



**Weekly Newsletter**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:30 pm</b> <b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>St Patrick's</b> <b>St Anne's</b>	<b>Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection</b>	People of the Parish For our deceased families (M-L Duke)
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am  10:00am	<b>St Patrick's</b> <b>St Anne's</b>	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day)</b>	Patrick&Bridie Collins & John Rennie RIP Kathleen&John Walsh RIP
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Easter Monday	Solemnity Brian Sadler RIP
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	<b>St Patrick's</b>	Easter Tuesday	Solemnity David Charakupa RIP
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Communion Service	Solemnity
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30pm	<b>St Patrick's</b>	Easter Thursday	Solemnity Private Intention
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Easter Friday	Solemnity Tony Duke RIP
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm 6:00pm	<b>St Patrick's</b> <b>St Anne's</b>	Vigil Vigil	Mgr.John Heslin RIP Maureen Duckworth
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am <b>3:00pm</b>	<b>St Patrick's</b> <b>St Anne's</b> <b>St Austin's</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Divine Mercy Sunday <b>Divine Mercy Devotions &amp; Healing Service</b>	People of the Parish Suzanne Walker

**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, 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]** Terence Baker, Barbara Cooke, Thomas Dunleavy, Josephine Kavanagh, Don Oddy, Patrick O'Connor, John Rennie, Margaret Hardy, Patrick Collins, Edward Heslin, Patrick Dolphin, George Batkin, Lawrence Coghlan, Felicity Adamson, The Hillsborough Football Disaster Victims, Bridie Mansell, Kathleen Harahan, Thomas Burke. **[St Anne's]** Kathleen Foy, Tony Grantham, Bridget Walsh, Paul Graham, Peter Wright, Mary Carmichael, Sally Duffy, William Murtagh, James Polding, Basil Sandy, Fred Unsworth, Edith Blissett, Susanna Helks, Imelda O'Sullivan, Mildred Hulme, Patrick Kennelly.

Income 02/04/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	<b>£93.00</b>	<b>£303.63</b>	<b>£391.45</b>	<b>£788.08</b>	Sat 78 Sun 82
St Patrick's	Offertory	<b>£62.30</b>	<b>£227.64</b>	<b>£149.69</b>	<b>£439.63</b>	Sat 50 Sun 108

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>

## Winners of Parish Tote 150 Club March Draw.

£100 G Leese - 83, £50 A Russell - 52, £20 M Hughes - 30, £10 F Russell - 156, £10 K Tivenan - 150, £10 J Stamyard - 64, £10 S Freeman - 7, £10 Fr Standen - 86, £10 E Arrowsmith - 84, £10 B Awty - 121, £10 A Heath - 138, £10 M & S Henthorne - 89.

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. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also. Very many thanks.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Last weekend's special collection to alleviate our parish energy costs.

St Anne's £1527.42 St Patrick's £812.54 *Many thanks for your understanding, help and support.*

*Fr. Bob*

**OUR DECEASED:** Please pray for the soul of Bishop David McGough who has died recently. Bishop David was consecrated bishop in 2005 for the Northern area (Staffordshire) whilst retiring in 2020. Many of us will remember him coming to St Anne's and St Patrick's every year for confirming our children. He always enjoyed his time speaking with the classes and putting the candidates at ease. I also appreciate him coming to Rome in 2007 and ordaining me (Fr. Bob) Deacon. *May Bishop David rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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

**St Anne's Readers.** The post Triduum rota is on the notice board in the Church porch.

**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.**

**CALL FOR CLEANERS St Anne's:** In order to keep our parish church as neat and clean and as tidy as possible we need to form a parish team/s. If anyone can spare some time on a rota basis then we can make up a list of regular cleaning groups. The more of you who can offer your services, the less frequently your 'slot' will come round. Please give this some consideration; you will be providing a valuable service. You can choose the day/time; just email the office or call Fr. Bob or Marie (661012). There is a form on the table in the porch to which you can add your name and a contact number. **Many thanks**

**St Anne's:** There will be a children's liturgy during Easter Sunday morning Mass at St Anne's for children of primary school age and under.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham:**

Our Next Mass is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10:00am in St Anne's (Due to previous Saturday falling within the Easter Octave).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday (**Second Sunday of Easter**) there will be Divine Mercy Devotions and a Healing service at **St Austin's at 3pm 16<sup>th</sup> April.** There will also be opportunity for individual confessions.

**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 Saturday upon which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** The New Gift Aid Envelopes 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.

**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 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/> 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. Many Thanks

**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.

**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.

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**THREE PARISHES MEETING:** In response to Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter last weekend and its consequences, it has been decided to hold a meeting of our three Stafford parishes after Easter. The organisation of this meeting will enable our thoughts and feedback to input into the serious issues raised in the letter. Please be aware that our contribution and involvement, in the manner in which our parishes go forward, is not an option. We meet on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April in St Anne's Hall at 7:30pm. PLEASE NOTE THIS IN YOUR DIARIES. Many Thanks.

**A BLESSED EASTER:** *A big thank you to all our parishioners who have helped in so many ways to enable St Anne's and St Patrick's to celebrate the Easter Triduum this year. This will be the **third** year in which all three parishes of Stafford have worked as a team in order to facilitate this celebration complete in each of the churches and the **second** year in which we have been able to have the feet washing and Altar of Repose in all three churches. It must be stressed that this is only possible with the commitment and support of each congregation. So thank you sincerely, parishioners of St Patrick's and St Anne's, for preparing so carefully and for your efforts over Holy Week and Easter weekend. Whether it has been organising readers, liturgy, sacristy preparation, linen, cleaning, flowers, welcoming etc. Easter is the vital reminder to us, as baptised into the Body of Christ, that we are bound to place love and worship of Him at the core of our lives. We need to fulfil this central part of our lives through celebrating the Day of Resurrection (Sunday) – The Eighth Day! So as we reach Easter and Eastertide, we know we are utterly dependent on the deep blessing of God that allows us to respond with thanks and praise.*

*May I also thank everyone for the cards, kind wishes of support and gifts. It is much appreciated. In this particularly difficult and painful time as we pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, I, together with Deacon Michael, wish you all a Blessed and joyful Easter.*

*Alleluia*

