

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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 | 4:00 pm | St Patrick's | Vigil | | People of the Parish | |
| | | 6:00pm | St Anne's | Vigil | | M.E. Connelly RIP | |
| Sun | 10 th | 9:00am | St Patrick's | Twenty Third Sunday of the Year | | Joe Mitchell RIP | |
| | | 10:00am | St Anne's | | | Holy Souls | |
| Mon | 11 th | 9:30am | St Anne's | | Feria | Fr. Edwin Cownley RIP | |
| Tue | 12 th | 9:30am | St Patrick's | | Feria | Private Intention | |
| Wed | 13 th | 10:00am | St Anne's | Communion Service | St John Chrysostom | | |
| Thu | 14 th | 9.30 am | St Patrick's | Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Feast | Celebrant's Intention | |
| | | 12 Noon | St Patrick's | Requiem Mass for Joseph Mitchell | | | |
| Fri | 15 th | 9:15am | In St Anne's School | Our Lady of Sorrows | Memorial | Holy Souls | |
| Sat | 16 th | 10:00am | St Anne's | Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham | | The Unity of Christians | |
| | | 4:00pm | St Patrick's | Vigil | | The Elliot & McKinlay Families (memorial) | |
| | | 6:00pm | St Anne's | Vigil | | Ken Fenton RIP | |
| Sun | 17 th | 9:00am | St Patrick's | Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year | | Chinnamma RIP & Teresa Lennon RIP | |
| | | 10:00am | St Anne's | | | People of the Parish | |

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, Colin Wise, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan Collins, Imelda Moore.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Norma Dodd, Patrick Porter, Mary Mason, Maud Gosling, Rose Mottram, Agnes Kirkland, Paul Rourke, Thomas Kavanagh, Geoffrey Gallagher, Eileen Burghall, Dorota Nycz, Lilian Hussey, Raymond Treharne, David Emery. **[St Anne's]** Donald Skeen, Agnes Ilsey, Sheila Barnett, Margaret Deavall, John Edwards, Martin Salvin, Gertrude Walker, Marian Brown, Clifford Hammond, Paul Mooney, Martin Read.

| Income 3/09/23 | Source | Gift Aid | Non-Gift Aid | Standing Order | Total | Attendance |
|----------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|
| St Anne's | Offertory | £70.05 | £315.87 | £408.25 | £794.17 | Sat 67 Sun 80 |
| St Patrick's | Offertory | £71.30 | £106.52 | £152.16 | £329.98 | Sat 27 Sun 98 |

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 August Draw Winners

£100 J Hunt - 114, £50 B Walton - 148, £20 B Jeffreyson - 67, £10 A Russell - 52, £10 J Serino - 95,
£10 S Bayliffe 21, £10 C Salt - 155, £10 K Birmingham - 17, £10 S Farley - 124, £10 K Owen - 82,
£10 G Ogram – 110.

Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie 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.

Future Second Collections:

Weekend 16th/17th September

Catholic Evangelisation

Weekend 23rd/24th September

Father Hudson's Society

Weekend 7th /8th October

CAFOD Harvest Fast

Our Deceased: Please pray for the soul of Joseph Mitchell, of St Patrick's Parish, who died last week. We also remember Joe's family at this time. Joseph's Requiem will be at St Patrick's Church 12 Noon on Thursday 14th September. *May Joe 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.

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.

St Anne's Readers: The rota for September 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.**

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.

St Anne's Welcomers: If any parishioner feels they could help with assisting those coming to Mass through welcoming and giving out hymn books and Mass sheets etc, particularly at the 10:00am Mass I would be very grateful. You would be helping to support the one or two welcomers we have and be part of the team. Please let me know if you can help. Many thanks Fr. Bob

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]

WEEDS: (at St Anne's and St Patrick's) If anyone feels they would like to volunteer weeding in between paving and concrete I would be most grateful. Unfortunately, both parishes have large sites and it is a matter of tidying up the environment surrounding the church entrances etc. and the bungalow drive at St Anne's. Just let me know what tools are needed and/or weedkiller. No problem. Many Thanks F. 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 19th 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.

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.

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. [For more information, go to St Austin's home web page, click on CONNECT and then PARISH COURSES]
[The Bible Timeline course is planned to re-start on this Monday 4th September]

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

ENCOUNTER !

You are invited to come and hear about the work of CURSILLO which develops, renews and inspires our Christian faith, and enables us to live it out in our everyday lives.

Cursillo is supported by the Archbishop and the Diocesan Office for Mission as a tool for helping us to participate in the Diocesan Vision for our parishes.

The next Encounter Event: **Day** : This coming Saturday 16th September 2023 10:45am – 2:30pm St Mary the Mount Parish Centre (lunch provided)

To book your place, email Paul Northam at: paulnortham@rcaob.org.uk

VACANCY FOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites. The closing date is Monday 18th September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.