

Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	11 th	4:00 pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Keith Price RIP Eileen Aquiline RIP
Sun	12 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Sunday)	Patty&Tim Tiernan RIP Kay & Alfred Turner RIP
Mon	13 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Laurine AbayakoonRIP
Tue	14 th	11:00am	St Anne's	Deanery Memorial Mass for deceased clergy	
Wed	15 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria
Thu	16 th	9.30 am	St Patrick's	Feria	Well being of Rachel Prince & Lydia-Mapfaza. Tanderai-Mhembear
Fri	17 th	9:15am	St Anne's	Feria	Joe Abayakoon RIP
Sat	18 th	10:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham Vigil Vigil	Jean & Fred Thornton RIP Christopher Marshall RIP Vera Harland RIP & Mary Hobson RIP
Sun	19 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish Joe & Win McKie RIP

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

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Catherine Gaul, Julia Chebsey, Mona Lynch, Monica Brookes, Catherine small, Florence Heslin, Zygmunt Grabarek, Marian Nowakowski, Mabel Jones, William O'Kane, Alexander Baker, William Haaney, Sarah McTigne, Eileen Buckley, Gerard Rooney, Annie-Christina Bowes-Lyon, James Williams, Eileen Baker, Elizabeth Jackson, William Delaney, Mary Cleary, Margaret Sheridan, Bridie Blakemore, Henry Orfila, Antonia Orfila, Patrick Lavelle, John Smith, Florence Woolams, Lucy Pate. **[St Anne's]** Gordon Lloyd, Albert Brown, Rachel Connelly-Smith, Mary Owen, John Stanley, Eric Vanner, Marilyn Meehan, Iris Thomas, Albert Mulcahy, Jim Pritchard, Arthur Tropiejko, Andrew Curran, Edward Walker.

Income 5/11/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£86.50	£223.57	£408.25	£718.32	Sat 45 Sun 82
St Patrick's	Offertory	£62.20	£254.57	£152.16	£468.93	Sat 54 Sun 80

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 Winners of 31st October Draw

Thank you for your support. Numbers are 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.

Second Collection Last Weekend's second collection for the Johnson Clergy Association CIO
St Anne's £288.66 St Patrick's £145.87 Thank You.

Future Second Collections: Weekend 25th /26th November Catholic Youth Service
Weekend 9th /10th December Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Anthony Gackowski** and **Carmel Dickens**, of St Austin's and **Alan Begley**, of St Patrick's, who died recently. We remember their families at this time. May *Carmel, Anthony and Alan rest in peace and rise in glory.*

The Drop in Group have sent; £50 to CAFOD for the Libyan Flood Appeal; £50 for the McMillan Cancer Care Fund and £20 for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the 10 am Communion Service.
All Welcome.

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: Thanks for our volunteers. A list of the teams and a date rota is displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

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 Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY has restarted and it will now be held on every Sunday. This is due to the number of kind parishioners who have volunteered to help put on this much appreciated facility. It means we can form teams and a rota. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. Ann Kelly is kindly looking after the necessary safeguarding procedures. Many thanks.

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 14th November.

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 Gift Aid Envelopes [for this 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].

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.

GRAND DRAW AND SOCIAL EVENING

To be held on Saturday 9th December after the evening Mass at St Anne's.

We would be grateful for donations of prizes for the Grand Draw. There is a list at the back of both churches this weekend if you would like to donate. Many Thanks.

Welcome back Bishop Stephen Wright: Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in **St Chad's Cathedral** this coming **Friday 17th November at 12 Noon**. As very few were able to attend his installation as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle in July it will be an opportunity to gather and celebrate his appointment and pray God's blessing on his new appointment. We hope to have representatives of the schools and Stafford parishes at the Mass. A coach has been ordered to leave from Austin Friars (a road next to St Austin's Church) at **10:00am**. Please let Fr Bob know if you would like to travel.

The Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* is available on the website of the Holy See www.vatican.va and it can be shared and distributed freely together with the explanatory material which is available via www.LaudateDeum.org.

The Holy Father has asked us to entrust the new Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, along with the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, of St. Joseph the Protector, of Saint Francis and all the Saints.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Throughout the month of November there will be the opportunity of placing the names of deceased loved ones in envelopes. These can be placed in the basket in the front of the altar in both churches, where Masses will be said for the Holy Souls during this special month.



"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."