



Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 5th June 2022

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Memoria	Mass Intention
Sat	4 th	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil		Bridget Collins RIP Winifred Meehan (Birthday)
Sun	5 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Pentecost Sunday		Eddie Lennon RIP People of the Parish
Mon	6 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Mary Mother of the Church	Memoria	Peter Turner RIP
Tue	7 th	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria	James, Margaret & Josie Madden & Michelle RIP
Wed	8 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	9 th	9:15am	St Patrick's	Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Feast	Julie Grantham (well being)
Fri	10 th	9:15am	St Anne's		Feria	Mary Terry RIP
Sat	11 th	10:30am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Patrick's St Anne's	Mass of First Holy Communion Vigil Vigil		FHC candidates Bob McKinlay RIP People of the Parish
Sun	12 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Holy Trinity Sunday		Eddie&Bridie Hunt RIP Sheila Hird RIP

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Jacqueline Simpson, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahan, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Ian Burnside, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Eileen Turvey.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Matilda Warrilow, Gordon Wild, Eddie Lennon, Elizabeth Galvin, Joseph Beyer, Kathleen Bacon, Margaret Deaville, Patricia Toner, Dorothy Dolphin, Florence Lakin, Constance Bickley, Matthew Melvin, Ronald O'Brien, Francis Ashun, Mary Perry, Leslie Jackson, Frederick McGarry, Noreen Chance, Albert Terrie, Ethel Mayhew and Joan Creamer. **[St Anne's]** Stephen Fulton, Katherine Ilsley, Evelyn Rimmer, Clara Rushton, Gladys Wolveson, Michael Fleming, Jack Cheetham, Agnes Pearce, John Sandy, Hilary Glover, Maurice Vincent Jones, Geoff Owen and Stephen Wright.

Income 29/5/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£224.00	£197.70	£391.45	£813.15	Sat 57 Sun 65
St Patrick's	Offertory	£117.30	£102.00	£149.69	£368.99	Sat 38 Sun 70

On the Archdiocese website there is a standing order and Gift Aid form for parishioners so they can continue to give at this time. Please direct any such enquiries

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

Last weekend's collection for 'Catholic Communications' St Anne's £104.80 St Patrick's £38.90

Thank You.

Parish Tote 150 Club Winners of Draw on 26th May 2022

£100 G Leese - 83, £50 J Serino - 95, £20 R O'Toole - 81, £10 C Price - 29, £10 C Salt - 109, £10 K Owen - 82, £10 C Taylor - 2, £10 G Ogram - 110, £10 M Ross - 45, £10 P Walters - 15, £10 A Rutledge - 135, £10 K Johnson - 70, £10 P Gormley - 102.

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. There are large collection bins placed on entry and exit* Very many thanks*

Our Deceased: Please remember in your prayers **Mary Terry, of St Anne's Parish and Margaret Buckingham, of St Austin's**, who have died recently. Our thoughts are also with their families at this time.

May Mary and Margaret 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. Many thanks.

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 Anne's Choir: **Do you like to sing? We would love you to come and see if it would interest you to be "one in the Spirit" here @ St Anne's. Our very small choir could do with a "little support" to be "one in the Lord". Male and female voices provide such harmony. Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. Even if you can just come now and then for the pleasure of singing you will be most welcome.**

St Patrick's Music: **Volunteers who attend regular Mass at St Patrick's (Sat or Sun) are welcome to operate our phone/Bluetooth system so that our parish may once more sing hymns at Mass. I thank those who have volunteered already, so if others could come forward and begin to form a rota it would be great. I will explain it all. Just phone/email Fr. Bob. With gratitude. PS. It is great to see the Sunday morning choir up in the Gallery singing their hearts out. Those who like to add to the chorus please join them**

St Anne's Readers Copies of the new rota for June – August 2022 are in the Church porch.

St Patrick's: Now that we are back in, what we would hope is, 'pre-2020 mode', there is a need for consolidating and building up our parish teams. Some may remember the effort made in creating rotas and supporting those who already put so much into various areas of parish life. It is with this in mind (together with the Bishops' Statement) that I am calling for more help in the following areas: the **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Health and Safety, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis.** Please email or phone Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk] or 01785 661012

Flower Arranging: Both Saint Anne's and St Patrick's are in need of flower arranging volunteers who could help our usual dedicated 'few' so that a rota can be made. Please let Fr. Bob know. Many Thanks.

This Jubilee Weekend we will say prayers for Her Majesty the Queen and sing the National Anthem after each Mass.

BIBLE STUDY: Our parish Bible Study now meets on a regular **fortnightly** programme. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th June in St Anne's parish hall meeting room from 10 am – 11 am.** Welcome to those wishing to join us.

Ukrainian Refugees: We have received an email from the diocese related precisely to this urgent issue and you will find all useful details on our diocesan website. Please see just how offers of help will be co-ordinated through **Caritas** and **Father Hudson's Care**. Our Catholic parishes will be in regular communication with the diocese in regard to this matter.

Stafford Walsingham Association

Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be held and this has begun. During the Mass, we shall 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.

Hednesford Diocesan Pilgrimage is taking place on Sunday 3rd July.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Please be aware that the new financial year is imminent. 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 would prefer to donate through **STANDING ORDER** 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

Stafford Choral Society are holding their 75th Anniversary Concert on Saturday 11th June at 7.30pm in Lichfield Cathedral. The performance will be Requiem by Verdi, conducted by Ellie Storch.

LIVE SIMPLY

"The 3 parishes **LIVE SIMPLY** have met twice. 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.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost



See our parish home-page for the link

to the complete article.

Following the Spring Plenary, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made an announcement on the "Sunday Obligation":

"Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed.

"The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore 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."

PRAYER FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen; may she continue to know the steadfast love of God and serve her people faithfully.

O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

And hear us on the day we call upon you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And let my cry come before you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**God save our gracious queen
Long live our noble queen
God save the queen
Send her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour
Long may she reign
May she defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the queen**

A Traditional Pentecost Meditation

Pentecost Vigil: On Holy Saturday at the Vigil Mass, the Mass begins with several readings telling the history of salvation. There is also an option to do this on Pentecost Sunday, a tradition which has died out in many parish settings. Copies of the readings and prayers are available at the back of church if anyone would like to take them and use for personal prayer and reflection.