

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Weekly Newsletter

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	7 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Tony Norton RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Patrick Bayliffe RIP
Sun	8 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		Gordon Lee RIP
Mon	9 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Easter Feria	Mary Flanigan RIP
Tue	10 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Easter Feria	Kevin Walsh RIP
Wed	11 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Easter Feria
Thu	12 th	9:15am	St Patrick's	Funeral Service for Christina Howles	Easter Feria
		12:30pm	St Anne's		Private Intention
Fri	13 th	9:15am	St Anne's	Easter Feria	Well Being of Declan Lampitt
Sat	14 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	For Parish (Johnson)
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Sheila Hird RIP
Sun	15 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fifth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		Irene Bartolo 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, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahan, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Ian Burnside, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Edith Adams, Witold Kurek, Catherine McCabe, John Hannifin, Eileen Edensor, Fr Walter Joret, Lawrence Clifford, William Blackburn, William Paish, John Greer, Mary Horsley, Norah Cooper, William Hardy, Raymond O'Rourke, Mary Clarke, Barry Johnston and Amelia Narcisi. **[St Anne's]** Tony Adamson, Fr Walter Joret, Pat Bayliffe, Evelyn Gunderson, Henry James, Annie Kay, Hilda Scandrett, Terry Smith, John Carter, Eric Parsons, David Scriven, John Ferguson, Mary Hatfield and Anthony Nealon.

Income 1/5/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£ 309.40	£ 178.00	£391.45	£878.85	Sat 52 Sun 80
St Patrick's	Offertory	£ 60.30	£ 110.40	£149.69	£320.39	Sat 56 Sun 59

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>

***This email is from the archdiocese:** Just to let you know, there is a donate **BUTTON (TOP RIGHT)** on the home page of the diocesan website – www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

The Second Collection this weekend 7th/8th May is for the Clergy Training Fund.

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

£100 R Fletcher – 88, £50 D Cyples - 116, £20 C Price - 24, £10 G Ogram - 110, £10 N Shammas - 134, £10 M Ross - 146, £10 P O'Neill - 78, £10 M Owen - 122, £10 P Harland - 96, £10 M Hughes - 30, £10 R O'Toole - 81, £10 J Corr - 77, £10 R Ayirebi - 4.

Thank you for your support. A lot of 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. Those who use gift aid envelopes will find new ones for this financial year, labelled and numbered at the back of each church. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also. Some parishioners might like to know that the parish office (St Anne's) can always be used as a 'drop-off' for envelopes. There are large collection bins placed on entry and exit* Expenses (maintenance, consumables, utilities and fabric upkeep, not to mention health and safety) are ongoing. Very many thanks*

St Anne's and St Patrick's Church maintenance: Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks include remedial H&S work required for making St Patrick's old boiler house safe. **Important remedial work is also needed on St Patrick's upper front roof.** My grateful thanks for any donations.
Fr. Bob

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

***Quiz – Quiz Master Thomas Kelly. Saturday 21st May at 7.30 pm in St Anne's Church Hall.**

Teams of 4 or come on the night and make up a team. £5 per person, bring your own food and drink.

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.

The "Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday" is published. Given that there remains a degree of caution within society, our bishops are nevertheless fundamentally asking us to consider the central importance of the meaning of Mass and the central place that Sunday -- the Eighth Day / Resurrection Day has in our Catholic Faith. So, although the obligation to attend Sunday Mass may not yet have been re-imposed, we are asked seriously about our priorities for Sunday, this special and unique day for us. Giving serious consideration as to where we place Mass attendance in the hierarchy of other Sunday activities, whether sporting, leisure, entertainment, shopping and so on should impact on the coming synodal experience and our Diocesan Vision: "Behold I am making all things new."

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: May I ask for volunteers who attend regular Mass at St Patrick's (Sat or Sun) to operate our phone/Bluetooth system so that our parish may once more sing hymns at Mass. It would be great to have a team taking care of this. 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.

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

Receiving Holy Communion: Recently occasions have been noted when one or two, who have come to receive the Host, have walked away with it in their hand. Please could we all understand that when the Lord is received in Mass the Host must be consumed as soon as it is placed in the hand. Thank you.

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**

For many years the Stafford Walsingham Association arranged a yearly pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. We are hoping to revive this in 2022 and invite anyone in our three parishes to become a member. Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be held. We hope to begin this from May. 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.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 14th May, leaving from St Joseph's Rugeley at 7.00 am. Please would those who have booked a place on the pilgrimage contact Caroline Richards on 07817 362601 to confirm their seat on the coach. Thank you.

Hednesford Diocesan Pilgrimage is taking place on Sunday 3rd July. Any singers who would like to join the choir for the Mass are asked to contact Anne Tibke at tibkes@talk21.com or by phoning 07850 459563. Rehearsals will be held in Hednesford at 7.30pm on May 10th and 24th, June 14th and 28th. Further details of the pilgrimage will be advertised soon.

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

LIVE SIMPLY

"The 3 parishes LIVE SIMPLY met on 27th April and it was a great meeting encouraging many practical suggestions. We are meeting again on Wednesday **25th May at 7.30 pm in St Anne's hall**. 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 try and come to the meeting. We discussed living in solidarity with the poor and this beautiful Easter prayer is very apt.

*Risen Lord,
shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death
and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope,
that they who daily bear the cross of hunger
may find your Promised Land,
and move from slavery to freedom.
As we proclaim your Easter song
help us to die to greed and rise to justice,
to abandon apathy and take up action,
that rich and poor together may travel the road to freedom,
and be restored to your resurrection life."*

*** Committees/groups Returning**

We are now at that stage where "touching base" with our parish committees and groups will be essential. I would hope that all of us would wish to see both parishes operating as we were in the early months of 2020 when Finance committees and Social committees and Health and Safety committees met periodically. These existed to enable each parish to function more completely and to keep parishioners informed of various requirements and opportunities for involvement in broader parish 'life'. Some may feel that a new 'model' is needed in order for parishes to continue maintaining themselves and evangelising. I would welcome ideas and particular insights/ vision as to how the parishes of St Patrick's and St Anne's might go forward. According to Canon Law, the bare minimum is for us to have Finance Committees. So, I shall email members of both St Anne's and St Patrick's FC's in order for us to home in on a date for meeting. As mentioned, if anyone has ideas for re-establishing some form of social/fund-raising group etc please let me know. We hope to hold a Quiz Night at St Anne's in due course.

PS: It would help greatly if St Patrick's re-established our regular counting teams. These used to carry out this important contribution following the Sunday Mass. If any parishioners could offer their time by becoming one of a counting team it would be much appreciated. As part of a team the counting task would not take long.

Also, if 'Refreshment' teams would like to be formed then let me know or sign up at the back of church. This would enable an important social facility following our Sunday Masses. Do give it some thought.

Many thanks Fr. Bob