

Sunday 8th March 2020

Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Lectionary Cycle A, Weekday Mass Cycle 2 Psalter week 2 [Parish Mass Book P155]

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	7 th	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Peggy Toner RIP	
Sun	8 th	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Second Sunday of Lent	The Wellbeing of the Bowers family & The sick and their carers	
		11:15 am	St Anne's		Celebrant's Intention	
Mon	9 th	9:15 am	St Anne's	Lent Feria	Ian Morrison RIP	
Tue	10 th	9:15 am	St Patrick's	Lent Feria	Gwenda Fenton RIP & Jim + Peggy Toner	
Wed	11 th	10:00 am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Lent Feria	
Thu	12 th	9:15 am	St Patrick's	School Mass	Lent Feria	Damian McKinlay & Well-being of Gregory McKinlay
Fri	13 th	9:15 am	St Anne's	School Mass	Lent Feria	People of the Parish
		7:00 pm	St Patrick's	Stations of the Cross		
Sat	14 th	10:00 am	St Patrick's	Confessions	Ann. Mass for both parishes (Johnson Assn.)	
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass		
Sun	15 th	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Third Sunday of Lent	Brian Begley RIP & Joan McKinlay's Intentions	
		11:15 am	St Anne's		John Meehan RIP	

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By Appointment

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Helena Hawkins, Ethel Berenyi, Alfred Atkinson, George Wilkinson, Keith Ward, Monica Quayle, Ellen Jones, Harold Wilkes, Bernard Dempsey, Margaret Gould, Nancy Sutton, Arthur Hawkins, John Gilbert, Patricia Evans, Margaret Birtles, George Cliff, Ethel Wilkinson, Edna Perry, Fanny Hollinshead and Anthony O'Reilly.

[St. Anne's] Kathleen Horton, Canon Larkin, Patrick McCoy, Elizabeth Walshe, Rueben Baker, Bernard Dale, Louise Keats, Vera Powell, Susanne Turner, Brian McCann, Jeremiah O'Leary and Jack Thomas.

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter and Cecylia Kotara **St Anne's** Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, David Green, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Colin Wilkinson, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise and Shaun Gilbride.

CHURCH ROTAS

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	6 th March Julia Turner & Clare Whitehall	15 th March Marie Badger		15 th March Jo Bennett & Eileen Buckley	15 th March Catriona Mawdsley
St Patrick's	w/c 15 th March Sumith, Jenice & family	Team	Carmel P	15 th March Monica R & Mary	15 th March Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
Sat . 14th March : Readers:	Peter Harland	
Euch. Ministers:	C Love	
Sun. 15th March : Readers:	Honor Shammass	Grace & Angela R
Euch. Ministers:	T Garrett & T Kelly	Geraldine, Mary W & Lyn

Income 23 th Feb	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£193.15	£174.28	£179.65	£547.08	186
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£71.00	£179.74	£136.23	£386.97	133

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The Second Collection last weekend 29th February/1st March for Cathedral Maintenance St Anne's £175.86 St Patrick's £94.42 Thank You.

The Second Collection this weekend 7th/8th March is for CAFOD Lent Fast. Gift Aid envelopes available in porch.

Please remember in your prayers Fr Bob Wright, one of our diocesan priests (Coventry) who died last week.

Liturgical/Pastoral DATES FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:

14th/15th March: Daughters of Divine Love (Parish Missionary Appeal)

17th March: Mass to mark the Completion of the Deanery Visitation – St Patrick's 7:00pm

Many thanks to all who organized, and came along to, the Beetle Drive Fun Evening at St Patrick's last Friday. It was enjoyed by all and proved to be a popular event. All funds raised will go towards our parish maintenance.

Parishes Social (Fundraising Events) DATES UP TO SUMMER:

Quiz on Saturday 21st March at St Anne's Church Hall. Doors open after 6 pm Mass, Quiz starts 7.30 pm. £5 per person, Make up a team of up to six people or come on the night and make up a team. Bring your own 'eats' and drinks.

26th April: Sponsored Walk

5th June: Fashion Show (St Anne's Hall)

19th June: BBQ (St Anne's Grounds)

11th July Catholic Stafford Celebration Buffet and 3 parishes get-together

With regard to our Missionary Appeal next weekend, the Daughters of Divine Love is an international Congregation founded in Nigerian in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They came to England in 1989 and are present today in 6 dioceses. They educate, care and add value to the lives of the less privileged in the society. Their charity home in Nigeria provides care for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers and children with special needs.

To St Patrick's and St Anne's: As noted above, the closing of our Deanery Visitation will be marked by a Mass at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 17th March at 7:00pm. Please do put this date in your diary as a good turnout would be fitting for such an event. Archbishop Bernard and Bishop David will be celebrating and there will be a 'concluding feedback' meeting in the School Hall afterwards. Volunteer help would be welcome in assisting with cake and tea/coffee refreshments in St Patrick's hall. (Donations of cakes would be most welcome – there are sheets in the back of church for indicating donations). The event will be attended by parishioners of the other parishes in the deanery also. Many thanks

DROP-IN: Our drop in will continue as usual on **Wednesday 11th March** in St Anne's Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All Welcome.

ROSARY - prayer, intentions/intercessions and rosary.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March at 10.00 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING Representatives: Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 017 5603012 **St Anne's.**

Coronavirus: Most of us are aware of the constant stream of updated information (through media) concerning this matter. Nothing can be added here, at present, except to provide guidance in regard to liturgical gathering and celebration. Personal and communal good hygiene are essential, with regular and thorough handwashing. It would help if anyone having cold or flu symptoms would refrain from the physical sign of peace and receiving from the chalice. Receiving the host in the hand (which should be practice anyway during "flu season") would be the preferred option. Ministers of communion should wash hands thoroughly before entrance to the sanctuary. Both churches now have good handwashing facilities.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP. The next shared Bible Study group will be on Tuesday **17th March.** All are welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall, 10 am – 11 am.

STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY the next meeting will be on this Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

SAVE THE DATE! Ladies, you are invited to a Spiritual Spa Day, 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 Hall, Stafford on **Saturday May 16th.** Put the date in your diary, more details soon.

St Patrick's new facility: Our 'target fundraising scale' on the noticeboard indicates how the financing is progressing. I hope that we can swiftly raise the funds for it.

Parish Tote 150 Club Winners 23rd February 2020. Thank you all for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further information from Marie on 01785 661012.

WALKING IN THE WAY OF THE PASSION During the weeks of **Lent** on Wednesday evenings in St Anne's Church from 7.30 pm - 9 pm we will be reflecting on the Easter Story along with listening to a set of talks by bible scholar Fr Jerry McBride. We will be considering the events of Easter while at the same time reflecting on our own faith journey as members of the body of Christ. Weekly from **4th March to April 8th.** Do come along to one or all of the sessions as you feel able.

Message from a former Weeping Cross resident and St Anne parishioner: Jamie Paulose requires accommodation ASAP, having been given notice to leave his nursing home as his placement there is coming to an end. Tel: 07951 351678.' Jamie has heard that his moving-out date is **19 March.**