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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

THE HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	18 th	10:30am	St Anne's	Mass of First Holy Communion	People of the Parish Eddie Lennon RIP Catherine Barrett RIP Geoff Owen RIP
		11:00am	St Patrick's	Walsingham Association Mass	
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	19 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Celia Jelfs RIP, Gerald Jelfs RIP, Violet Cycles RIP In Thanksgiving
		10:00am	St Anne's		
Mon	20 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Sheila Hird RIP
Tue	21 st	1:30pm	St Patrick's	Requiem Mass for Patrick Meegan	Confirmands
		7:00pm	St Patrick's	St Patrick's Confirmation Mass	
Wed	22 nd	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	Feast
Thu	23 rd	9:15am	St Patrick's	Nativity of St John The Baptist	Solemnity In Thanksgiving
Fri	24 th	9:15am	St Anne's	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity Julie Grantham Well-being +
Sat	25 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Allan Clews RIP Colin Wilkinson RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	26 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Thirteenth Sunday of Year	People of the Parish Vivienne Azzopardi RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Jacqueline Simpson, 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, Ian Burnside, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Eileen Turvey, Bernadette Ball.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: *[St. Patrick's]* Peter Nycz, Hugh Cotton, Robert Johnson, Joseph Headley, Florence Ames, Julia Oddy, Thomas Conner, Lias Boswell, Sheila Oddy, Grace Edwards. Charles Collier, Ethel Palfreyman, Ann Bates and Kathleen Blackburn. *[St Anne's]* Eileen Cartlitch, Pat Connelly, Edward Connors, Shaun Gilbride, Douglas Harrison, Frank Mitchell and Kevin Kaine.

Income 12/6/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£46.00	£242.70	£391.45	£680.15	Sat 60 Sun 74
St Patrick's	Offertory	£66.30	£220.90	£149.69	£436.89	Sat 37 Sun 58

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 Winners of Draw on 26th May 2022

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are still available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012.

<u>Future events:</u>	Tue 21st June	Confirmations St Patrick's 7:00pm
	Sun 3rd July	Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford
	Sat 16th July	Mass of Blessed Robert Sutton at St Thomas Mill 11:00am
	Sun 17th July	Blessing of the Graves Tixall Road Cemetery 3:00pm

This weekend 18th/19th June there will be a second collection for Day for Life. *(See Below)

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for 'Peter's Pence'.

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. There are baskets at the back of St Anne's and large collection bins placed on entry and exit at St Patrick's* Very many thanks*

Our Deceased: Please remember in your prayers **Patrick Meegan, of St Patrick's**, who died recently. Our thoughts are also with his family at this time. *May he 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.

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.

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 Anne's Choir: **Do you like to sing? We would love you to come and see if it would interest you to be "one in the Spirit" here @ St Anne's. Our very small choir could do with a "little support" to be "one in the Lord". Male and female voices provide such harmony. Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome.**

St Patrick's Music: **Volunteers who attend regular Mass at St Patrick's (Sat or Sun) are welcome to operate our phone/Bluetooth system so that our parish may once more sing hymns at Mass. I thank those who have volunteered already, so if others could come forward and begin to form a rota it would be great. I will explain it all. Just phone/email Fr. Bob. With gratitude. PS. It is great to see the Sunday morning choir up in the Gallery singing their hearts out. Those who like to add to the chorus please join them!**

St Anne's Readers Copies of the new rota for June – August 2022 are in the Church porch.

St Patrick's: Now that we are back in, what we would hope is, 'pre-2020 mode', there is a need for consolidating and building up our parish teams. Some may remember the effort made in creating rotas and supporting those who already put so much into various areas of parish life. It is with this in mind (together with the Bishops' Statement) that I am calling for more help in the following areas: the **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Health and Safety, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis**. Please email or phone Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk] or 01785 661012

Flower Arranging: Both Saint Anne's and St Patrick's are in need of flower arranging volunteers who could help our usual dedicated 'few' so that a rota can be made. Please let Fr. Bob know. Many Thanks.

BIBLE STUDY: St Anne's parish Bible Study now meets on a regular **fortnightly** programme. The next meeting is on this **Tuesday 21st June in St Anne's parish hall meeting room from 10 am – 11 am.** Welcome to those wishing to join us.

Ukrainian Refugees: Please see just how offers of help will be co-ordinated through **Caritas** and **Father Hudson's Care.** Our Catholic parishes will be in regular communication with the diocese in regard to this matter.

Stafford Walsingham Association

Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be held and this has already begun. 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, the Mass will alternate between the three churches. 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.

The Hednesford Diocesan Pilgrimage is taking place on Sunday 3rd July.

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

LIVE SIMPLY *Please take the latest sheet concerning our project - they are at the back of each church*

"The 3 parishes LIVE SIMPLY have met twice. Our **Live Simply** award needs to involve as many people in the community as possible. From the youngest to the oldest, each person's different strengths and interests contribute to making it a success. So do come forward if you have some ideas.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost



See our parish home-page for the link to the complete article from the English Bishops Conference.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made an announcement on the "Sunday Obligation":

"Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed.

"The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore 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."

A Message for Day for Life

'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent' Psalm 71:9

'Day for Life' is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This Year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. Funds raised from this second collection support Various Day for Life initiatives, which focus on upholding the dignity of every human life from Conception to natural death. Please do support this work in any way you feel able.

As part of our "Live Simply" Campaign we want to live in solidarity with those in poverty It's time to tackle corporate abuse of human and environmental rights

We're calling on the UK government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent abuses and environmental harm.

If we are to tackle the climate crisis and global poverty around the world, we must address the destruction linked to UK companies. Please email



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We are calling for a new law to make UK companies ensure that their activities do not put human rights or our common home at risk. Please stand with human rights defenders who are under threat right now by urgently sending an email to your MP and asking them to call for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act. action.cafod.org.uk

Your MP <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

We looking for a date to hold a "Fix the Food System" with our 7 station activity.

Many thanks for your support.

regards

Joe McCormick