

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

## Weekly Newsletter

### **St. Anne's Catholic Church**

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## **TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

**THE LORD'S PRESENTATION - Lectionary Cycle A, Weekday Mass Cycle 2 Psalter week 4 [Parish Mass Book P297]**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Percy Grero RIP
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Feast of the Presentation of the lord	Anthony Sullivan's Recovery & Tony Rutledge RIP
		11:15 am	St Anne's	School Family Mass	Stan & Marie Rusinowski
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	Feria	Fr. John Ellis RIP
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:30 am</b>	St Patrick's	<b>Funeral Mass for Maurice McCarthy</b>	Feria
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	St Anne's	Communion Service <b>St Agatha</b>	Memoria
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Patrick's	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>	Memoria Kitty Cooney & Madden Family
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	Feria	Abigail Woollaston
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confessions	Madge & Joe Fox RIP
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St Patrick's	<b>Fifth Sunday of the Year</b>	Joe Abayakoon RIP & Joseph Galvin
		11:15 am	St Anne's	Commitment Mass for confirmands	People of the Parish

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's]** Cecilia Cooper, Timothy Lumb, Selivia Webb, Sylvia Fitzakerley, Winifred Baxter, Phyllis Cliff, Lily Bronn, James Carr, Vincenzo Narcisi, Arthur Cycles, William McLean, Lilian Croxall, Anthony Giusso, Edith Whitlock, Aubrey Bowers and Mercy Simms **[St. Anne's]** Phyllis McCosh, Hannah Hodiernie, Joseph Nicholson, William Ruscoe, Bernadette Strange, Marie Palmer, Stan Rusinowski, Marjorie Cowley, Bill Fennell, Norma Fennell, Leanne Butler, Edna Hammond, Martin Sturgess, Margaret Currall, Julian Dale, Edith Pentorrey, Bert Smith and John Savin.

**Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's** Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter and Cecylia Kotara **St Anne's** Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, David Green, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Colin Wilkinson, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith and Colin Wise.

### **CHURCH ROTAS**

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	7 <sup>th</sup> February Georgina Copp & Angela Heath	9 <sup>th</sup> February Marie Badger		9 <sup>th</sup> February Jo Bennett & Eileen Buckley	9 <sup>th</sup> February Honor Shammass
St Patrick's	w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Jean, Lyn, Pat & Linda	Joan McKinlay	Carmel P	9 <sup>th</sup> February Jom, Thomas & Jobin	9 <sup>th</sup> February Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

### **READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

	ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
<b>Sat . 8<sup>th</sup> February :</b> Readers:	Alison George	
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	T Whitehall	
<b>Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> February :</b> Readers:	Catriona Mawdsley	School
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	P Hulme & B Turvey	Mary W, Lyn & Margaret

Income 26 Jan	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£196.50	£188.86	£179.65	£565.01	160
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£118.50	£116.37	£136.23	£371.10	113

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Our recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Maurice McCarthy, a former parishioner, who died recently. His Requiem will be at St Patrick's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am. We pray also for Maurice's family.

**DROP-IN:** Our drop in will continue as usual on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in St Anne's Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All Welcome.

**ROSARY - prayer, intentions/intercessions and rosary.**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome.

**Eucharistic ministers (Both parishes):** If there are any Eucharistic ministers who would be willing, **one Sunday per month**, to take communion to the hospital please speak to Deacon Mike, or leave a phone message/text. (07706077124) Many thanks.

**SAFEGUARDING Representatives:** Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 01785603012 **St Anne's.**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** The next shared Bible Study group will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 All are welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall, 10 am – 11 am.

**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages APRIL - OCT 2020:** 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

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**There will be a Health & Safety Meeting for St Anne's on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.** It is important that we establish schedules and rotas and discuss the way forward for our parish. Many thanks

**St Patrick's toilet facility:**The 'target scale' on the noticeboard indicates how the financing is progressing. Gift aid envelopes are at the back of church. This project is effectively completed, but needs to be "signed off"!

**PARISH TOTE 150 CLUB Winners of Draw on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020.** £100 Bindu Alex – 92, £50 J Curry – 90, £20 B Tallent – 112, £10 J Stamyard – 64, £10 M Walker – 33, £10 D Cycles – 116, £10 A Horsnall – 68, £10 B Walton – 148, £10 R Fletcher – 88, £10 L Porter – 6, £10 A Coghlan – 113, £10 M J Murphy – 63, £10 S Whyte – 139, £10 W Meehan – 58. Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further information from Marie on 01785 661012.

**St Patrick's** There are still some Grand Draw prizes which have not been collected.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This year this service will be held at **2pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity Church, Mount Street, Stafford.** All are welcome to practice the music for the programme at 10:30 am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Linda Penn

**BIG SING 2** We are pleased to announce our second Parish Big Sing. This time at St Anne's Church next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 3.15 pm – 5 pm. Jayne Gould will be taking us through the basics of singing together. Non-Singers are especially welcome and there will of course be tea and cake. Please come along and bring a friend if you can!

**WALKING IN THE WAY OF THE PASSION** For the six weeks of **Lent** on Wednesday evenings in St Anne's Church from 7.30 pm - 9 pm. We will be looking at the Easter Story along with listening to a set of talks by bible scholar Fr Jerry McBride. We will be considering the events of Easter while at the same time reflecting on our own faith journey as members of the body of Christ. Weekly from 4<sup>th</sup> March to April 8<sup>th</sup>. Come along to one or all of the sessions as you feel able.

**COMMUNITY PARTY FOR THE SENIOR PARISHIONERS.** At Blessed William Howard High School, ST17 9AB on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 11.45 – 2.30 pm. Sandwiches, cake, tea, coffee and entertainment provided. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or you can turn up on the day if you aren't sure.

**ADVENT GIVING TREES** The women's Refuge would like to thank everyone involved at St Anne's and St Patrick's for the wonderful amount of toys, gifts and chocolates that were donated to them. Thank you for your generosity.

**Message** from a former Weeping Cross resident and St Anne parishioner: **Jamie Paulose** requires accommodation ASAP, having been given 2 months notice to leave his nursing home as his placement there is coming to an end. Tel: 07951 351678.'

Ritual celebrations form part of every society's traditions. The birth of a child is naturally a cause for rejoicing and celebration and in the Jewish tradition such a birth always provided an opportunity for the community to recall their history and God's saving action. In today's Gospel Luke tells us that the parents of Jesus faithfully fulfilled their duty in this regard, but the account makes clear that they were certainly not wealthy; offering the basic sacrifice of two small birds. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel are effectively a Gospel within a Gospel because they are made up of the infancy stories, which provide us with the good news that God has become incarnate, but also include the prophecies of Simeon and Anna that introduce us to the passion and resurrection. We celebrate this feast of the Presentation by reflecting that Jesus not only declared Himself to be the light of the world, but reminded His followers that we too are to be the light of the world.