

### St. Anne's Catholic Church

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### TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish George & Teresa Smith RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>The Solemnity of the Assumption</b>	Jean Rennie RIP Private Intention
		10:00am	St Anne's		
		5:00pm	St Austin's	<b>Adoration, Solemn Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>	
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b>	St Anne's	<b>Communion Service</b>	Feria
Tue	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	St Patrick's		Feria
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b>	St Anne's	<b>Communion Service</b>	Feria
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	St Patrick's		Feria
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's		Feria Celebrant's Intention
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:30am</b>	St Anne's	<b>Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	Private Intention Special Intention(RD)
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>Twenty-First Sunday of Year</b>	McHugh & Middleton Families People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		

**Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:** Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Jacqueline Simpson, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Eileen Turvey, Marie Geal.

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's]** Veronica Vance-Cotsford, Thomas Knight, Jane Petrini, Frederick Wood, Sadie Cannon, Louis McCafferey, Eulalia Casadesus, Alfred Godwin, Bryan Baggley, Patricia Park, Dorothy Gunn, Yolanda Vella, Cyril Tooth, Florence Millward, Charles McLynn, Mary Jordan, Montague Bodenham, John Norton and Michael McHugh. **[St Anne's]** Mollie Gourley, Theresa Minton, Frank Murray, Min Goulding, Felix Pooler, Kenneth Burnside, Jill Jepson, Mary Wright and Derek Moon.

Income 7/8/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	<b>£161.40</b>	<b>£182.73</b>	<b>£391.45</b>	<b>£735.58</b>	Sat 55 Sun 66
St Patrick's	Offertory	<b>£71.30</b>	<b>£176.92</b>	<b>£149.69</b>	<b>£397.91</b>	Sat 33 Sun 52

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**

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers 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. Very many thanks.*

**Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings:** All are welcome (from around 10:25am) in the Church Hall.

***This weekend, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> August, our three parishes are hosting two priests from the Society of African Missions (SMA). They will be sharing Masses through the three churches, talking about their work and mission. A poster advertising the appeal can be found at the back of the churches. Let us give them a warm and generous welcome. The second retiring collection after each Mass is in aid of the SMA mission.***

If anyone has any spare wool, someone who knits hats and scarves for the homeless would be very grateful. Please leave in the church porch of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. Many thanks.

**COLLECTION BAGS:** The passing around of leather collection bags has returned to our parishes of St Patrick's and St Annes'. It was felt that it was the time for re-establishing this tradition because of its inherent security and to enable a more focused collection of 2<sup>nd</sup> collection donations (through a retiring collection as parishioners leave). I am very grateful to our welcomers and stewards who are enabling the bags to be passed along the benches and also to those who have offered to be in a counting team. To St Patrick's counting teams – I hope to be able to meet with you at convenient times at the end of the month so that we can run through the process (for the benefit of new volunteers). It goes without saying that the most convenient and preferred method of giving remains Standing Order. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Marie in the office if you would like to consider this. Many thanks. Fr. Bob

**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 to help here please!**

**St Patrick's:** As I have mentioned previously, the following groups are soon, hopefully, to be up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Health and Safety, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis.** Anyone else who would like to be involved in some way, please contact Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk] or 01785 661012

**[\*There are sheets at the back of church on which you can write your name for any of these roles.]**  
Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

**Fr Simon's final Mass in Catholic Stafford, as Assistant Priest, will be next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August in St Austin's at 11am. On behalf of St Patrick's and St Anne's, we wish Fr Simon our very best wishes and thanks for the unique and uplifting contribution he has made to our parishes over the last two 'challenging' years. Fr Simon has also helped us to re-configure ourselves as a Catholic Stafford 'parish' offering three distinct but collaborative community contributions; worshipping and evangelising together. As for Fr Simon's musical accompaniment with the organ at various times, I'm sure most of us would be 'impressed': I can't be the only one to have been raised to the 'celestial' heights on occasions. Fr Simon's destination parish will be truly blessed and our prayers go with him.**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORSHIP:** Due to a number of recent resignations, both our schools (St Patrick's and St Anne's) are in need of Foundation Governors. Foundation Governorship is a seriously important role that enables the school to function with the necessary oversight and partnership of its community. Please do give this request urgent consideration since no previous experience is required. The requisite is that you are a practicing Catholic who recognises the value and importance of each of our parish schools in the life of our Catholic faith. Full induction and training will be provided. Do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bob (01785661012) or Mrs Bennett [St Anne] (01785663128) or Mr Brandon [St Patrick] (01785413275)  
Many Thanks

**St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY)** The Children's Liturgy Group will start up again on Sunday 11th September. Open to children of primary school age and under. Children leave church for their own celebration (accessing the mass and readings at their own level) shortly after the beginning of mass and return after the Creed. Pre-school children are welcome but adults are asked to accompany them for safeguarding reasons. Also volunteers to help with the sessions are always welcome. 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. However, there will be a break over the summer period. ----- The next meeting will be on **6<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Ukrainian Refugees:** Please see just how offers of help will be co-ordinated through **Caritas** and **Father Hudson's Care**. Our Catholic parishes will be in regular communication with the diocese in regard to this matter.

#### **Stafford Walsingham Association**

Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is held. During the Mass, we offer the Litany of OLW, praying that Our Lady will, as the prayer says, 'look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.' As membership of the Association is open to anyone within our three parishes, the Mass will alternate between the three churches. If you would like to be a member of the Walsingham Association, please fill in one of the forms at the back of church and return it to the Presbytery. **[Our next Mass will be at St Anne's on 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am]**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** Please be aware that the new financial year has passed. New boxes of envelopes used by parishioners who gift aid their donations can be found in the porches of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. They are already named and ready for collection. 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. Thanks to Mark and Margaret for their efforts in administering the Gift Aid facility

*The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made an announcement on the "Sunday Obligation":  
"We.... believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. "We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation."*

**As part of our "Live Simply" Campaign we want to live in solidarity with those in poverty It's time to tackle corporate abuse of human and environmental rights**

We're calling on the UK government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent abuses and environmental harm.

## **LIVE SIMPLY**

"Our **Live Simply** award needs to involve as many people in the community as possible. From the youngest to the oldest, each person's different strengths and interests contribute to making it a success. So do come forward if you have some ideas.

We are asked to "Pray, Act and Give. Take time to consider our broken global food system by praying for food justice, <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/A-prayer-for-food-justice>. You may wish to email your the Foreign Secretary, <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1>. If you are able you can donate to help those in need, <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=125900> If we are to tackle the climate crisis and global poverty around the world, we must address the destruction linked to UK companies. Please email your MP <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

We are looking for a date to hold a "Fix the Food System" with our 7 station activity.

Human trafficking is also an issue. The Church stands in solidarity with the poor and drawing from Catholic Social Teaching, we believe that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God, imbued with an innate dignity. Modern slavery is an attack upon this dignity. In solidarity, we are called to work with hope and compassion to transform our common home, to ensure that people, communities and the earth may flourish - free from exploitation. CAFOD are calling for a 'Business, Human Rights and Environment Act' and a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights, to help the UK fully realise its commitments to the UN. You can email your MP to support this act here <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

Regards

Joe McCormick

**Spiritual Spa Day for Ladies:** This is an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in God's love; to be inspired, reflect and pray together and to be affirmed in our faith at St Austin's Church, Stafford on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The day will also include Praise and Worship, Adoration and Reconciliation 10.30am – 4.30pm with Registration from 10.00am and Holy Mass at 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. Please contact Rita 07792 318916, Karen 07528 229236 or Hilary 07813 751444 by Thursday 1st September, if you are attending the day.

**St Bernadette Relic Tour:** In October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. As part of the pilgrimage, the relics will come to Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October. There will be more details about this in the coming weeks. **NB:** To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, and to allow for the potentially large numbers, individuals and groups are strongly encouraged to register their attendance at their earliest convenience choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at their chosen church or cathedral. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed here: [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/). (Please be assured that pilgrims who have been unable to register will not be turned away).

**Fr Stephen Fleming** has been appointed as Assistant Priest of St Austin's and will be arriving at the end of this month. We offer our congratulations to him, and pray for him in these early days since his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. A few years back, Fr Stephen did a Pastoral Placement at St Austin's, so he might be familiar to a few people.

**'On this glad Assumption day, honour to Our Lady pay'** is the opening line of a lesser known hymn to Our Lady. It speaks about the heavens welcoming Our Lady and those gathered in prayer rejoicing at her assumption. **At 5.00pm this Sunday 14th August at St Austin's** there will be a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which we shall pray Vespers for the Assumption. This will conclude with Benediction and a short procession to the grotto in the Presbytery gardens.

**Aid to the Church in Need Mass** at 3.00pm on this Sunday 14th August in Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford. The Mass will be offered for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. The preacher will be Mgr. Danny McHugh, the Diocesan Ethnic Chaplaincy Coordinator. After the Mass, we will have refreshments, followed by a presentation given by Dr Caroline Hull, the National Director of Aid to the Church in Need. There will be an opportunity for discussion, questions and answers. Finally, there will be an opportunity to purchase religious items made in Ukraine as well as in the Holy Land – through these sales Aid to the Church in Need offers dignity and hope to those in need. Please bring your own chair for the Mass.