

Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	4 th	4:00 pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Mgr John Heslin RIP Colin Wilkinson RIP
Sun	5 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Thirty First Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish Gordon Lee RIP
Mon	6 th	9:30am	St Anne's		Feria Maria & Zygmunt Warmuz
Tue	7 th	10:30am	St Patrick's	Requiem Mass for Julie Bates	
Wed	8 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	
Thu	9 th	9.30 am	St Patrick's	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast Holy Souls
Fri	10 th	9:15am	St Anne's	St Leo the Great	Memoria Jean Thornton RIP
Sat	11 th	10:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession Vigil Vigil	Keith Price RIP Eileen Aquiline RIP
Sun	12 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Thirty Second Sunday of the Year	Patty&Tim Tiernan RIP Kay & Alfred Turner RIP

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan Collins, Imelda Moore, Pam Knowles.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Wilfred Heath, James Byre, Peter Moore, John Galvin, Paul O'Shea, Maureen Draper, Michael Parton, Audrey Mitchell, Kitty Daly, Alfred Tyler, Keith Price, John Hagan, Hugh Porter, Melvyn Whitlock, William Martin, Noleen Hodgkinson, Ethel Millward, Albert Chell, Dom Richardson, James Dunlavey, Mary Thomas, Kathleen McEwan. **[St Anne's]** Louis Norman, Joseph Loftus, Hilda Plant, Nicola Holmes, Mary McAuliffe, Shereen Slingsby, Brian Buckley, Basil Bullock, Annie Freeman, Honora Lawler, Philip Murphy, Samuel Stott, Patrick McHugh, Daniel McKellar, Margaret Hawkins, Ernest Gooch, Rita Price, James Ruscoe, Kay Turner.

Income 29/10/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£52.50	£130.58	£408.25	£591.33	Sat 65 Sun 68
St Patrick's	Offertory	£58.40	£175.94	£152.16	£386.50	Sat 52 Sun 86

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 31st October Draw

£100 M Ross - 45, £50 G Thickett - 149, £20 C Salt -155, £10 W Meehan - 54, £10 E Arrowsmith - 84, £10 J Pettit - 34, £10 J Walsh - 20, £10 A Reck - 25, £10 J Hackett - 125, £10 G Ogram - 110, £10 J Ryan - 66.

Thank you for your support. 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. Very Many Thanks.

Second Collection: This Weekend 4th/5th November Johnson Clergy Association CIO

Future Second Collections: Weekend 25th /26th November Catholic Youth Service

JOHNSON CLERGY ASSOCIATION: The association firstly provides financial help to those diocesan priests who retire from active work through illness or old age; secondly, it makes grants to those priests on the active list who are incapacitated by serious illness lasting over a month who need monetary assistance to receive treatment to recover their health, and during a period of recuperation.

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Jean Thornton, Julie Bates, Margaret Swift and Anthony Gackowski** who have died recently. We remember their families at this time. May *Jean, Julie, Margaret and Anthony rest in peace and rise in glory.*

CATENIANS MASS On Tuesday Evening 6th November at 7pm, in St Austin's, there will be the annual Catenians' Memorial Mass for deceased members. Those who would like to find out more about the Catenians and their role within the life of the Church are most welcome to come and meet with members.

The Drop in Group have sent; £50 to CAFOD for the Libyan Flood Appeal; £50 for the McMillan Cancer Care Fund and £20 for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the 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 welcome facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

CLEANERS St Anne's: Thanks for our volunteers. A list of the teams and a date rota is displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

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. Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY has restarted. It will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group is running and much appreciated. Open to children of primary school age and under. 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 **Tuesday 14th November**.

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES The **Gift Aid Envelopes [for this tax year]** are ready for your collection at the back of church. 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.

St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we have re-established the rota, for 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. Thank you.

LIVING SIMPLY (Update):

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

Our local co-ordinators, **Adam and Clare (St Austin's)**, send their thanks.

Take a look at our latest graph showing the numbers of meals provided (at the back of church)

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) 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.

The **Bible Timeline®** study program takes us on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter **Jeff Cavins** will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. (Please bring a Catholic Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church) [The Bible Timeline program takes place on Mondays in **St Austin's Meeting Room** at 7pm. All welcome].

Parish Library St Anne's

Thank you to everyone who has donated bibles and books (and a bookcase).

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

PARISH QUIZ: Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Quiz. £260 was raised.

GRAND DRAW AND SOCIAL EVENING

To be held on Saturday 9th December after the evening Mass at St Anne's.

We would be grateful for donations of prizes for the Grand Draw. There is a list at the back of both churches this weekend if you would like to donate. Many Thanks.

Welcome back Bishop Stephen Wright: Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in **St Chad's Cathedral** on **Friday 17th November at 12 Noon**. As very few were able to attend his installation as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle in July it will be an opportunity to gather and celebrate his appointment and pray God's blessing on his new appointment. We hope to have representatives of the schools and Stafford parishes at the Mass. A coach has been ordered to leave from Austin Friars (a road next to St Austin's Church) at **10:00am**. Please let Fr Bob know if you would like to travel.

The Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* is available on the website of the Holy See www.vatican.va and it can be shared and distributed freely together with the explanatory material which is available via www.LaudateDeum.org.

The Holy Father has asked us to entrust the new Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, along with the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, of St. Joseph the Protector, of Saint Francis and all the Saints.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Throughout the month of November there will be the opportunity of placing the names of deceased loved ones in envelopes. These can be placed in the basket in the front of the altar in both churches, where Masses will be said for the Holy Souls during this special month.

