

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	1 st	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Phyllis Taheny RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Eileen & Brian Turvey (Diamond Ann.)
Sun	2 nd	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Year	Kevin Walsh RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Michael Murphy
Mon	3 rd	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Nicola Bentley
Tue	4 th	NO MASS 11:30am	St Patrick's	Funeral Service for David Emery	
Wed	5 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	
Thu	6 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Private Intention
Fri	7 th	9:15am	St Anne's	(In school) Our Lady of the Rosary Memoria	Fr. John Burns RIP
Sat	8 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Delraine RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Julia Grantham
Sun	9 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Year	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		Miriam & Bernard Farrell RIP

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phyllis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Eileen Turvey, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Sheila Burton, Andrea Horsnall.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] James Sedgley, Joyce Smith, Trevor Reeves, Margaret Evett, Bob Pearce, John McIntyre, Michael Sheehan, Fr William Russell, Margaret Wills, James Carroll, Sheila McPherson, Bridie Flood, Noel Murphy. **[St Anne's]** 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, Winifred Goodman, James Webster.

Income 25/9/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£82.50	£201.88	£391.45	£675.83	Sat 73 Sun 59
St Patrick's	Offertory	£68.30	£165.70	£149.69	£383.69	Sat 41 Sun 75

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 September Draw

£100 B Roberts – 69, £50 J Croxall – 47, £20 C Porter – 98, £10 M Murphy – 63, £10 K Johnson – 70, £10 B Gallagher – 130, £10 L Garnett – 120, £10 A Cheetham – 32, £10 C Taylor – 46, £10 J Appleton – 37, £10 J Peck – 153, £10 M Kilkenny – 38, £10 N Shammass – 134.

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. Very many thanks.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:	Weekend 8th/9th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection
	Weekend 22nd/23rd October	MISSIO
	Weekend 5th/6th November	JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

Please note that there are envelopes at the back of Church for Gift Aiding. Many thanks.

Last weekend's collection for Father Hudson's Society St Anne's £92.29 St Patrick's £147.85
Thank You.

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Dorota Nycz** and **David Emery**, parishioners of **St Patrick's**, who died recently. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings: All are welcome (from around 10:25am) in the Church Hall.

If anyone has any spare wool, someone who knits hats and scarves for the homeless would be very grateful. Please leave in the church porch of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. Many thanks.

COLLECTION BAGS: I am very grateful to our welcomers and stewards who are enabling the bags to be passed along the benches and also to those who have offered to be in a counting team. St Patrick's counting teams hope to be able to begin their rota soon, once one or two have been 'shown the ropes'. It goes without saying that the most convenient and preferred method of giving remains Standing Order. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Marie in the office if you would like to consider this. Many thanks. Fr. Bob

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 to help here please!**

St Patrick's: As I have mentioned previously, the following groups are up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams;** later, we hope: **Health and Safety, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis.** Anyone else who would like to be involved in some way, please contact Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group has started up again and much appreciated. Open to children of primary school age and under. Children leave church for their own celebration (accessing the mass and readings at their own level) shortly after the beginning of mass and return after the Creed. Pre-school children are welcome but adults are asked to accompany them for safeguarding reasons. Also volunteers to help with the sessions are always welcome. 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 **this Tuesday 4th October**.

HELP: St Patrick's is in the process of finalising our Gift Aid submission to the Diocese and it has taken us some time and analysis to iron out any anomalies. Sometimes we have envelopes that do not correspond to donations and parishioners may have moved away etc. At this present time we are appealing to anyone, who currently uses an envelope numbered **130**, to contact Fr. Bob so that we can 'tick the box' and send our completed form to the archdiocese. Many thanks.

Stafford Walsingham Association

Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is hoped to be held. During the Mass, we offer the Litany of OLW, praying that Our Lady will, as the prayer says, '*look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.*' As membership of the Association is open to anyone within our three parishes. If you would like to be a member of the Walsingham Association, please fill in one of the forms at the back of church and return it to the Presbytery.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Please be aware that the new financial year has passed. New boxes of envelopes used by parishioners who gift aid their donations can be found in the porches of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. They are already named and ready for collection. 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. Thanks to Mark and Margaret for their efforts in administering the Gift Aid facility

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have pronounced on the "Sunday Obligation" some time ago: "We.... believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. "We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation."

Visit of the relics of St Bernadette to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford 8th & 9th October

"The pilgrimage St Bernadette's relics this autumn offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our Faith, joining with one another to encounter God's love and find spiritual, emotional, and psychological healing and renewal". *Cardinal Vincent Nichols*

- **Sat Oct 8th.** *In Church* 10 pm - Welcome. 10.15 pm - Midnight - Veneration. Midnight - Night Prayer.
- **Sun Oct 9th.** *In the Grotto* - 8 am - Morning Prayer, 8.15 am - 3.30 pm - Veneration incl 10.30 - 11.30 Veneration for children). 4 pm - Mass with anointing - Celebrant Bishop Stephen.
- **Overnight Watch of Prayer In Church** - Midnight Sat - 8 am on Sun. Contact Fr Jeremy to join for any period of time of time. 07868 542258 / fr.Jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk To see tour details and to book a slot to let us know numbers <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

Updates:

Volunteers - Offers of help still welcome. **Meeting for volunteers** in person at St. Josephs School Hednesford on Friday September 30th at 6 pm. **Also on line on Zoom** - to join <http://bit.ly/CCCCZoomRoom>. Also possibly needed - Meeting ID: 587 322 0485 Passcode: FW5uRD.

- **Children's Veneration & Rosary** - Sunday October 8th - 10.30 am - 11.30 am.
- **Anointing** - will be during mass at 4 pm on Sunday October 9th
- **Choir for 4 pm Mass on Sunday** - Everyone welcome - Choir Practice - 1.45 pm Sunday October 9th.

Vacancy, Head of Safeguarding

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking a head of Safeguarding. The postholder will manage the operations of the safeguarding team, who operate in accordance with the statutory framework and the Catholic Church's safeguarding policies and procedures. Following a period of significant change and improvement, now is an exciting time for an experienced safeguarding professional to join this friendly and creative team to further develop and embed excellence in safeguarding practice. This role would suit an experienced safeguarding professional. Closing date is 3rd October. To find out more, please go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

***For your diary:**

Three Parishes Family Barn Dance
Friday 7th October 7.30 pm – 10 pm
(Doors open at 7.15 pm)

St Anne's School Hall

£5 per person – Children Free.

Bring your own drinks and food.

***[Tickets for sale after each Mass from this week- end]*.**

Stafford Passion Play 2023: As most of you may be aware, it is planned to put on a Stafford Passion Play in the town next Easter. 'Love Stafford' has invited the 'Saltmine Theatre Company' (made up completely of Christians who are professional actors) to perform on the streets of Stafford at Easter 2023. In 2019 the play was performed in Central Birmingham to great acclaim. All churches in and around Stafford are invited to help finance this event in whatever capacity can be offered [please refer to the accompanying paper, which explains the schedule]. Looking ahead, there will be opportunities for those who would like to offer their time and interest in being an active part of the performance, eg. Members of the wider cast, musicians, singers, etc. There is also planned, locally, prayer meetings, enabling us to focus on such an important event.

***Please take an information sheet from the back of church**

NB: There are 'flyers' at the back of Church showing where prayer meetings are held in various town churches. There are monthly meetings until January then weekly prayer gatherings from February until March 23rd.

Stafford Bereavement Café: Please see the notices in the porches of each church concerning a Drop-In for the bereaved. **We meet in the Café at Asda on the third Tuesday of each month. Between 09:30 and 11:00am.**
18th October, 15th November, and 20th December

Fr Simon writes: Just a little note to say 'thank you' to everyone who so kindly gave cards and gifts to me before, as the saying goes, I was '*sent to Coventry*'. It has been a busy time since my arrival, but everything is slowly starting to fall into place. The boxes are slowly being reduced; parishioners names are being learnt; and of course, in keeping with tradition, the gin has been unpacked – in fact it was the first thing to happen upon arrival! Everyone in St Austin's, St Anne's and St Patrick's continues to be in my daily prayers, and I would ask you all, in the words of St Thomas More to continue to 'pray for me' as life as a Parish Priest continues to unfold.

***We Add:** To show our appreciation for his contribution to the life of our three parishes we hope to invite him back to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at a date to be arranged. Envelopes are available this weekend for donations towards a presentation n to him. Please return them by the weekend **15th / 16th October.**