

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	7 th	10.00 am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	Fr. Anthony De Vere John Harland RIP & Mary Hicks 100 th Birthday
		4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	8 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year	Bridie Flood RIP Kitty Oliphant RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Reception of the body of Colin Wise	
Mon	9 th	11:30am	St Anne's	Requiem Mass for Colin Wise	
Tue	10 th	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria June Norton (RIP)
Wed	11 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Blessed William Howard	Memoria
Thu	12 th	9.30 am	St Patrick's		Feria Private Intention
Fri	13 th	9:15am	St Anne's		Feria Holy Souls
Sat	14 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	Catherine Walker Christine Lufflum RIP
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	15 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish Kitty Oliphant (RIP)
		10:00am			

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] Sheila McPherson, Bridie Flood, Noel Murphy, Alice Ellis, Norah Titley, Mary Moore, Mary O'Reilly, Eileen Paton, Jan Myszkowski, John O'Brien, Tim Tiernan, Arthur Smith, Annie Ball, Martin Muldowney, Lucy Steadman, Cyril Wilkinson. **[St Anne's]** Winfred Goodman, James Webster, Henry Kelly, Lena Cassidy, Thomas Delaney, Fred Miles, Win Mckie, Mary Mitchinson, Harold Osbaldiston, Joseph Loran, Brigid Byrne, William Lewis, Agnes Devoy.

Income 01/10/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£	£	£408.25	£	Sat 49 Sun 76
St Patrick's	Offertory	£	£	£152.16	£	Sat 57 Sun 75

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 September 2023 Draw

£100 J Corr -77, £50 J Collins - 118, £20 C Taylor - 46, £10 J Croxall - 47, £10 J Walsh - 20, £10 M Wright - 107, £10 M & S Henthorne - 89, £10 A Lawrance - 26, £10 C Taylor - 39, £10 C Williams - 117, £10 G Thickett - 18, £10 M Simpson - 36.

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.

This weekend's second collection is for CAFOD Harvest Fast

<u>Future Second Collections:</u>	Weekend 21st /22nd October:	APF World Mission Sunday
	Weekend 4th/5th November:	Johnson Clergy Association CIO
	Weekend 25th /26th November	Catholic Youth Service

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Colin Wise**, and **Mary Anne Costelloe**, of **St Anne's parish**, and **Fr. Paul Chavasse (Cong Orat)** who have died recently. Fr Paul was the parish priest of **Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton** and a member of our Stafford Deanery. We remember also their families at this time.
May Fr. Paul and Colin rest in peace and rise in glory.

Reception into The Church: *Next weekend, on 15th October at St Anne's during the 10:00am Mass we welcome into our community Lucy Griffith and Terry Mellor as they are fully received into the Catholic Church. The Rite of Reception will follow the homily. Let us hold Lucy and Terry in our prayers as they respond to God's call.*

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: Grateful thanks for our volunteers. There is now a list of the teams and a date rota displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

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

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 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 17th October.

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].

*** Please note that there will be no Bible Timeline session on Monday 16th October ***

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.



An encounter with God, self and others

You are warmly invited to a 3-day residential course/ retreat in Christian living, which many have found to be an **inspiring** experience, offering **renewal** and **deepening** of one's Christian commitment and **faith**.

Thursday 12th October – Sunday 15th October 2023 (from 5pm – 5pm) Shallowford House (near Stafford)

For further details or to book contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk

Paul Northam at office.mission@rcaob.org.uk or www.cursillouk.org Jenny 07947271037

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PARISH QUIZ

Saturday 28th October at 7 pm. (Doors open after Mass) in St Anne's Church Hall.

£5 per person (Children play FREE)

Bring your own snacks/drinks.

Come as a team or join one on the night.

Quiz Master – Thomas Kelly.

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 sign the list in the church porch if you would like to travel.

The Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* has been published. The Apostolic Exhortation 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.

Father Hudson's Care: We are seeking a new CEO to play a full part in shaping and delivering future developments for the charity. For more information visit fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies. Also see the link <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies/chief-executive-officer/381.htm> and here is the full advert.

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