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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	3 rd	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Elliot & McKinlay Families	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Tony Duke RIP	
Sun	4 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Third Sunday of Year	Martha Porter RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		Marie-Louise & Family	
Mon	5 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Private Intention	
Tue	6 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Gregory & Debbie McKinlay (Wed. Ann)	
Wed	7 th	No Mass	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	8 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast	Damian McKinlay (RIP) (birthday)
Fri	9 th	9:30am	St Anne's		Feria	Private Intention
Sat	10 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish Special Intention	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		
Sun	11 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Year	Anna McNicholl RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		Bridie & Paddy Toner RIP	

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis 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 and Tony Hukin, Sheila Burton.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Doris Owens, George Owens, Patricia McCarthy, John Breen, Dorothy Goodall, Martha Figel, William Millward, Bernard Gunn, Julie O'Doherty, Vanessa Traversari, Norma Dodd, Patrick Porter. **[St Anne's]** David Ferguson, Thomas Fenton, Peter Gough, Harold Nelson, Anne Nelson, Marie Smith, Mabil Austin, Rosemary Mitcherson, Donald Skeen.

Income 28/8/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£134.00	£229.20	£391.45	£754.65	Sat 51 Sun 61
St Patrick's	Offertory	£78.30	£178.40	£149.69	£406.39	Sat 41 Sun 66

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 Draw on 23rd August 2022

£100 J Freeman - 7, £50 A Rutledge - 135, £20 M Mitchell - 31, £10 W Meehan - 54, £10 J Corr - 77,
£10 J Corr - 85, £10 J Pettit - 34, £10 S Whyte - 139, £10 C Tomlinson - 50, £10 G Ogram - 110,
£10 C Taylor - 51, £10 L Garnett - 120, £10 T Kelly - 126.

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are still 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 17th/18th September
Weekend 24th/25th September
Weekend 8th/9th October

Catholic Evangelisation
Fr Hudson's Society
CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection

Our Deceased: Please pray for the soul of **Anna McNicholl**, a parishioner of **St Patrick's**, who died last week. Please also remember Anna's family at this time. *May she 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.

St Anne's Reading Rota A Copy of the new rota is available to pick up from church this weekend.

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: The passing around of leather collection bags has returned to our parishes of St Patrick's and St Annes'. This tradition has been re-established because of its inherent security and to enable a more focused collection of 2nd collection donations (through a retiring collection as parishioners leave). 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 soon, hopefully, to be up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Health and Safety, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, 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. [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk] or 01785 661012

[*There are sheets at the back of church on which you can write your name for any of these roles.]
Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group will start up again on next Sunday 11th September. 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**. However, there will be a break over the summer period. ----- The next meeting will be this Tuesday on **6th September**.

Blessed William Howard School: There will be an **OPEN EVENING** on Tuesday **13th September** starting at **6:00pm** for parents and students looking to join **BWH** in **September 2023**. School Tours, Principal's welcome, presentations and a chance to meet our staff and students. (Please refer to the posters in the porch of each church).

Stafford Walsingham Association

Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is 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, the Mass will alternate between the three churches. 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. **[The venue of our next Mass will be announced soon]**

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."

As part of our "Live Simply" Campaign we want to live in solidarity with those in poverty It's time to tackle corporate abuse of human and environmental rights

We're calling on the UK government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent abuses and environmental harm.

LIVE SIMPLY

"Our **Live Simply** award needs to involve as many people in the community as possible. From the youngest to the oldest, each person's different strengths and interests contribute to making it a success. So do come forward if you have some ideas.

We are asked to "Pray, Act and Give. Take time to consider our broken global food system by praying for food justice, <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/A-prayer-for-food-justice>. You may wish to email the Foreign Secretary, <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1>. If you are able you can donate to help those in need, <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=125900>

If we are to tackle the climate crisis and global poverty around the world, we must address the destruction linked to UK companies. Please email your MP <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

We are looking for a date to hold a "Fix the Food System" with our 7 station activity.

Human trafficking is also an issue. The Church stands in solidarity with the poor and drawing from Catholic Social Teaching, we believe that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God, imbued with an innate dignity. Modern slavery is an attack upon this dignity. In solidarity, we are called to work with hope and compassion to transform our common home, to ensure that people, communities and the earth may flourish - free from exploitation. CAFOD are calling for a 'Business, Human Rights and Environment Act' and a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights, to help the UK fully realise its commitments to the UN. You can email your MP to support this act here <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

regards

Joe McCormick

Spiritual Spa Day for Ladies: This is an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in God's love; to be inspired, reflect and pray together and to be affirmed in our faith at St Austin's Church, Stafford, next **Saturday 10th September**. The day will also include Praise and Worship, Adoration and Reconciliation 10.30am – 4.30pm with Registration from 10.00am and Holy Mass at 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. Please contact Rita 07792 318916, Karen 07528 229236 or Hilary 07813 751444 by Thursday 1st September, if you are attending the day.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: In October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. As part of the pilgrimage, the relics will come to Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford on 8th and 9th October. There will be more details about this in the coming weeks. **NB:** To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, and to allow for the potentially large numbers, individuals and groups are strongly encouraged to register their attendance at their earliest convenience choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at their chosen church or cathedral. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed here: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/. (Please be assured that pilgrims who have been unable to register will not be turned away).

**For your diary:*

Three Parishes Family Barn Dance * [Tickets for sale after each Mass from this week- end]*.
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.

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. **Further information will follow in the coming weeks.**

End Note: Occasionally, in St Anne's Church, one or two bags appear in the porch area with various contents (from books, children's clothes and other oddments). Whilst it is a kind thought, we are at a loss as to what to do with them. So, many thanks to the donors, but it will help if we can focus on the Christian Foodbank basket and wool.