

## St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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**Deacon: Rev. Michael Horsnall**

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### Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention		
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	The Elliot & McKinlay Families (memorial)		
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Ken Fenton RIP		
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year	Chinnamma RIP & Teresa Lennon RIP		
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish		
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's		Feria	Wellbeing of Michael Moore	
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria	Well being of Joan McKinlay	
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service <b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong &amp; Companions</b>	Memoria		
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	St Patrick's	St Matthew	Feast	Private Intention	
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9:15am</b>	St Anne's		Feria	Colin Wise RIP	
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>10:00am</b>	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession			
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		Holy Souls	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Louise Bell RIP	
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year		People of the Parish	
		10:00am	St Anne's			Private Intention	
<p><b>Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:</b> Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. <b>St Anne's:</b> Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan Collins, Imelda Moore.</p>							
<p><b>Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's ]</b> Francis Hussey, Stanislaw Poraczek, Teresa Lennon, Dorothy McLynn, Thomas Harahan, Dominic Harvey, Jean Durkin, Bridie Hunt, June McConnell, Dorothy O'Neill, Debbie Lyon, Winifred Ackland, Beatrice Mountford, John Donegan, Ron Walker. <b>[St Anne's]</b> Mary Dale, Alan Whiteside, Robert O'Hanlon, Ivy Connelly, Ellen Winch, Anne Kennelly, Peter Muriel, Debbie Lyon.</p>							
Income 10/09/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	<b>£283.50</b>	<b>£192.10</b>	<b>£408.25</b>	<b>£883.85</b>	Sat 51 Sun 81	
St Patrick's	Offertory	<b>£85.30</b>	<b>£235.33</b>	<b>£152.16</b>	<b>£472.79</b>	Sat 41 Sun 93	

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. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie 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.*

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:**      This Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September Catholic Evangelisation  
(Evangelii Gaudium) See Below:

Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September      Father Hudson's Society

Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> October      CAFOD Harvest Fast

**Our Deceased:** Please pray for the souls of **Colin Wise, of St Anne's parish**, who died this week, and **Fr. Paul Chavasse (Cong Orat)** who also died this week. Fr Paul was the parish priest of **Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton** and a member of our Stafford Deanery. We remember also their families at this time.

*May Fr. Paul and Colin rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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

**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.

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

**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 would be most welcome.**

**CLEANERS** St Anne's: Grateful thanks for our volunteers. There is now a list of the teams and a date rota displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

**St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY** has restarted. It will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

**St Anne's Welcomers:** If any parishioner feels they could help with assisting those coming to Mass through welcoming and giving out hymn books and Mass sheets etc, particularly at the 10:00am Mass I would be very grateful. You would be helping to support the one or two welcomers we have and be part of the team. Please let me know if you can help.  
Many thanks 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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**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]**

**WEEDS: (at St Anne's and St Patrick's) If anyone feels they would like to volunteer weeding in between paving and concrete I would be most grateful. Unfortunately, both parishes have large sites and it is a matter of tidying up the environment surrounding the church entrances etc. and the bungalow drive at St Anne's. Just let me know what tools are needed and/or weedkiller. No problem.** Many Thanks F. 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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

**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.**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES The Gift Aid Envelopes [for this tax year] are ready for your collection at the back of church. 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.**

**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.**

## **LIVING SIMPLY (Update):**

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](mailto: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.**

The Bible Timeline® study program takes us on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. (Please bring a Catholic Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church) [The Bible Timeline program takes place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room at 7pm. All welcome].

### Parish Library St Anne's

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

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



### **An encounter with God, self and others**

You are warmly invited to a 3-day residential course/ retreat in Christian living, which many have found to be an **inspiring** experience, offering **renewal** and **deepening** of one's Christian commitment and **faith**.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (from 5pm – 5pm) Shallowford House (near Stafford)**

For further details or to book contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater [canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk)

Paul Northam at [office.mission@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:office.mission@rcaob.org.uk) or [www.cursillouk.org](http://www.cursillouk.org) Jenny 07947271037

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### VACANCY FOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service [www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies) and the Archdiocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) websites. The closing date is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

### **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 17 September 2023**

#### ***Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer***

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. This day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- **Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.**
- **Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.**

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord’s Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.