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Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	8 th	4:00 pm 6.00 pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Mgr. John Heslin RIP Gwenda Fenton RIP	
Sun	9 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year(Sea Sunday)	The Uzomo Family Alberto Otero Salgado	
Mon	10 th	9:15am 11:00am	St Anne's St Patrick's	Funeral Mass for Frank Ward	Feria Fr. Ian Ker RIP	
Tue	11 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Benedict	Feast Cyril Sheard RIP	
Wed	12 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	13 th	9.30 am	St Patrick's		Feria Private Intention	
Fri	14 th	12:30pm	St Anne's	Funeral Mass for Doris Prestwood	Feria	
Sat	15 th	11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Thomas Mill Farm St Patrick's St Anne's	In memory of Blessed Robert Sutton Vigil Vigil	People of the Parish The McHugh & Middleton Families For Anne & Des	
Sun	16 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	Laurine Abayakoon RIP Evelyn Grantham RIP	

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phyl 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, Joan Collins.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] James McIroy, James Miller, Emmanuel Ganci, Harriet Caddick, Margaret O'Shea, Alice Giusso, Dionisio Cupertino, Bernard Rourke, Johanna Farrell, Robert Whitlock, Stella Corrin, Herbert Smith, John Davies, David Ernest Bryant, Annie Quinn, Gerard Costello, Angela Collins, Ronald Clancy, Michael Thurgood. [St Anne's] Mary Simmill, Charles Shackle, Stanley Elms, Isobel Keegan, Ben Olverson, Hannah Woollaston, Thomas Holmes, Eileen Kelly, Kate Gormley, Daniel Morris.

Income 2/07/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£83.50	£182.58	£408.25	£674.33	Sat 59 Sun 80
St Patrick's	Offertory	£81.30	£159.68	£152.16	£393.14	Sat 53 Sun 72

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 June 2023 Draw

£ 100 C Price - 29, £50 J Peck - 153, £20 J Croxall - 47, £10 T Lawrence - 129, £10 K Burningham - 14
£10 H & S Henthorne - 89, £10 N Shammass - 134, £10 E Reck - 42, £10 C Price - 24, £10 M Hughes - 30,
£10 E Compton - 101, £10 J Pettit - 97.

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are still 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.

Last weekend's collection for Peter's Pence St Anne's £200.81 St Patrick's £131.80 Thank You.

The second collection this weekend 8th /9th July is for the Apostleship of the Sea.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- 1. Annual Mass of Commemoration:** for the local martyr Blessed Robert Sutton at Thomas Mill Farm on next Saturday 15th July at 11:00am.
- 2. BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Catholic Stafford will be holding our annual 'Blessing of Graves' service on Sunday 30th July. We will gather in the Crematorium Chapel at Tixall Road for 3:00pm where a short service will be held. We shall then move out into the cemetery where graves will be blessed. It is hoped several priests will be assisting.

Our deceased: Please remember in your prayers **Doris Lilian Prestwood**, former parishioner of **St Anne's**, , and **Francis (Frank) Ward**, of St Patrick's, who have died recently. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

St Anne's Readers: The rota for July is on the notice board in the church porch.

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

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 will restart the first Sunday of September and the first Sunday of each month after.

SAFEGUARDING: Our representatives are Geraldine Thickett for St Patrick's sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk and Ann Kelly for St Anne's 01785 603012 sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk .

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** Meetings will start again on **Tuesday 5th September**.

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. *[Please note that on the third Saturday of this month (15th) Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas Mill Farm in memory of Blessed Robert Sutton]*

GIFT AID ENVELOPES The New Gift Aid Envelopes [for this new 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.

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.

SYCAMORE

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE SUCCESS OF PART 1 OF OUR SYCAMORE COURSE WE HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH PART 2

SYCAMORE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS 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.

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)

Both the Sycamore course and the Bible Timeline program take place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room and Hall at 7pm. All welcome. [For more information, go to St Austin's home web page, click on CONNECT and then PARISH COURSES]

Mathew 28: 19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

Assumption Devotions Sun August 13th at 3 pm

Preacher Mgr Timothy Menezes

- Procession
- Rosary
- Shrine Prayers

Please bring your own chairs

St Anne's STRAWBERRY FAYRE:

St Anne's annual Strawberry Fayre will take place after Mass this Sunday 9th July at 11:30. St Anne's



PTFA hope to see you there

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is holding a roadshow on Saturday 15 July between 10am and 1.30pm in the Grimshaw Room on the St Chad's Cathedral site, Birmingham.

A woman we helped recently, said, 'Pact is like a little light, it gives you hope.' Certainly, we are responding to Jesus' words, 'I was in prison and you came to me' – but something deeper is happening too.

At the roadshow we will reflect on Catholic Social Teaching in the light of imprisonment. We will hear from people with lived experience of the criminal justice system. Prison chaplains and Pact services staff will speak about their work and the people we serve. The Welcome Directory is a small charity which supports faith communities to become places of welcome and acceptance for those leaving prison. Find out about how your parish might become such a place.

Pact warmly invites you to join us in person at the Roadshow. You can register via this link: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/pact-to-host-justpeople-roadshow-in-birmingham-saturday-15-july>

Blessed William Howard School 60th Anniversary

You are invited to celebrate Blessed William Howard's 60th Anniversary afternoon tea on Monday 17 July from 4.30pm. Please see notice in porch.

Can you please RSVP to me by Monday 10th July.

Many thanks and hope to see you there.