



### St. Anne's Catholic Church

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### TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

#### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	David Harwar RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Colin Wilkinson RIP (Ann.)
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	Patty&Tim Tiernan RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Paddy Toner RIP
Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Wyne Hayes RIP & Family
Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Bernard Massey RIP
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Feria	
Thu	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Celebrant's Intention
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Anne's	Feria	Eileen Turvey RIP
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish Moni & Joe
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>The Second Sunday of the Year</b>	Fr. Anthony De Vere RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Paul Toner RIP

**Prayers for the sick:** **St Patrick's:** Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, 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, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin.

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** *[St. Patrick's]* Brenda Road, Rose Wright, Bernard Hussey, John Perkins, Cyril Adams, Ada Beeston, Ann Burghall, Christopher Dibb, Bernard Massey, Lilian Moore, Joseph Maguire, Joseph Meehan, Bernard Ryan, Bertram Burne, Thomas Concar, Frederick Millward, Mary O'Donnell, Winifred Parnell, Mary Williams, Neil King, Derek Sammut, John Towey, Charles Durkin, Walter Kelly. *[St Anne's]* Patrick Gilhooly, Elizabeth Gonzalez, John Murphy, Roy Roderick, Marie Rusinowski, William Conlin, Bernard Massey, Charles Carmedy, Roger Frow, Mary Gammon, Imelda Hall, Margaret Hunt, Nell Peck, Trevor Clarkson, Audrey George, Jennifer Billington, Al Loran, Walter Kelly.

Income1/1/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£87.00	£218.92	£391.45	£697.37	Sat 53 Sun 74
St Patrick's	Offertory	£121.30	£554.56	£149.69	£675.86	Sat 54 Sun 62

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**

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. Very many thanks.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** This weekend (7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Jan) there is a special collection for Church Heating.

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

**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 would be most welcome.**

**St Patrick's:** Anyone who would like to be involved in some way in the following: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Health and Safety, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis**, 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** 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 THIS Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham:** this is very third or fourth Saturday. 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.

**Our Next Mass is on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10:00am in St Anne's**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** 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.

### **LIVING SIMPLY (Update):**

**Latest:** the group met recently last year and discussed activities linked to our "Live Simply" Project.

- Parishioners are invited to purchase Fair traded goods and to buy world gifts from CAFOD <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>
- We are creating a "wildflower area" in St Anne's garden to help support biodiversity by allowing bees, butterflies and other species to thrive. [This should be more evident through the Spring weeks].

**FAIR TRADE GOODS** Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. You can buy Fairtrade products at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/ethical-christmas-gifts-for-2022/> If anyone is interested in buying Fair Trade goods, Ann Kelly, of St Anne's, will be happy to speak to you and to explain the process. If you text: 07914788247 Ann will get back to you. Orders are all done on line at the moment but some catalogues will be ordered. Tradecraft find online more cost effective. It is hoped that we might have a stall at the next meeting. Many Thanks

**Advent/Christmas Giving Tree:** The gifts around the tree are for two charities: 'The Women's Refuge' and 'House of Bread'.

**The Refuge** have indicated welcome donations such as: Deodorant and hair products, small toys and games, socks and pants childrens and womens, umbrellas, kitchen utensils.

**House of Bread** would welcome Deodorant and toiletries, socks and pants (men's), towels. [Both charities would be grateful for supermarket gift vouchers also]. The need is even greater this year and they are happy to receive other donations too. Anything not needed by one will be passed to the other local charities. **Please note:** Since two charities are involved in the Giving Tree, could you please **indicate CLEARLY** on your gift which charity it is destined for. Thank you.

**(This Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January is the final opportunity for placing the gifts around the tree, after which they will be taken to their destinations).**

**This year's Crib Donations will be destined for Friends of the Holy Land.**

**St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** we are re-establishing 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. It is a simple but wonderful ministry and your services would be very much appreciated. Full training would be given. Thank you.

**\*For your diary:**

**Stafford Passion Play 2023:** As most of you may be aware, it is planned to put on a Stafford Passion Play in the town this 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. All churches in and around Stafford are invited to help finance this event in whatever capacity can be offered. 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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Applying for Passion Play parts**

This link is also on the Facebook page of  
All of this can be



Love Stafford

found at <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/passionplaystafford>.

**We now need to begin to build a team of stewards.** There is no application form. Applications are by email using [volunteer@lovestafford.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lovestafford.org.uk). This address can also be accessed through the website above by selecting the 'Become a volunteer' option. As you will be aware there are four performances of the play 11am and 3pm on both Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Eve), 7 & 8 April 2023. It would be very helpful if in the email, volunteers can show which performances they will be able to steward. Many Thanks to you all.

## **New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD**

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- In local schools across Stafford where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Joanne O'Meara: [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

With kind regards, *Joanne*

**Joanne O'Meara**

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## **SYCAMORE**

What do you believe?

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion.

In addition to the essential questions about life, SYCAMORE explains simply the central beliefs and practices of Catholic Christianity. Understand the seven sacraments, the moral and social teaching of the Church, the Christian vocations, the Virgin Mary and the saints, life after death, and the hope of heaven.

Everyone is welcome.

**Catholic Stafford's first meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at St Austin's Meeting Room at 7pm**