



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL		ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL				
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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	9 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	The McHugh & Middleton Families Lorraine Breakspear RIP	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		
Sun	10 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	The Tivenan Family Alan Barnes RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			
Mon	11 th	11.30am	St Anne's	Funeral Mass for Imelda Moore	Lent Feria	
Tue	12 th	9.30am	St Patrick's		Lent Feria Bob McKinlay RIP	
Wed	13 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Lent Feria	
Thu	14 th	9.30am	St Patrick's		Lent Feria Private Intention	
Fri	15 th	9:15am	St Anne's		Lent Feria Private Intention	
		6:30pm	St Anne's	Stations of the Cross		
Sat	16 th	10.00am	St Anne's	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham	All Christian mothers Kevin Walsh RIP Ken Fenton RIP	
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		
Sun	17 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish Sheila Hird RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			
<p>Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny, Etna Mcluskey. 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.</p>						
<p>Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Margaret Gould, Nancy Sutton, Arthur Hawkins, John Gilbert, Patricia Evans, Margaret Birtles, George Cliff, Ethel Wilkinson, Edna Perry, Fanny Hollinshead, Anthony O'Reilly, Bernard McLynn, Sheila Amor, Slavoljub Ristic, Kathleen Tyson, Giovanni Sansa, John Percy, Rosa Garbolotto, Robert Askey. [St. Anne's.] Jeremiah O'Leary, Jack Thomas, Cathleen Baxter, Ellen Bromley, John Bromley, Cecile Chevallier, Thomas Clarke, Patrick Coffey, Maisie Murtagh, Frank Sweeney, Pip Gibson.</p>						
Income 3/03/24	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£86.00	£273.21	£408.25	£767.46	Sat 56 Sun 91
St Patrick's	Offertory	£66.40	£144.69	£152.16	£363.25	Sat 55 Sun 84

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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) (birminghamdiocese.org.uk) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

+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. **There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday 12th March. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March.** Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!

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.

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.
[The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

LIVING SIMPLY: 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.

Parish Library St Anne's

Thank you to everyone who has donated bibles and books (and a bookcase).

The parish library is in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.

Still curious about Jesus?

St Anne's will be hosting an ALPHA COURSE

Our Alpha course begins on Monday 8th April at 7 pm.

If you would like to come along, bring a friend, or help out, please let us know. There should be a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Thanks, Deacon Mike.

ALPHA is a 12 week course similar in format to the groups we have been having at St Austins over the past few months. The Alpha course is ideal to bring non-Christian or lapsed church going friends along with you to take part in. Alpha is a series of interactive video/discussion sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. We would love you to come along either as a helper with hospitality/group support/set up or just to join in and hopefully invite a friend. More info on our St Anne's Website.

Fr Stephen, Deacon Mike or Fr Bob will be happy to talk with you about the course.

THE BIG LENT WALK

CAFOD and SCIAF are teaming up to bring the Big Lent Walk to Great Britain! Read more about us and our decision to join forces. [HERE](#) Thousands of walkers from England, Wales, Scotland and beyond, will be tying up their purple laces and walking an incredible 200km this Lent to fight global poverty. So, sign up to do the Big Lent Walk yourself, or join in with your school or parish Then put your best foot forward with the biggest group of Big Lent Walkers yet."

(For more information go to: [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk))

Parish Ideas: There is a shortened link to work with for our Big Lent Walk:
tinyurl.com/cafodlentwalk

People can support by donating, or joining in. They can join in by visiting the weblink and clicking 'Join Team' and they can record their walking by linking Strava to the justgiving page, or simply recording the distances as they go along.

Some sponsor forms and posters printed for the Churches will follow. A volunteer/s would be very welcome who might be willing to manage the sponsor form on our behalf.

Secondly, Two short walks in Lent are planned by Deacon Mike:

- 1) **Sunday 3rd March 2:30pm** from St Anne's Car Park. About 45 mins to an hour.
- 2) **Sunday 17th March 2:30pm** from St Annes' Car Park. About an hour and a half.

Both walks are easy and accessible. If we like the idea of a monthly stroll out then we can go over the Chase etc. [Take a sheet with the walk plan from the back of church]

We Dare To Say :

Year of Prayer: As part of the Year of Prayer the Bishops of England and Wales have produced a series of reflections called 'We Dare to Say' which looks at the petitions of the Our Father in five ready-to-use sessions. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. The connection of the Our Father with the sacraments and the devotional life is explored, and wisdom from the saints is offered for the spiritual growth of group participants and individuals alike. These sessions are on Mondays at 7.00 p.m. at St. Anne's and Tuesdays 7.00pm at St. Austin's and continue throughout Lent. Both the Monday and Tuesday session will focus on the identical topic but will provide folk with a choice of evening. All are very welcome.

To parishioners of both St Patrick's and St Anne's: as you will be aware the complete Holy Week Triduum will be celebrated in the three churches this year [as last]. We must understand that the Church guidelines advise that for such a liturgical celebration to be worthy the essential elements, such as readings, the music/hymns, serving and help with setting up, liturgy, lighting etc. should be present. This should reflect the keen participation of parishioners who are indispensable in such services. *This weekend I have left sheets out at the back of church for parishioners to volunteer for assisting in a variety of roles.* Please do give this serious consideration. Synodality insists that, as CHURCH COMMUNITY, we play our part fully in all facets of church life. **Many thanks. Fr. Bob**

Memorial Mass: There is a Memorial Mass at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School on Thursday 21st March at 6.00 p.m. for Mr. Michael Crook, the former Head of R.E. at the school who died recently. All former staff and pupils are welcome to attend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION 15th March in St Anne's Church Hall.

11.30 Meeting

12.00 Children will be coming from St Anne's school to sing for us 12.30 Lunch, Social Afternoon, Quiz /



Music / High and Tall

2.45 Good-Bye



Mothers, please do not forget to collect your flowers after Mass! Our grateful thanks go out to Emery's Funeral Service for their very kind donation of so many daffodils to our parishes.