



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

## St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Deacon: Rev. Michael Horsnall**

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### Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

#### THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL			ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL			
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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish Bill Cheetham RIP	
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil		
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Margaret Toner RIP Bridget Webb- B.day	
		10:00am	St Anne's			
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	St Anne's	St Werburg	Memoria Andy Stewart RIP	
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Patrick's		Feria Gregory McKinlay – Well Being	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	St Anne's	Communion service St Agatha	Memoria	
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Paul Miki and Companions	Memoria Donald Powell RIP	
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Anne's		Feria Tony Duke RIP	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	The Duke Family RIP For the intentions of Anica and Paul	
		4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil		
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fifth Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish Gordon Wakeman RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			
<p><b>Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:</b> Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny, Matty Fury, Mark Douglas. <b>St Anne's:</b> Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan O'Dowd, Nick Harrison, Annette Plant, Neve Collins, Matthew Connelly Smith, Stan Curwen.</p>						
<p><b>Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's ]</b> 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, Mercy Simms, Violet Addison, Jack Smith, Mgr John Heslin. <b>[St Anne's]</b> Hannah Hodierne, 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 Pentorry, Bert Smith, John Savin, Ellen Savin, Sylvia Fitzakerley, Anne Wilks.</p>						
Income 26/01/25	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£178.45	£262.43	£408.25	£849.13	Sat 80 Sun 105
St Patrick's	Offertory	£65.30	£172.86	£152.16	£390.32	Sat 73 Sun 79

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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) ([birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

## Parish Tote 150 Club January Winners

£100 F Russell - 156, £50 E Reck - 42, £20 J Hackett - 125, £10 C Tomlinson - 50, £10 F Russell - 23, £10 T Pettit - 12, £10 M Ross - 45, £10 A Lawrance - 26, £10 A Reck - 25, £10 M Owen - 122, £10 H Lewis - 61.

Thank you for your support. A lot of 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. Many Thanks

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> February

Charity for LIFE

Weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> March

Cathedral Maintenance

‘Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for the crib collection of £119.85 from St Patrick’s and £221.93 from St Anne’s for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers as your love and prayers keep them strong.’

### The Drop in Group

Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne’s  
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 valuable facility. **More volunteers always welcome.**

### St Anne’s Choir

At present we have no formal choir and lack a choir leader and an organist. Music plays an important part in our liturgy and enhances our worship. If you would be able to help with the music in any way please would you contact Fr Bob. [*The choir meets in church at 7pm (Tue) on particular dates so keep an eye out for the next one. If anyone would like to pop in we will be going through the hymns for the next few weeks*].

### Parish Library St Anne’s

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

**Bible Alive.** The February editions have arrived and are in St Anne’s Church porch for those who have ordered them. The cost is £2.97 per quarter. Money can be put in the envelopes marked Bible Alive in St Anne’s Church porch. Thank You.

**St Anne’s and St Patrick’s:** In both parishes, CHILDREN’S LITURGY runs every Sunday. This is due to our volunteers/leaders who generously assist our youngsters in their understanding. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. All necessary safeguarding procedures are taken care of. Many thanks. [Those interested in helping please see Fr. Bob]

**+BIBLE STUDY:** St Anne’s Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10-11 am in the hall parish room. We meet fortnightly to look at the bible readings for the coming Sunday. We dig into the background of the readings and draw out their relevance for today. It’s a good way to deepen your interest in scripture and join in what can be wide ranging chats about faith. All are welcome, just turn up on the day.

**\* 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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**St Anne's Reading Rota** If anyone is interested in reading at Mass there is a list in the church porch for you to add your name. Full training will be given.

**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.

**St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** this covers 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. [The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

**LIVING SIMPLY:** 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

**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](mailto: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.

#### **YOUTH CONNECT**

A regular youth activity is held at St Anne's; Mondays [6:30PM TO 8:30PM] (for school years 5 – 9) FREE PIZZA, SPORTS AND GAMES, FRIENDSHIP, BELONG, PRAYER, WORSHIP. So if anyone would like to become involved in any way or wishes to join our Youth Ministry Team please contact Fr. Bob on 01785 661012 [PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE CHURCH PORCH] *[Please note that letters to parents, together with consent forms are in the parish office – just contact Fr. Bob or the secretary Marie in order to take one]*

\* (The activity is now open to those from Year 5 to Year 9)

#### **ST ANNE'S PLAYGROUP**

Our playgroup is now up and running in St Anne's Church Hall every Friday morning (school terms) 9:15 am -11:00am, [for ages 0 - 5 years old].

It is a chance to connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more. £1 per child, snack included and tea or coffee for carers.

Volunteers to support us would be most welcome (where the usual application procedures apply). This is a Catholic Stafford initiative so it's for all parishes. Please contact: [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) 01785661012 OR Letalya 07848893395

Christmas giving trees – Thank you to all parishioners from both parishes for the wonderful response to the Christmas giving trees. Both charities were over the moon with the generosity shown. The women's Refuge have posted some photos on their Facebook page.

**Missio Red Boxes (St Anne's):** Many thanks to all who have been a part of the Red Box collection through the year and all who have donated. A Total of £657.70 was collected.

**Join us for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes!**

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** on **next Saturday, 8th February 2025**, at **4:30 pm**, in **St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham**.

This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. **Refreshments will be served after Mass.**

We extend a special invitation to:

All who have served in Lourdes,

- Schools, students, and
- Pilgrims planning to join our **Diocesan Pilgrimage in May 2025**.

**About the Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité**

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité is a religious confraternity affiliated with the **Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes**. We are committed to supporting pilgrims, especially those staying in the **Accueil**, by providing meaningful experiences and financial assistance to those in need.

**The New Archdiocese Directories** are available in the church porch priced at **£3** each.



**Reminder to St Patrick's parishioners:** Volunteers will be most welcome following the 9am Mass this Sunday. We need the crib figures returned to their cupboards in the tower room.

Many Thanks for many hands that make light work. F. Bob