



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	16 th	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	People of the Parish Rob Stokes RIP & Stokes Family
Sun	17 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	Patty&Tim Tiernan RIP Sheila Hird RIP
Mon	18 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	School's End of Term Mass	Advent Feria Winifred Mary Cotton & Hugh Christopher Cotton RIP
Tue	19 th	9.30am 6:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's	Advent Feria Reception of the body of Seamus Kennelly	Cath & Alan Whiteside RIP
Wed	20 th	1:00pm	St Anne's	Funeral Mass for Seamus Kennelly	
Thu	21 st	10.00 am	St Patrick's	Funeral Mass for Mary Frances Grobnik	
Fri	22 nd	9:15am	St Anne's	MASS IN THE SCHOOL	Advent Feria David Harwar RIP
Sat	23 rd	10.00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham Vigil Vigil	Peace in the Holy Land People of the Parish Bridie Toner RIP
Sun	24 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Joye Simpson RIP Geoff Owen RIP& Kitty Ronan & Mary Picking

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** 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, Pam Knowles.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Jean Taylor, James Crossan, Joyce Wynter, Simon Collins, Bertram Shotton, Stanislaw Gackowski, Winifred Cotton, Dom Krsul, Francis Ackland, Clifford Hewitt, Violet Melvin, Wasil Hrynieccko, Joseph Meehan, Geoffrey Bowes-Lyon, Bridget Myatt. **[St Anne's]** Mary Chatterley, Alec Gourley, John Grennan, John Helks, Patrick McMahon, John Bamber, Monica Beardmore, Kathleen McMahon, Lottie Riley, Elizabeth (Bea) Gallow, Vincent Eardsley, Noel Joret, Esther Martin, Peter Rice, Delia Brough, Ronnie Thomason, Eliza Baldwin, Frances Curran, John Freeman, Elsie Papworth, Pepita Pinney, John Taylor, Joyce Muriel, Teresa Elliot.

Income 10/12/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£74.50	£151.60	£408.25	£634.35	Sat 85 Sun 69
St Patrick's	Offertory	£63.50	£118.74	£152.16	£334.40	Sat 32 Sun 42

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) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

Parish Tote 150 Club

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.*

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.

Last weekend's collection for Poor Parishes of the Diocese St Anne's £269.71 St Patrick's £129.43

Thank You.

Future Second Collections:

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of **Seamus Kennelly** of **St Anne's** and **Joye Simpson** and **Mary 'Mo' Frances Grobnik** of **St Patrick's**, who died recently. We remember their families at this time.

May **Seamus, Joy and Mary** rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Drop in Group

Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne's 10 am Communion Service. All Welcome.

Bible Alive

If you would like to subscribe to Bible Alive, please put your name on the list in St Anne's Church porch this weekend 16th /17th December so that an order can be placed for January.

The cost will be £2.97 per quarter. The money can be put in the envelopes marked Bible Alive and pushed through the presbytery letter box.

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.

The Grand Draw and Social evening raised £733.95 and it was enjoyed by all who came. Our big thanks go to all those who organised and arranged the event and the many people who supported it through buying tickets or by donating prizes. Well done everyone.

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 valuable facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

*** 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. Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY has restarted, and it will now be held on every Sunday. This is due to the number of kind parishioners who have volunteered to help put on this much appreciated facility. It means we can form teams and a rota. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. Ann Kelly is kindly looking after the necessary safeguarding procedures. Many thanks.

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]

+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 in January 2024. Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!

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: 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: 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) 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]. *This Monday's will be the final session (23). I am sure all of us, meeting weekly, have enjoyed the series and gained so much in deepening our understanding of our Salvation History.*

Parish Library St Anne's

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

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

"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St Anne's & St Patrick's

We are inviting parishioners to bring in gifts around the tree for two charities: 'The Women's Refuge' and 'House of Bread'

The Refuge would be grateful for donations such as: Washing powder, cleaning materials and Tesco and Asda supermarket vouchers to buy food.

House of Bread would welcome donations of Ladies underwear, men's pants, men's and women's socks, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razor blades, shaving cream and flannels.

They have plenty of towels but anything that people give would be greatly appreciated.

Please note: Since two charities are involved in the Giving Tree, could you please indicate **CLEARLY** on you gift which charity it is destined for.

The gifts will be delivered mid-January so don't need to be wrapped for Christmas but maybe in gift bags instead. **Many Thanks.**

This year's Crib Donations will be destined for Friends of the Holy Land.

<u>Catholic Stafford:</u>	<u>VENUES AND MASS TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD</u>		
	St Anne's	St Patrick's	St Austin's
CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday 24 th)	7pm	6pm	9pm
CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday 25 th)	10am	9am	11am

Please note that the weekend of 23rd/24th December is the Fourth in Advent and so the Masses for Saturday and Sunday will be at the usual times within the three parishes.

Don't forget to take a "walk with church)

me" booklet (at the back of

