

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	30 th	10.00 am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	People of the Parish Kitty Ronan & Well Being of Fr David Catterall
		4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	1 st	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year	Teresa Lennon RIP Fr Lewis & Family
		10:00am	St Anne's		
Mon	2 nd	9:30am	St Anne's	Holy Guardian Angels Memoria	Private Intention
Tue	3 rd	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Kevin Walsh RIP
Wed	4 th	10:00am	St Anne's	St Francis of Assisi Memoria	
Thu	5 th	9.30 am	St Patrick's	Feria	Private Intention
Fri	6 th	9:15am	St Anne's	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat	7 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	Fr Anthony De Vere John Harland RIP & Mary Hicks 100 th Birthday
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	8 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year	Bridie Flood RIP People of the Parish
		10:00am			

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan Collins, Imelda Moore, Pam Knowles.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Fr William McGann, James Sedgley, Joyce Smith, Trevor Reeves, Margaret Evett, Bob Pearce, John McIntyre, Michael Sheehan, Fr William Russell, Margaret Wills, James Carroll. **[St Anne's]** Charlotte Whitmore, Ernest Geoghegan, Angela Boycott, Elsie Brown, John Burns, Patricia Clayton, James Costello, Edward Grimes, William Hammond, Ethel Hotson, Fanny Rice, Alfred Turner, John Walsh, George Willmoth, John Gunderson, Lily Pritchard, Clare Ross, Margery Fecher, Winifred Scriven, Mrs Taylor, Norma Usher, Catherine McLochlen.

Income 24/09/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£116.00	£180.29	£408.25	£704.54	Sat 62 Sun 78
St Patrick's	Offertory	£64.30	£153.67	£152.16	£370.13	Sat 64 Sun 77

On the Archdiocese website there is a standing order and Gift Aid form for parishioners so they can transform the way they donate. Please direct any such enquiries to:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS?category/finance-resources>

Parish Tote 150 Club Winners of September 2023 Draw

£100 J Corr -77, £50 J Collins - 118, £20 C Taylor - 46, £10 J Croxall - 47, £10 J Walsh - 20, £10 M Wright - 107, £10 M & S Henthorne - 89, £10 A Lawrance - 26, £10 C Taylor - 39, £10 C Williams - 117, £10 G Thickett - 18, £10 M Simpson - 36.

Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012.

Gift Aid If anyone wishes to make a commitment; whether weekly, fortnightly, monthly or annually, it would make such a difference. You remain in control for as long as you want. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also.

Information cards [*gift-aid it*] can be found at the back of the churches for any parishioners who are not in the gift aid scheme. The cards explain how the system works (at no extra expense for the doner) and provide information as to how you can be part of the scheme. It is a simple, free and effective way to help our parishes increase our funds. Do consider this if you are not already gift-aiding. Very Many Thanks.

Last weekend's Second Collection for Father Hudson's Society

St Anne's £321.39 St Patrick's £169.40 Thank You.

Future Second Collections: Weekend 7th/8th October CAFOD Harvest Fast.

Weekend 22nd /23rd October MISSIO

* Please find the CAFOD collection envelopes at the back of each church for the Harvest Donation.

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Colin Wise, of St Anne's parish, June Norton, of St Patrick's and Fr. Paul Chavasse (Cong Orat)** who have died recently. Fr Paul was the parish priest of **Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton** and a member of our Stafford Deanery. We remember also their families at this time. *May Fr. Paul, Colin and June rest in peace and rise in glory. June's Requiem will be at St Dominic's in Stone on Wednesday 4th October at 10:30am.*

The Drop in Group have sent; £50 to CAFOD for the Libyan Flood Appeal; £50 for the McMillan Cancer Care Fund and £20 for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the 10 am Communion Service.

All Welcome.

Wool donations – If anyone has any spare wool it can be left in St Anne's Church porch. It will be used for knitting hats and scarves for the homeless. Thank you.

Refreshments after Mass: Do join us after the 10:00am Sunday Morning Mass for tea and coffee in **St Anne's Hall**. Many thanks to those who prepare this welcome facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

CLEANERS St Anne's: Grateful thanks for our volunteers. There is now a list of the teams and a date rota displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held on the first Sunday of each month, including this Sunday 1st October.

St Anne's Welcomers: If any parishioner feels they could help with assisting those coming to Mass through welcoming and giving out hymn books and Mass sheets etc, particularly at the 10:00am Mass I would be very grateful. You would be helping to support the one or two welcomers we have and be part of the team. Please let me know if you can help. Many thanks

Fr. Bob

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our St Anne's Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ann Kelly and can be contacted at sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk. Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group is running and much appreciated. Open to children of primary school age and under. If you think you can help come along to a session and see what we do [Those interested in helping please see Fr. Bob]

+BIBLE STUDY: St Anne's parish Bible Study usually meets on a regular **fortnightly** programme, in St Anne's parish hall meeting room from 10 am – 11 am. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th October.

Exposition and Holy Hour: There is Exposition and Holy Hour, including opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, at St Anne's: From 10:00am until 11:00am. This is offered every Saturday, except the third Saturday of the month, upon which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES The Gift Aid Envelopes [for this tax year] are ready for your collection at the back of church. If any parishioner has transferred to donating through STANDING ORDER then still please collect your envelope, because it can be used for second collections. If anyone would like to Gift Aid their offering please let Fr Bob or Marie (in the office) know so that the relevant form may be completed. Many thanks to all of you who support our parishes so generously; the material upkeep of the churches is ever increasing.

St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we have re-established the rota, for both Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning. If you are an extraordinary minister and would like to be included in the rota, please contact Angela Russell (07765560153) or Fr Bob; please confirm which weekend mass you would be able to assist at. Also, if you are not yet a Eucharistic minister and may have thought of becoming one, please do give it thought and have a word with Fr. Bob. Full training would be given. Thank you.

LIVING SIMPLY (Update):

Parishioners are invited to purchase Fair traded goods and to buy world gifts from CAFOD <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

- We are developing a wildflower meadow at the side of St Anne's Church to help support biodiversity. We are inviting parishioners to donate wildflower seeds, plants or peat free compost. If you would like to look at the area, Liz and Ann will be available to show you the area on Sunday after Mass.

CHRISTIAN FOOD HELP: Due to the ever increasing problem of food poverty, nationally and locally within many families, there is a continual need for donations. At the back of each church we have clearly marked boxes for your donations of food items. Please deposit them there so that they can be taken regularly to St Austin's, where the CFH team can arrange for their distribution. Many Thanks

Our local co-ordinators, Adam and Clare (St Austin's), send their thanks.

The Month of October

This month we dedicate to the Holy Rosary. pray for vocations to the priesthood and prayer of the Rosary within our own daily be recited after each weekday Mass and our to vocations.



Since this month is also one in which we religious life, maybe we could include the prayer routine. A decade of the Rosary will Saturday Holy Hour will also be dedicated

New to the Parish? If you are new to either of the parishes of St Anne or St Patrick you are very welcome. Please let Fr Bob know (on 01785 661012 OR stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) There are numerous aspects of our parish life that might be of interest to you. We hope that you will feel 'at home' within our parish community.

The Bible Timeline® study program takes us on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. (Please bring a Catholic Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church) [The Bible Timeline program takes place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room at 7pm. All welcome].

Parish Library St Anne's

Thank you to everyone who has donated bibles and books (and a bookcase).

The parish library is located in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.



An encounter with God, self and others

You are warmly invited to a 3-day residential course/ retreat in Christian living, which many have found to be an **inspiring** experience, offering **renewal** and **deepening** of one's Christian commitment and **faith**.

Thursday 12th October – Sunday 15th October 2023 (from 5pm – 5pm) Shallowford House (near Stafford)

For further details or to book contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk

Paul Northam at office.mission@rcaob.org.uk or www.cursillouk.org Jenny 07947271037

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PARISH QUIZ

Saturday 28th October at 7 pm. (Doors open after Mass) in St Anne's Church Hall.

£5 per person (Children play FREE)

Bring your own snacks/drinks.

Come as a team or join one on the night.

Quiz Master – Thomas Kelly.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST At the back of our Churches you should find postcards promoting residential parish youth retreat weekends; way in the Autumn and Spring for young parishioners. These are held at our Diocesan retreat centres. (Alton Castle for the younger ones and the Soli Centre for teens aged year 10 -13).