

# Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## St. Anne's Catholic Church

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### Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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<b>ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>				<b>ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>			
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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention	
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil		People of the Parish Vera Harland RIP	
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday of Year</b>		Gerard Greaney Special Intention (E Buckley)	
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Anne's		Feria	Agnes Curren (in mem.)	
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am <b>12 Noon</b>	St Patrick's St Anne's	<b>Funeral Service for Walter Rogers</b>		Feria Holy Souls	
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria		
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	<b>Presentation of the B V M</b>	Memoria	Holy Souls	
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	<b>St Cecilia</b>	Memoria	Ray Picking RIP	
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 4.00 pm 6.00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour and Confession Vigil Vigil		People of the Parish The Streeton Family & Carroll Family Deceased	
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>		Mgr. John Heslin RIP Stella Horsnall RIP	
<b>Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:</b> Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny, Cheryl Price. <b>St Anne's:</b> Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Richard McMahan, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan O'Dowd, Nick Harrison, Annette Plant, Neve Collins, Matthew Connelly Smith.							
<b>Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's]</b> William Delaney, Mary Cleary, Margaret Sheridan, Bridie Blakemore, Henry Orfila, Antonia Orfila, Patrick Lavelle, John Smith, Florence Woolams, Lucy Pate, Peter Bamber, Maureen Barlow, Francesco Panzera, Nancy Crossan, Charles Follows, Lucy Hannah Yeomans, George McCosh, Harry Wills. <b>[St. Anne's]</b> Albert Mulcahy, Jim Pritchard, Arthur Tropiejko, Andrew Curran, Edward Walker, Peter Bamber, Mary Bamber. Emile Bernier, Violet Campbell, Charles Goulding, James Sharple, Andrea Shufflebotham, Ellen Kaine, Lucy Pate, Bill Pownall, John Denham, Tom Denham Senior, Christopher Hickey, Anna Machoil, Christine Round, Jill Sly.							
Income 10/11/24	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	<b>£91.00</b>	<b>£167.98</b>	<b>£408.25</b>	<b>£667.23</b>	Sat 54 Sun 85	
St Patrick's	Offertory	<b>£76.30</b>	<b>£212.50</b>	<b>£152.16</b>	<b>£440.96</b>	Sat 46 Sun 94	

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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) ([birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>



**+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> November. Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!**

**St Anne's and St Patrick's:** In both parishes, CHILDREN'S LITURGY is up and running every Sunday. This is due to our volunteers/leaders who generously assist our youngsters in their understanding. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. All necessary safeguarding procedures are taken care of. **Many thanks.** [Those interested in helping please see 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.*

**Safeguarding Sunday.** This weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November has been designated to talk about safeguarding in the diocese. It is an opportunity to talk about creating places that are safe for everyone.

**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.

**St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota:** St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: this covers 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.  
[The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

**LIVING SIMPLY:** 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**

**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.

**New Missal!** Hodder & Stroughton are publishing a brand-new edition of the Sunday Missal for use with the new ESV-CE lectionary from Advent this year. It is available from all good bookshops and online, priced at just £18.99, and available in an attractive blue or red binding. An easy-to-follow Order of Mass, introductions to all the seasons and readings as well as extra devotional material – a true spiritual companion.  
*(It is always useful to have a personal missal to prepare for the great feasts of Christmas and Easter)*

#### **YOUTH CONNECT**

A regular youth activity is held at St Anne's; Mondays [6:30PM TO 8:30PM] (for school years 6 – 13)  
**FREE PIZZA, SPORTS AND GAMES, FRIENDSHIP, BELONG, PRAYER, WORSHIP.** So if anyone would like to become involved in any way or wishes to join our Youth Ministry Team please contact Fr. Stephen on 07458629296  
[PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE CHURCH PORCH] *[Please note that letters to parents, together with consent forms are in the parish office – just contact Fr. Bob or the secretary Marie in order to take one]*

## Christmas Celebration

**To be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** The Grand Draw tickets are now available at £1 per book. Please would you return the completed stubs and money to the presbytery by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your donations of prizes for the Grand Draw, please could they also be delivered to the presbytery by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The draw will take place on the morning of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and announced at the Pre-Christmas Celebration in the Church Hall after the 6 pm Mass. Thank you for your support.

**CAN YOU HELP? on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November after 6 pm to decorate the hall, put out tables and chairs and to help organise the Grand Draw Donations. Thank You.**

### News from the Bishops' Conference

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

That call is renewed now as on Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater.

This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

*Act now! Contact your MP*

The charity 'Right to Life' has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

[Click here to contact your MP](#) via the 'Right to Life' website.

\* Please take a card from the back of church "ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE" and send it to our MP [Leigh Ingham]. All you need to do is to write your name and address, as well as writing the MP's name on the right hand side and DON'T FORGET TO AFFIX A STAMP.

**NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF THE DEAD** During our month of November we dedicate our prayers for those, especially of our families, who have died. You will find envelopes at the back of church, into which you can include names of those you wished to be remembered at the altar. Just bring the envelope to the sanctuary and place it in the basket which will be put in front of the altar at every Mass.

**THE STAFFORD ORCHESTRA** presents Musical Journeys: From classics to contemporary this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in St Anne's Church Hall. Tickets available on the door - £8. Adult- accompanied under 18s Free. [Please see the poster in the church porch for more details].

Douglas Grantham has written home from his propaedeutic year in Valladolid, Spain. He has asked "please do pass my regards on to anyone who asks after me, I am thinking and praying for everyone. Please especially pass my prayer on to everyone at St Austin's, St Anne's and St Pat's. I would not be here if it were not for their generosity."

**STAFFORD STREET PASTORS** received The King's Award for Voluntary Service Stafford Street Pastors, volunteers from over 10 churches in and around Stafford, have been awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service for 2024. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.

The Pontifical Foundation, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), has been marking the publication of it's Persecuted and Forgotten report annually for many years through *Red Wednesday*, lighting up buildings red in remembrance of the blood of our modern-day martyrs, running prayer events, celebrating Masses, telling stories of the persecuted and fundraising.

Last year, the UK government adopted *Red Wednesday* as a national day where we remember and support those who are persecuted for their religious faith and in particular CHRISTIANS WHO MAKE UP 80% of those persecuted worldwide.

PLEASE VISIT THE [AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED](#) website for more details and suggestions for prayers. Let us try to find some time during Wednesday to think about and pray about Christians persecuted in countries that have little respect for the freedom and dignity of humanity.