

Sunday 11th June 2023

Weekly Newsletter

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	10 th	10:30am	St Patrick's	First Holy Communion Mass	FHC youngsters
		4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Private Intention
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Joseph Ronan RIP
Sun	11 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		Mollie Barnacle RIP Ayo-Maria Jeyibo
Mon	12 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Peter Turner RIP
Tue	13 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Anthony of Padua	Memoria Celia&Gerald Jelfs RIP
Wed	14 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria
		7:00pm	St Patrick's	Confirmation Mass	
Thu	15 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Canon John Gunn RIP
Fri	16 th	9:15am	St Anne's	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity Dec O'Dwyer Family
Sat	17 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham	Mr & Mrs Connelly
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Gerard O'Connor RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Geoff Owen RIP & Joan McCann RIP
Sun	18 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		Richard & Bethany Grantham

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.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Albert Terry, Ethel Mayhew, Joan Creamer, William Unsworth, Elizabeth Batkin, Albert Stringer, Gerald Jelfs, Mary Sweeney, Mary Reid, Henry Hussey, Margaret Hewitt, Gerard Costello, Ann Lavelle, Edna McCaffery, Betty Gage, Francis Day, Dolly Podmore, Hazel McFadden. [St Anne's] Stephen Wright, Dorothy Bilton, Peter Colbeck, Joseph Ronan, Mrs R Collins, Peter Turner, James Alcock, Pat Southern, Sidney Whorton, Polly Richards, Harriett Ruscoe.

Income 4/06/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£80.24	£284.36	£408.25	£772.85	Sat 56 Sun 86
St Patrick's	Offertory	£66.30	£150.30	£152.16	£368.76	Sat 40 Sun 102

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 May Draw

£100 Carmel/Mary - 152, £50 Fr Standen - 86, £20 C Salt - 155, £10 J Hackett -125, £10 I Burnside - 49, £10 D Cyples - 116, £10 M Kilkenny - 38, £10 W Meehan - 58, £10 R Fletcher - 88, £10 J Ryan - 66, £10 C Taylor -39.

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 [*giftaid 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:

Next weekend 17 th /18 th June:	The Day for Life
weekend 1 st /2 nd July:	Peter's Pence
weekend 8 th /9 th July:	Apostleship of the Sea

FUTURE EVENTS:

- 1. Confirmation:** Please remember in your prayers the youngsters from St Patrick's who have received their sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend and those who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday 14th June at 7:00pm. [We welcome Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Episcopal Vicar, who will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates].
- 2. First Holy Communion:** St Anne's youngsters receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 1st July at 10:30am.
- 3. Annual Mass of Commemoration:** for the local martyr Blessed Robert Sutton at Thomas Mill Farm on Saturday 15th July at 11:00am.

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. Many thanks

St Anne's:(SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) This may be offered regularly if there is sufficient interest and support. Please contact me or add your name to the form at the back of Church if you are interested. Full support would be given and maybe a rota could be formed. It would be a valued service. Fr. Bob

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 13th June.

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 hoping to develop 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)

Both the Sycamore course and the Bible Timeline program begin on Monday 12th June in St Austin's Meeting Room and Servers' Sacristy 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."

Summer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Sun July 2nd

- 2.15 - 3.45 pm - Confessions.
- 3 pm Rosary.
- 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick Celebrant Bishop Stephen Wright

Please bring your own chairs

Assumption Devotions Sun August 13th at 3 pm

Preacher Mgr Timothy Menezes

- Procession
- Rosary
- Shrine Prayers

Please bring your own chairs

Diocesan Plan / Three Parishes: All are very welcome to our next meeting at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School on Tuesday 27th June at 7.00 p.m. This is a follow up to our recent meeting on 21st April at St. Anne's Parish Hall. At our meeting on the 27th there will be a Presentation on the Faith Life of our Schools and discussion on how we can work and pray together to implement the Diocesan Plan.