

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 14th January 2024

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

SECOND 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	13 th	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil		Allan Clews RIP Paddy Toner RIP	
Sun	14 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Second Sunday of the Year		Private Intention Madge & Joe Fox	
Mon	15 th	9:30am	St Anne's		Feria	Bridget & Patrick James McKenna	
Tue	16 th	9.30am	St Patrick's		Feria	Peter Shepherd RIP	
Wed	17 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	St Anthony	Memoria	
Thu	18 th	9.30 am	St Patrick's		Feria	Mgr. John HeslinRIP	
Fri	19 th	9:15am	St Anne's	St Wulstan	Feast	Peggy Doyle	
Sat	20 th	10.30am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Patrick's St Anne's	Funeral Service for James O'Connor Vigil Vigil		People of the Parish The Murphy Family	
Sun	21 st	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Third Sunday of the Year		Joye Simpson RIP Tony Duke	
Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny. 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, Imelda Moore.							
Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Charles Durkin, Walter Kelly, Basil Cooke, Lioriel Vasselín, Maureen Askey, Nicola Caruso, Michael Dooley, Hugh McCabe, Peter Denkin, Stanislaw Halberda, Lily Lee, Robert Lewis, William Blackburn, Max Burgess, Irene Higgins, Ethel Lake, Joyce Walker, Peter Walsh, Patrick Campbell, Charles Craig, Jessie Pearse, Patrick O'Brien, Gladys Lake. [St Anne's.] Al Loran, Walter Kelly, Kathleen McMahon, James Barbenson, Anne Gaffney, William Hall, Damien McMahon, Phyllis Stott, Richard Meldon, Arthur Veale, Delia Higgins.							
Income 7/01/24	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	£84.20	£292.82	£408.25	£785.27	Sat 59	Sun 99
St Patrick's	Offertory	£68.30	£137.70	£152.16	£358.16	Sat 46	Sun 74

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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work) (birminghamdiocese.org.uk) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

Parish Tote 150 Club

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012. Those who pay yearly and six monthly your monies are due in January.

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: 20th/21st January Parish Maintenance
27th /28th January [Lepra appeal weekend]
10th/11th February the LIFE Charity

[The collection on the 27th/28th January is in aid of LEpra. It is in support of Lepra who are having an Appeal for World Leprosy Day on their Centenary]. More information can be found at: '[With your help, we can beat leprosy - YouTube](#)' and their website: <http://www.lepra.org.uk/>

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Pam Knowles** of St Anne's Parish, **James O'Connor**, formerly of St Patrick's, **Fr Christopher Greaney** (priest of the diocese) and **Fr 'Sandy' Brown** (priest of the diocese) who have died recently. We remember their families at this time.
May **Pam, James, Christopher and Sandy** rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Anne's Readers: The rota for January is on the notice board in the church porch.

The Drop in Group

Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne's 10 am Communion Service. All Welcome.

Bible Alive For those who have subscribed to Bible Alive, copies are now available to collect from the church porch. Apologies for their late arrival, they got lost in the Christmas post.

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 valuable facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY is up and running and 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]

*** 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.*

+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 in January 2024. Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!

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.

** (Please note that there will be NO Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham this coming Saturday 20th because of a funeral service at St Patrick's)*

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. [The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

LIVING SIMPLY: 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.

Parish Library St Anne's

Thank you to everyone who has donated bibles and books (and a bookcase).

The parish library is in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.

“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.”

Advent / Christmas Giving Tree

(St Anne’s & St Patrick’s): The House of Bread and The Women’s Refuge offer their grateful thanks to the parishioners of St Anne’s and St Patrick’s for the very generous quantity of useful gifts donated. As we are aware, there is always a continuous need for such assistance.

Thank you for the Crib Donations destined for ‘Friends of the Holy Land’.
St Anne’s £367.67 St Patrick’s £183.53

CATHOLIC STAFFORD: *Your help, understanding and patience has been welcome, as we continue to collaborate in ministering to the Catholics of Stafford. This is especially evident as we often need to arrange to cover for priests in neighbouring deanery parishes at short notice. However, as we go forward in 2024 and become more aware of the unique value of our faith and how we may pass it on to others, immersing ourselves into the coming Year of Prayer will be essential. Further detail will be made available as to how we might use this year in relation to our prayer life; both communally and individually.*

CATHOLIC STAFFORD St Patrick’s Day Celebration

Friday 15th March 11.30 am – 2.45 pm in St Anne’s Church Hall.

Fish and chips lunch £6.

Children from St Anne’s school are coming to sing for us and there will be a raffle/quiz.

Please ring Liz on 07305936716 to reserve your place.



THE BIG LENT WALK

"Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

CAFOD and SCIAF are teaming up to bring the Big Lent Walk to Great Britain! Read more about us and our decision to join forces. [HERE](#) Thousands of walkers from England, Wales, Scotland and beyond, will be tying up their purple laces and walking an incredible 200km this Lent to fight global poverty. So, sign up to do the Big Lent Walk yourself, or join in with your school or parish Then put your best foot forward with the biggest group of Big Lent Walkers yet."

(For more information go to: [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk))