

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	15 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Patty Tiernan RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Special Intention(AJK)
Sun	16 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year	Holy Souls
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish
Mon	17 th	9:30am	St Anne's	St Ignatius of Antioch	Memoria Private Intention
Tue	18 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Luke	Feast Holy Souls
Wed	19 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria
Thu	20 th	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria Holy Souls
Fri	21 st	9:15am	St Anne's		Feria Private Intention
Sat	22 nd	10:00am	St Anne's	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham	All our parish Sick
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Kitty&Noel Cooney RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Fr. David Lloyd RIP
Sun	23 rd	9:00am	St Patrick's	Thirtieth Sunday of Year	James & Margaret Madden RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, 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, Molly Hukin, Sheila Burton, Andrea Horsnall.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Ellen Blamire, Bridget Charleton, Claude Bromley, Dorothy Perry, William Jones, Thomas Costello, Margaret McGowan, Millicent Palmer, Harry Tinkler, Cecil Allen, Margaret McGuigan, Elizabeth Lane, Raymond O'Sullivan, Reginald Carthy. **[St Anne's]** Conor Dewsnap, Imelda Bragg, Joan Burnside, Anne Harvey, William Harrington, Margaret Johnson, Robert Cook, Bryan Kidd, John Stanley, Joseph Curran.

Income 9/10/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£105.00	£111.86	£391.45	£608.31	Sat 55 Sun 62
St Patrick's	Offertory	£67.30	£165.54	£149.69	£382.53	Sat 44 Sun 62

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 September Draw

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.

***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.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Weekend 22nd/23rd October **MISSIO**
 Weekend 5th/6th November **JOHNSON ASSOCIATION**

Last weekend's collection for CAFOD St Anne's £272.51 St Patrick's £218.52. Thank You.

Please note that there are envelopes at the back of Church for Gift Aiding. Many thanks.

PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust): Due to the number of Second Collections we have throughout this time of year, we do not mark **Prisoners' Sunday**. Although there will be no formal Second Collection this weekend (15th/16th) There will be collection baskets at the back of church for donations to the PACT charity. You will find envelopes next to them.

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

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: 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. St Patrick's counting teams have begun their rotas. 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 up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams;** later, we hope: **Health and Safety, 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. Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group has started up again and much appreciated. 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**. **The next meeting will be on this Tuesday 18th October.**

Stafford Walsingham Association

Every third or fourth Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is hoped to be 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. 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.

***Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham: This coming Saturday 22nd October at 10:00am St Anne's**

FINAL REQUEST: 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 pronounced on the "Sunday Obligation" some time ago: "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."

LIVING SIMPLY There will be a meeting for all those who are keen to move our 'Living Simply' project forward. It will be on **Wednesday 19th October at St Austin's (in the meeting room)**. All welcome.

Stafford Bereavement Café: Please see the notices in the porches of each church concerning a Drop-In for the bereaved. **We meet in the Café at Asda on the third Tuesday of each month. Between 09:30 and 11:00am.**
18th October, 15th November, and 20th December

Fr Simon writes: Just a little note to say 'thank you' to everyone who so kindly gave cards and gifts to me before, as the saying goes, I was '*sent to Coventry*'. It has been a busy time since my arrival, but everything is slowly starting to fall into place. The boxes are slowly being reduced; parishioners names are being learnt; and of course, in keeping with tradition, the gin has been unpacked – in fact it was the first thing to happen upon arrival! Everyone in St Austin's, St Anne's and St Patrick's continues to be in my daily prayers, and I would ask you all, in the words of St Thomas More to continue to 'pray for me' as life as a Parish Priest continues to unfold.

***We Add:** To show our appreciation for his contribution to the life of our three parishes we hope to invite him back to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at a date to be arranged. Envelopes are available this weekend for donations towards a presentation n to him. Please return them by this weekend **15th / 16th October**.

ST PATRICK'S Big Clean

Can you spare a little time on: Saturday 5th November. We would like to give our lovely church a more thorough clean before the winter. Please pop along ANYTIME between 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

If you can, please bring a broom, washing bowl and cleaning cloths. Cleaning liquids are already available. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information please speak to Claire Taylor or one of the stewards

Blessing of Graves for Catholic Stafford: Our Blessing of Graves will take place this Sunday 16th October at Tixall Road Cemetery. We meet in the crematorium chapel at 3:00pm and, following brief prayers and reading, there will be opportunity for individual graves to be blessed by assisting priests.

Social Evening and Draw.

We hope to have a Christmas social event this year at St Anne's. As a first step in the preparations we would be grateful for donations of prizes for a raffle to be drawn on the evening. The provisional date is 10th December after evening Mass. There will be a list at the back of both churches next weekend if you would like to donate. Please put your name and prize with phone no. on and we will contact you. Any ideas or help in organising the evening would be gratefully appreciated. Many Thanks

St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Before COVID-19 we had a number of Ministers who assisted at the Sunday Morning Mass. Now that we are moving back to our new normal, we would like to re-establish 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. Thank you
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. It is a simple but wonderful ministry and your services would be very much appreciated. Full training would be given.

****For your diary:***

Stafford Passion Play 2023: As most of you may be aware, it is planned to put on a Stafford Passion Play in the town next Easter. 'Love Stafford' has invited the 'Saltmine Theatre Company' (made up completely of Christians who are professional actors) to perform on the streets of Stafford at Easter 2023. In 2019 the play was performed in Central Birmingham to great acclaim. All churches in and around Stafford are invited to help finance this event in whatever capacity can be offered [please refer to the accompanying paper, which explains the schedule]. Looking ahead, there will be opportunities for those who would like to offer their time and interest in being an active part of the performance, eg. Members of the wider cast, musicians, singers, etc. There is also planned, locally, prayer meetings, enabling us to focus on such an important event.

***Please take an information sheet from the back of church**

NB: There are 'flyers' at the back of Church showing where prayer meetings are held in various town churches. There are monthly meetings until January then weekly prayer gatherings from February until March 23rd.

Applying for Passion Play parts

Funding the Passion Play

Just to let you know that the Just Giving page for the Stafford Passion Play is now active (again). The link is https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/staffordpassionplay?utm_term=WV8XNMX6w

This link is also on the Facebook page of Love Stafford.

[Help raise £5000 to to fund Stafford's Passion Play as street theatre at Easter 2023. The community comes together to act out the last week of Jesus' life.](#)

The Stafford
Passion
play 2023
JustGiving