



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

## Weekly Newsletter

### **St. Anne's Catholic Church**

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## **TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Lectionary Cycle A, Weekday Mass Cycle 2 Psalter week 2 [Parish Mass Book P88]**

| Day | Date             | Mass Time           | Church                    | Liturgical Day  | Mass Intention                          |
|-----|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| Sat | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm             | St Anne's                 | Vigil Mass  | Joe, Win & Loz McKie RIP                |
| Sun | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am             | St Patrick's              | Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudate)                              | Private Intention & Joseph Galvin       |
|     |                  | 11:15 am            | St Anne's                 |   | People of the Parish                    |
| Mon | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9:15 am             | St Anne's                 | Advent Feria  | Moni & Joe                              |
| Tue | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00pm<br>7:00pm    | St Patrick's<br>St Anne's | Funeral Mass for Tony Ruttledge<br>Advent Penitential Service | Advent Feria                            |
| Wed | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am            | St Anne's                 | Communion Service   | Advent Feria                            |
| Thu | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9:15 am             | St Patrick's              | School End of Term Mass                                       | Advent Feria Joe and Delraine RIP       |
| Fri | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9:15 am             | St Anne's                 | School End of Term Mass                                       | Advent Feria Sr. Mary Dominic Dickinson |
| Sat | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10:00 am<br>6:00 pm | St Anne's<br>St Anne's    | Exposition, Confession & Holy Hour<br>Vigil Mass              | People of the Parish                    |
| Sun | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9:30 am<br>11:15 am | St Patrick's<br>St Anne's | Fourth Sunday of Advent                                       | Catherine Dutch<br>Bridie Toner RIP     |

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** [St. Patrick's] Carmela Notarianni, Florence Preston, Winifred Cliff, Alice Sheehan, Jacobus Ashun, Mary Harding, Jean Taylor, James Crossan, Joyce Wynter, Simon Collins, Bertram Shotton and Stanislaw Gackowski. [St. Anne's] Peggy Giles, Mary Chatterley, Alec Gourley, John Grennan, John Helks, Patrick McMahon, Monica Beardmore, Kathleen McMahon and Lottie Riley.

**Prayers for the sick:** St Patrick's Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy and Martha Porter, 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 and Colin Wise.

### **CHURCH ROTAS**

| Church       | Church Cleaning   | Altar Linen                            | Flowers  | Refreshments                                  | Children's Liturgy                                      |
|--------------|---|--|----------|---|---|
| St Anne's    | 13 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Georgina Copp & Angela Heath | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December<br>Ann Kelly |          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December<br>The Hulme Family | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December                               |
| St Patrick's | w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> December<br>David, Bipin & Jom       | Joan McKinlay                          | Carmel P | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December<br>Team             | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December<br>Geraldine, Margaret & Mary |

### **READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

|  | ST. ANNE's        | ST. PATRICK's          |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec :</b> Readers: | Ian Burnside      |                        |
| Euch. Ministers:                           | C Love            |                        |
| <b>Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec :</b> Readers: | Catriona Mawdsley | Grace & Stephanie K    |
| Euch. Ministers:                           | T Denham & I Hird | Carmel, Margaret & Lyn |

| Income 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Source    | Gift Aid | Non-Gift Aid | Standing Order | Total   | Attendance |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| St Anne's                  | Offertory | £190.90  | £142.30      | £179.65        | £512.85 | 163        |
| St. Patrick's              | Offertory | £112.50  | £144.21      | £136.23        | £392.94 | 114        |

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**Dates for your diary:****14<sup>th</sup> December Buffet and Grand Draw at St Anne's Church Hall after 6 pm Mass.****\*\*\* For Catholic Stafford -- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Advent Penitential Service (St Anne's 7:00pm)\*\*\*****Second Collection last weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December for the Poor Parishes Fund. St Anne's £250.11 St Patrick's £95.91****DROP-IN:** Our drop in will continue as usual this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in St Anne's Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All Welcome.**Our recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Tony Ruttledge, and Violet Donohoe (St Patricks) who died recently. We pray for them and their families. Also, pray for Fr. John Ellis (a priest of our diocese) who died last Thursday in Aston Hall. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**ROSARY No more "Tea"! But: prayer, intentions/intercessions and rosary.**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome.**Eucharistic ministers (Both parishes):** If there are any Eucharistic ministers who would be willing, **one Sunday per month**, to take communion to the hospital please speak to Deacon Mike, or leave a phone message/text. (07706077124) Many thanks.**Advent Preparation:** 'Meeting Jesus in the Gospels'. We are listening together to an audio presentation about the opening story of the 4 Gospels by Fr. Gerry McBride, a Biblical Scholar. As we journey through the Advent course together we consider our own history of faith and what has influenced it. There will also be time for prayerful reading of scripture (and some refreshment, of course). **St Anne's Church Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00pm, beginning on 27<sup>th</sup>. Our last session is this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners from all three Stafford parishes welcome!** (Please bring a bible if you can remember)**SAFEGUARDING Representatives:** Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 01785603012 **St Anne's.****BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** The next shared Bible Study group will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> **January 2020** All are welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall, 10 am – 11 am.**Health&Safety:** There has arisen developing and ongoing pressure upon all parishes to make health & Safety a top priority. H&S covers an extremely wide area that influences virtually every aspect of our parish life, from liturgy to social activities to simply just existing as a community having use of buildings, paths etc. It truly is all-embracing and shows every sign of taking up a significant amount of collective energy. In light of this, I am appealing for volunteers to assist us (Peter Turner and myself) in helping to monitor, on a regular and rota basis, our water supply, risk assessments and other areas of concern. Please approach Peter or myself if you would like to become a team member. Many thanks Fr. Bob**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be in January at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.**A St Thomas Aquinas Study Weekend Retreat** will be held at St Dominic's Covent, Stone from **January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.** Led by Sr. Mary Magdalene Eitenmiller OP, details are on the noticeboard in the church porches.**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** Would you like to put a smile on a child's or older adult's face this Christmas? If so, please fill a covered shoe box with suitable little gifts and perhaps a Christmas Card. Please label the box with an indication of who the shoe box is for eg Boy 12-15 yrs, girl 5-8 yrs or older man or lady. Thank you in anticipation, Jean Lindop. Please leave the boxes in either the church porch or take to St Anne's School for collection.**St Patrick's toilet facility:**Please take a look at **the drawings at the back of church. The 'target scale' on the noticeboard indicates how the financing is progressing. Gift aid envelopes are at the back of church.****Missio Red Boxes (St Anne's):** Many thanks to all who have been a part of the Red Box collection through the year, and all who have donated.. A grand Total of £1,322 was collected. It is very encouraging. Well done.**St Patrick's Christmas Clean Up:** If you are free on the morning of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, please join some of us anytime between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon to help clean our beautiful Church in preparation for Christmas.For more information, or to let us know that you're joining us, speak to Claire McHugh or e-mail [clairelmchugh@gmail.com](mailto:clairelmchugh@gmail.com).**PARISH TOTE 150 CLUB** Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at only £4 per number per month. Further information from Marie on 01785 661012.**Both our Parishes: Preparing for Advent & Christmas:** Our Advent 'Giving Tree' in each church is the focus for gifts brought in for our local **Womens' Refuge.** Gifts can be placed in the box in the Narthex or around the tree in each parish. The refuge gets particularly short of teenage gifts and baby toys. Gift vouchers are always welcome as teenagers can choose for themselves and mums can buy gifts for the children too. Also as last year, single bedding, sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers (New please) and towels, socks, pants and anything else are all received with much thanks.