 St Patrick's.  
 Ann Kelly 01785603012 St Anne's.

The parish members who need documentation are **adult servers, catechists, Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick and Children's liturgy leaders.** Some who hold these roles already have clearance others need to be updated. If you need to fill in forms you will be contacted soon. Any concerns over safeguarding can be raised with Fr Bob or the two representatives. Many Thanks

**Our Parish Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers **Jill Sly**, of St Anne's parish. Jill's Requiem Mass will be at St Anne's church 12 Noon this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, followed by Tixall Road Crematorium at 1:15 pm. Our thoughts and prayers reach out to her family at this time.  
*May Jill rest in peace and rise in glory*

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** There will be no further Bible Study until the **8th January.** All welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall 10 am – 11 am.

**For Your Diary: Combined Advent Penitential Service** with opportunity for **Confession** at **St Austin's Church Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00 pm.** This is our shared 'Catholic Stafford' service for all three Stafford parishes. Several priests will be with us.

**FORTHCOMING SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING EVENTS.** **Buffet and wine social evening** including drawing of the Grand Draw prizes **this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December** in St Anne's church hall after 6 pm Mass. **Thanks for your support in the past and continuing support. All funds will be given to support the repairs needed in the parishes.**

**Marriage Thanksgiving Mass:** Archbishop Bernard will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for marriage on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. Couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year after 60) are encouraged to attend. If anyone is interested then please contact Lianne Pap on [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. A wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the gift of the sacrament, given great prominence by the Lord at Cana.

**Porch: A box left in the porch contains an assortment of CTS booklets.** Please do help yourselves to any you might find interesting. There is no charge but if you would like to leave a donation you are welcome to do so. Many thanks

**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

**Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage Needs YOU!** Joining the annual Birmingham pilgrimage to Lourdes as a nurse or carer is an opportunity to do something completely different – and to make a real difference. Whatever your background if you have an open and caring attitude and a sense of humour you will be welcome. This year several of our regular volunteers are unable to join us and we need you in order to continue to take assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. For more information see the poster in the porch, check out our website <https://www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com> or speak with Rita Mather 01785 226933

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** If you would like to fill a shoe box with some little gifts for a disadvantaged child in Eastern Europe Jean Lindop is organizing it this year again. Shoeboxes can be left in church porch for collection. Please label for boy or girl and age. Let Jean know and she will collect them 01785 662816.

**Advent and Christmas:** Our Advent 'giving trees are the focus for gifts brought in for the **Women's Refuge.** These can be placed in the porch/narthex of each church or brought up to the trees and placed under them. The refuge really always need new bedding, single sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases, mattress protectors and towels. These may not be what people would give as presents but are essential. Older boys gifts such as vouchers for the cinema, Argos or other stores would be appreciated. Batteries for toys all sizes are really useful too. The crib donations could be destined for the CAFOD 'Yemeni Appeal'. Many thanks. F. Bob

**There are a few 2019 Birmingham Archdiocesan directories for sale in the porch. Price £3**

**St Patrick's red boxes and 2019 calendars** are ready for collection on the table in porch.

*IMMANUEL - God with Us*

<b>Christmas Masses:</b>	<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>Family Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>	<b>St Patrick's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>Family Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>	<b>St Anne's</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>Carols with Mass at 11:00 pm</b>	<b>St Anne's</b>	<b>10:30 pm</b>
	<b>Christmas Day:</b>	<b>Christmas Mass</b>	<b>St Patrick's</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
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