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Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Lectionary Cycle A, Weekday Mass Cycle 2 Psalter week 3/Parish Mass Book P158/

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	14 th	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Ann. Mass for both parishes (Johnson Assn.)
Sun	15 th	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Third Sunday of Lent	Brian Begley RIP & Joan McKinlay's Intentions
		11:15 am	St Anne's		John Meehan RIP
Mon	16 th	9:15 am	St Anne's	Lent Feria	Private Intention
Tue	17 th	7:00 pm	St Patrick's	Concluding Mass (Deanery Visitation) St Patrick	Feast Joseph Galvin RIP
Wed	18 th	10:00 am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Lent Feria
Thu	19 th	9:15 am	St Patrick's	School Mass St Joseph, husband of BVM	Solemnity E&P Hanlon (60 th Ann.)
Fri	20 th	9:15 am	St Anne's	School Mass	Lent Feria
		7:00 pm	St Anne's	Stations of the Cross	Celebrant's Intention
Sat	21 st	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Private Intention
Sun	22 nd	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Eddie & Bridie Hunt
		11:15 am	St Anne's		People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By Appointment

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Bernard McLynn, Sheila Amor, Slavoljub Ristic, Kathleen Tyson, Giovanni Sansa, John Percy, Rosa Garbolotto, Robert Askey, Olive Cooper, John Shalloe, Jean Armstrong, Arthur Lake, Anthony Parton, Barbara Bayley, Charlotte Millward, James Robinson, George Ball and Stephen O'Rourke. **[St. Anne's]** Cathleen Baxter, Ellen Bromley, John Bromley, Cecile Chevallier, Thomas Clarke, Patrick Coffey, Maisie Murtagh, Frank Sweeney, Pip Gibson, Alfreda Gray, John Kay, Arthur Lanburta, Francis McAuliffe, Gillian Holmes, Zoe Featherstone, Jim Beham, Alice Cunningham, Peter Farenden, Don Purcell and Anita Sandy.

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter and Cecylia Kotara **St Anne's** Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, David Green, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Colin Wilkinson, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise and Shaun Gilbride.

CHURCH ROTAS

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	20 th March Therese Rosairo & Eileen Turvey	22 nd March Eileen Turner		22 nd March The Kelly Family	22 nd March Samantha Hutchins
St Patrick's	w/c 15 th March Sumitha, Jenice & family	Team	Carmel P	22 nd March June & Graham	22 nd March Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
Sat. 21st March : Readers:	Alison George	
Euch. Ministers:	T Whitehall	
Sun. 22nd March : Readers:	Catriona Mawdsley	Niah & Noah
Euch. Ministers:	T Denham & I Hird	Margaret, Steph & Mary O

Income 23 th Feb	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£355.00	£189.52	£179.65	£724.17	177
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£86.00	£129.04	£136.23	£351.27	130

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The Second Collection last weekend 7th/8th March for CAFOD St Anne's £519.64 St Patrick's £307.92 Thank You.

Please remember in your prayers Fr Bob Wright, one of our diocesan priests (Coventry) who died recently.

Liturgical/Pastoral DATES FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:

17th March: Mass to mark the Completion of the Deanery Visitation – St Patrick's 7:00pm

Parishes Social (Fundraising Events) DATES UP TO SUMMER:

Quiz on Saturday 21st March at St Anne's Church Hall. Doors open after 6 pm Mass, Quiz starts 7.30 pm. £5 per person, Make up a team of up to six people or come on the night and make up a team. Bring your own 'eats' and drinks.

26th April: Sponsored Walk

5th June: Fashion Show (St Anne's Hall)

19th June: BBQ (St Anne's Grounds) 11th July Catholic Stafford Celebration Buffet and 3 parishes get-together

With regard to our Missionary Appeal this weekend, the Daughters of Divine Love is an international Congregation founded in Nigerian in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They came to England in 1989 and are present today in 6 dioceses. They educate, care and add value to the lives of the less privileged in the society. Their charity home in Nigeria provides care for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers and children with special needs.

To St Patrick's and St Anne's: As noted above, the closing of our Deanery Visitation will be marked by a Mass at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 17th March at 7:00pm. Please do put this date in your diary as a good turnout would be fitting for such an event. Archbishop Bernard and Bishop David will be celebrating and there will be a 'concluding feedback' meeting in the School Hall afterwards. [Please note that due to the constraints of the ensuing "coronavirus" crisis, and advice about large gatherings and food hygiene, we will be unable to offer cakes etc. in the hall, but only liquid refreshment]. Very many thanks to all who offered cakes for the event. It will be attended by parishioners of the other parishes in the deanery also. Many thanks

DROP-IN: Our drop in will continue as normal on **Wednesday 18th March** in St Anne's Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All Welcome. However, if the drop -in has to be closed because of the Coronavirus, you will be informed via the parish newsletter. If the drop -in is closed, you may need help on Wednesday morning, for example shopping or collecting medication. If so contact Liz Harrison between 10-30 and 12 noon on 07802 694580.

ROSARY - prayer, intentions/intercessions and rosary.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th March at 10.00 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING Representatives: Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 St Patrick's. Ann Kelly 017 5603012 St Anne's.

Coronavirus: At present, parishes have been given guidance in regard to liturgical gathering and celebration. We are now at STAGE 2. Personal and communal good hygiene are essential, with regular and thorough handwashing. The Bishops' Conference has advised against the use of hymn AND Mass books, and collection bags passed along benches. There will be large and prominent bins at the back of both churches for dropping in both collections. Collectors may assist in indicating the correct bins for the 1st and the 2nd collection. **PLEASE DON'T GET THEM MIXED UP!** Receiving the host in the hand (which should be practice anyway during "flu season") IS THE ONLY option. Ministers of communion (Host) should wash hands thoroughly before entrance to the sanctuary. Both churches now have good handwashing facilities.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP. The next shared Bible Study group will be on Tuesday 17th March. All are welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall, 10 am – 11 am.

STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY the next meeting will be on this Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

SAVE THE DATE! Ladies, you are invited to a Spiritual Spa Day, 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 Hall, Stafford on **Saturday May 16th**. Put the date in your diary, more details soon.

St Patrick's new facility: Our 'target fundraising scale' on the noticeboard indicates how the financing is progressing. I hope that we can swiftly raise the funds for it.

Parish Tote 150 Club. Thank you all for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further information from Marie on 01785 661012.

WALKING IN THE WAY OF THE PASSION During the weeks of **Lent** on Wednesday evenings in St Anne's Church from 7.30 pm - 9 pm we will be reflecting on the Easter Story along with listening to a set of talks by bible scholar Fr Jerry McBride. We will be considering the events of Easter while at the same time reflecting on our own faith journey as members of the body of Christ. Weekly from **4th March to April 8th**. Do come along to one or all of the sessions as you feel able.

Message from a former Weeping Cross resident and St Anne parishioner: **Jamie Paulose** requires accommodation ASAP, having been given notice to leave his nursing home as his placement there is coming to an end. Tel: 07951 351678.' Jamie has heard that his moving-out date is **19 March**.