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Weekly Newsletter

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	9 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Special Intention	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Private Intention	
Sun	10 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	In Thanksgiving & John Turley RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish	
Mon	11 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Private Intention	
Tue	12 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Ray Pouncey RIP	
		7:00pm	St Anne's	Confirmation Mass		
Wed	13 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	14 th	9:15am	St Patrick's		Feria Celebrant's Intention	
Fri	15 th	9:15am	St Anne's	St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)	Memoria	The GrodenFamily Deceased
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Holy Hour and Exposition		
Sat	16 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Alex&CatherineDuncan RIP	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		People of the Parish
Sun	17 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year	Private Intention	
		10:00am	St Anne's		Bridget McKenna & Andy Stewart RIP	

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By Appointment

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny. St Anne's: Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Anne Harvey, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Norah Titley, Mary Moore, Mary O'Reilly, Eileen Paton, Jan Myszkowski, John O'Brien, Arthur Smith, Annie Ball, Martin Muldowney, Lucy Steadman, Cyril Wilkinson, Mary Hagan, Thomas Menamon, Ellen Blamire, Bridget Charleton, Claude Bromley, Dorothy Perry and William Jones. [St Anne's.] Lena Cassidy, Thomas Delaney, Fred Miles, Win McKie, Mary Mitchinson, Harold Osbaldiston, Joseph Loran, Brigid Byrne, William Lewis and Agnes Devoy.

Income 3/10/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£118.00	£292.70	£283.84	£694.54	Sat 69 Sun 55
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£118.00	£152.10	£146.23	£416.33	Sat 39 Sun 44

On the Archdiocese website there is a standing order and Gift Aid form for parishioners so they can continue to give at this time. Please direct any such enquiries

to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>

***This email is from the archdiocese:** Just to let you know, there is a donate **BUTTON (TOP RIGHT)** on the home page of the diocesan website – www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Parish Tote 150 Club September winners

£100 Jean Walsh – 20, £50 G Ogram – 110, £20 E Compton – 101, £10 E Reck – 42, £10 T Lawrence – 129, £10 J Appleton – 37, £10 S Bayliffe – 21, £10 C Taylor – 39, £10 J Corr – 77, £10 M Kilkenny – 38, £10 M Hughes – 30, £10 M & S Henthorne – 89, £10 A Cheetham – 32.

Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie on 01785 661012.

Gift Aid At this critical time, 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. Those who use gift aid envelopes will find new ones for this financial year, labelled and numbered at the back of each church. Some parishioners might like to know that the parish office (St Anne's) can always be used as a 'drop-off' for envelopes. There are large collection bins placed on entry and exit* Expenses (maintenance, consumables, utilities and fabric upkeep, not to mention health and safety) are ongoing. Very many thanks

Last weekend's collection for CAFOD St Anne's £317.20 St Patrick's £189.10. Many thanks.

Our Deceased: Please pray for Alan Whiteside, father of Karen Bennett, who died recently. We remember his family at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Year of St Joseph. For this year we are honouring St Joseph (as this is the Year of St Joseph, initiated by Pope Francis). In St Anne's and St Patrick's churches the statue of St Joseph is prominent and we will endeavour to say the short prayer before each Mass.

St Anne's and St Patrick's Church maintenance: Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks this year include remedial H&S work required for making St Patrick's old boiler house safe. **Important and involved remedial work is also needed on St Patrick's upper front roof.** Please accept my grateful thanks for any donations.
F.Bob

Sacrament of Reconciliation: [Easter Duties and Confession at this time]. Please be assured that the Church's communication on this is still valid from the beginning of last year's lockdown, and that provided we are fully contrite in our hearts, we can confess our sins to the Lord within our own 'private prayer space'. **If notice is given, and at convenient times, before or after Mass, I have been hearing confessions and this will continue.** Fr. Bob

Guidance: Steps are gradually being reintroduced; the first being the distribution of Holy Communion during the traditional part of the Mass. The vast majority feel comfortable with these arrangements. As we obtain further guidance, then we can continue to take a more relaxed approach; at the moment it is 'steady as she goes'

Gift Aid Envelopes: Please be aware that the new 2021/22 GA boxes are available at the back of each parish church. They are numbered and named and began way back on 11th April (many thanks to Margaret [SP] and Mark [SA] for preparing these). If anyone would like more information concerning this method of giving (or, indeed, concerning donation by Standing Order) please see Fr. Bob

Bible Study resumes fortnightly at St Anne's 10 am – 11 am. Welcome to those wishing to join us.

Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings: Please note that there will be no drop in on Wednesday 20th October as the hall will be used by Weeping Cross health centre for Flu vaccinations.

Blessed William Howard School Reunion on Sat 13th November (8pm - 1am) - please see noticeboard for details.

St Anne's School Confirmation Tuesday 12th October at 7pm. Please pray for the candidates who will receive the sacrament of confirmation from Bishop Stephen Wright this week. May their faith be deepened and their Christian witness be courageous and transforming.

St Anne's Choir: Do you like to sing? We would love you to come and see if it would interest you to be "one in the Spirit" here @ St Anne's. Our very small choir could do with a little support to be "one in the Lord". Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome. 

Job Vacancy: For: Senior Office Administrator (Birmingham Diocesan Education Service) Details can be found on the website: <http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>

Assisted Dying Bill: This is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22nd October 2021. There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the second reading falls. **It will run from the 13th – 22nd October.** Below is a short and simple novena prayer for use in the weeks ahead. We can also access digital resources via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues> The novena calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, and to pray with perseverance that this bill will be defeated.

THE NOVENA PRAYER

“Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of St John Paul II’s apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the ‘Assisted Dying’ Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

[Exposition and Holy Hour will be held at St Anne's Church at 6:00pm on this coming Friday 15th October during which our focus will be on God's gift to us of human life, and our duty to protect it and preserve its dignity]

Upcoming **Second Collections** include: **23rd /24th October: APF**

Katherine House Cycling Challenge: 'Team St Austin' completed their cycle ride last Sunday, including Fr Michael. If anyone pledged sponsorship money, returns would be gratefully received. The forms are under the porch (St Anne's) or at the back of St Patrick's - it isn't too late to bring in donations. Sponsorship money can also be Gift Aided if you are a UK Taxpayer. The team give heartfelt thanks for your support



Calling our community back home

Dear parishioners of St Patrick's and St Anne's. Over the last few months we have had the opportunity to pick up a prayer card entitled "Prayer for the Diocesan Vision". There are many in the porch. Together with these cards is an invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley for us to think seriously and deeply about how we can help to 'unfold' God's plan for our diocese. In essence, for this to happen we must think about how to begin from our own parish life. Central to our parish life of course is the Sunday Mass from which our spiritual strength comes, together with all the ideas and initiatives that enable us to reach out to others and to 'bring Christ to the world'. Sunday is Resurrection Day; the Eighth Day, our central day. Gathering as church community is vital for us to sustain ourselves in so many ways. Since the reopening of churches we are more aware of those who felt unable to return to Mass. Just as a shepherd searches for lost sheep so too our priests and faith leaders are looking for those who are not coming to church as well as welcoming the many new faces. [It might be worth us pondering the fact that just three months ago over one hundred of our youngsters either promised to follow Jesus more closely in confirming their commitment or shared in His Body and Blood for the first time. Food for thought indeed]. It is good to meet our new parishioners but we also miss the familiar faces of those no longer with us. The weekend has always been the focus of our community gathering together for Mass. It is as much about meeting our friends and fellow parishioners as it is about worship and praise of God. A parish community needs to pray and worship, but also to meet and chat, socialise, to support parish initiatives. There is no doubt that the past eighteen months have taken their toll on so many aspects of people's lives and caution, rightly, has entered into all we do and plan for. Maybe as we enter the Autumn of our year, and schools and other routines (leisure and sporting) begin, we could pray for and with each other and encourage each other so that our parish communities can once more rebuild that 'oneness' in trust and above all, hope. The Lord never ceases to call us from wherever we are. Fr. Bob

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A Message from The Charis Renewal Group:

Greetings! Please find a link to the video of last week's excellent introductory talk by Daniella Stephens to the **Life in the Spirit** seminars. If you missed our first session or simply want to revisit it in preparation for this week, follow the link below and we look forward to seeing you this coming Wednesday. In His Spirit! X

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/life-in-the-spirit-course-with-the-archdiocese-of-birmingham-registration-167312296583>

