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Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

The Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	12 th	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	People of the Parish Celebrant's Intention
Sun	13 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	Cecilia & Gerald Jelfs RIP & Violet Cyples RIP Rodger Whitefield RIP
Mon	14 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Peter Turner RIP
Tue	15 th	9:30am 11:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Feria Funeral Service for Joan Bullock	Margaret, Josie & Madden Family Deceased
Wed	16 th	11:00am 7:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Funeral Mass for Eleanor O'Sullivan Confirmation Mass	Feria
Thu	17 th	6:30pm	St Patrick's	Feria	People of the Parish
Fri	18 th	12 Noon 6:30pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Funeral Service for Pat Toner Dedication of the Cathedral	Feast Keith Dunsby RIP
Sat	19 th	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Bernard Tallent RIP Intentions of Winifred Meehan
Sun	20 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	The Twelfth Sunday of the Year	Gladys Dennis & Janet Tivenan RIP Shaun Gilbride RIP(1 st Ann)

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 Likenny. St Anne's: Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] 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, Florence Ames, Peter Nycz. [St Anne's] Peter Colbeck, Joseph Ronan, Mrs Collins, Peter Turner, James Alcock, Pat Southern, Sidney Whorton, Polly Richards, Harriett Ruscoe, Mary Regan.

Income 23/5/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£	£	£283.84	£	Sat 48 Sun 41
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£	£	£146.23	£	Sat 34 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

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at only £4 per number each 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*

Without such donations, our ability to meet the ever mounting expenses (of maintenance, consumables, utilities and fabric upkeep, not to mention health and safety) will diminish. Also, for St Anne's, the regular income from Hall Hire has understandably been reduced. A significant amount of unavoidable work is also planned shortly for both parishes, so the outgoings remain significant. We continue to pay Council Tax; Water; Electricity; Gas. We are all in uncharted territory, an uncertain future, but if you are able please help in any way. **Very many thanks**

St Anne's: At present all Masses celebrated at St Anne's are web streamed. (Our grateful thanks to Peter) [Please go to the front web page and click on Mass Live at the top and you should be able to follow the Mass]. **Fr. Bob**

Places of Worship are open for Mass, but we were reminded of the need and importance for us all to be extra careful and diligent with social distancing and hygiene. All our parishes have been grateful for the help and dedication of our stewards/ cleaners, ensuring that all guidelines are followed and that we can safely celebrate Mass.

Future Dates to Note: CONFIRMATIONS take place for St Anne's candidates on Wednesday 16th June
And for St Patrick's candidates on Monday 21st June
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on Saturday 26th June for St Patrick's (Yrs 3 & 4)
And on Saturday 3rd July for St Anne's (Yrs 3 & 4)
MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE LOCAL MARTYR, BLESSED ROBERT SUTTON: Saturday 17th July 11:00am at St Thomas Mill.

Second Collection: Please note that there will be a second collection next weekend 19th/20th June for LIFE

Our Deceased: Please pray for **Eleanor Bridget O'Sullivan** and **Patricia Toner** of St Patrick's, and **Joan Bullock** of St Anne's, who have died recently. We remember their families at this time. *May Eleanor, Patricia and Joan rest in peace and rise in glory.*

The Year of St Joseph. For the remainder of the year we shall be 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 the special St Joseph's 'Memorare' and prayer will be said at the start of each Mass.

St Anne's Church maintenance: The remedial work to the lower roof was completed last year. Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks this year include **decorating the interior of the Hall** this summer and **comprehensive remedial tree surgery** to satisfy Health and Safety. 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'. According to the teaching of the Church, the present ongoing situation would not warrant the 'Rite of General Absolution'. If notice is given, and at convenient times, before or after Mass, I have been hearing confessions and this will continue. God Bless. **Fr. Bob**

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 on 11th April (many thanks to Margaret [SP] and Mark [SA] for preparing these). They are ready for collection. If anyone would like more information concerning this method of giving (or, indeed, concerning donation by Standing Order) please see Fr. Bob

Visits to the sick and housebound are now possible if parishioners feel comfortable for them to happen. If you know of anyone (St Patrick's or St Anne's) who might like to receive the Sacraments at home, please do speak to Fr. Bob.

St Anne's welcomes Bishop Stephen Wright this week for the sacrament of confirmation to be administered to candidates in Yr6

Training Workshops for Readers:

Saturday 19th June St Anne's 12 noon

Tuesday 22nd June St Anne's 7 pm

Wednesday 23rd June St Patrick's 7 pm

(Each workshop will be identical to give opportunity for everyone to get to one).

What we will do:

Basics of reading in public-posture, use of diction etc. We will practice these skills.

Consideration of the privilege and reality of being a reader, what it is to stand before the people of God to bring God's word. A brief shared reading of scripture.

Please contact the church office or Deacon Mike on 07706077124 to say which is your preference of date.

Hednesford Pilgrimage 2021: Our second event involving parishioners from Hednesford and surrounding area: **Mass for the Diocesan Pilgrimage.** Bishop Stephen Wright will say Mass at the shrine on **Sunday June 20th at 3pm.** The Mass will be filmed and posted online on **Sunday July 4th** in place of the Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass. If you would like to actually come to the shrine, book a place by ringing 01543 422576 or emailing lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk

Diocesan Vision: "Unfolding God's Plan". The Diocesan Evangelisation Team are inviting parishes to host '**Something Greater**' which takes place on Thursday 8th July. This event will help parishes extend a hand of friendship to their local community. This online gathering will include a welcome, a short film and a personal invitation to come to church. A pack is being created which will have everything we need to host '**Something Greater**'. It will include a step-by-step guide and different ways for parishes to reach out to invite their community and ideas on how we may extend a personal invitation to church. If any parishioners are interested in coming together to form a group who would help lead this then the Evangelisation sub group would be pleased to make contact. They can be contacted at: something.greater@rcaob.org.uk More information on the Diocesan Vision will be released in June. We are all asked to pray for this event and also encouraged to think how we might begin to reach out to:
(1) *Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so.*
(2) *Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship – who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and communal expression of that spiritual quest.*
(3) *Those 'Covid curious' who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic.*

DIOCESAN VISION: Unfolding God's Plan. **This weekend (12/13 June)** a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read out/or made available at all Masses. This letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years. **Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass. You can find the Pastoral Letter in text, audio and video format on the Diocesan website:** www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision

Candle Lighting day: Next weekend we hope to get everyone to take a few leaflets [shown below]- please post them through a few letter boxes, give out or post anywhere prominent where people can see them/ shops, hairdressers etc and to 'talk the day around' with others.

St Anne's Catholic Church

Open Day

Lynton Avenue, Weeping Cross, Stafford

Wednesday 7th July: 8-10am, 12-2pm, 4-6pm

Come and light a Candle for Life

Time for a moment to reflect on all we have come have faced, the things we are thankful for and our hope **minute or two.** Choose a time slot (see above) and come



through over this past difficult year. The challenges we for the future **Everyone is very welcome to drop in for a** along. Someone will be there to guide you.