

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## Weekly Newsletter

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### TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

#### The Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Bernard Tallent RIP Intentions of Winifred Meehan
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	Gladys Dennis & Janet Tivenan RIP Shaun Gilbride RIP(1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am 7:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's	St Aloysius Gonzaga Confirmation Mass	Memoria Celebrant's Intention Confirmands
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	Feast Joan McKinlay(Birthday)
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Mass	St Anne's		Feria
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St Patrick's	The Nativity of St John The Baptist	Solemnity Pat Toner RIP
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St Anne's		Feria AngelaMargaret Liveing RIP
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Joan McKinlay(Birthday) & J. Jacob (in Thanksgiving) People of the Parish
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	Eleanor O'Sullivan RIP Madge & Joe Fox RIP

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the sick:** St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Likenny. St Anne's: Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise.

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

Income 13/6/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£164.00	£334.25	£283.84	£782.09	Sat 48 Sun 54
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£101.50	£160.60	£146.23	£408.33	Sat 36 Sun 62

*On the Archdiocese website there is a standing order and Gift Aid form for parishioners so they can continue to give at this time. Please direct any such enquiries to:*

**\*This email is from the archdiocese:** Just to let you know, there is a donate **BUTTON (TOP RIGHT)** on the home page of the diocesan website – [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

### **Parish Tote 150 Club**

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at only £4 per number each month. Further details from Marie on 01785 661012.

***Gift Aid** At this critical time, 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. Those who use gift aid envelopes will find new ones for this financial year, labelled and numbered at the back of each church. Some parishioners might like to know that the parish office (St Anne's ) can always be used as a 'drop-off' for envelopes. There are large collection bins placed on entry and exit\**

*Without such donations, our ability to meet the ever mounting expenses (of maintenance, consumables, utilities and fabric upkeep, not to mention health and safety) will diminish. Also, for St Anne's, the regular income from Hall Hire has understandably been reduced. A significant amount of unavoidable work is also planned shortly for both parishes, so the outgoings remain significant. We continue to pay Council Tax; Water; Electricity; Gas. We are all in uncharted territory, an uncertain future, but if you are able please help in any way. Very many thanks*

**St Anne's:** At present all Masses celebrated at St Anne's are web streamed. (Our grateful thanks to Peter) [Please go to the front web page and click on Mass Live at the top and you should be able to follow the Mass]. Fr. Bob

**Places of Worship are open for Mass**, but we were reminded of the need and importance for us all to be extra careful and diligent with social distancing and hygiene. All our parishes have been grateful for the help and dedication of our stewards/ cleaners, ensuring that all guidelines are followed and that we can safely celebrate Mass.

**Future Dates to Note: CONFIRMATIONS** for St Patrick's candidates on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June for St Patrick's (Yrs 3 & 4)  
And on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July for St Anne's (Yrs 3 & 4)

**MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE LOCAL MARTYR, BLESSED ROBERT SUTTON:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am at St Thomas Mill.

**Second Collection:** Please note that there will be a second collection **this weekend 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June for LIFE**  
**Next weekend** the second collection is for **'Peter's Pence'**

**The Year of St Joseph.** For the remainder of the year we shall be honouring St Joseph (as this is the Year of St Joseph, initiated by Pope Francis). In St Anne's and St Patrick's churches the statue of St Joseph is prominent and the special St Joseph's 'Memorare' and prayer will be said at the start of each Mass.

**St Anne's Church maintenance: The remedial work to the lower roof was completed last year.** Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks this year include **decorating the interior of the Hall** this summer and **comprehensive remedial tree surgery** to satisfy Health and Safety. Please accept my grateful thanks for any donations. F.Bob

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** [Easter Duties and Confession at this time]. Please be assured that the Church's communication on this is still valid from the beginning of last year's lockdown, and that provided we are fully contrite in our hearts, we can confess our sins to the Lord within our own 'private prayer space'. According to the teaching of the Church, the present ongoing situation would not warrant the 'Rite of General Absolution'. If notice is given, and at convenient times, before or after Mass, I have been hearing confessions and this will continue. God Bless. Fr. Bob

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** Please be aware that the new 2021/22 GA boxes are available at the back of each parish church. They are numbered and named and began on 11<sup>th</sup> April (many thanks to Margaret [SP] and Mark [SA] for preparing these). They are ready for collection. If anyone would like more information concerning this method of giving (or, indeed, concerning donation by Standing Order) please see Fr. Bob

**Visits to the sick and housebound** are now possible if parishioners feel comfortable for them to happen. If you know of anyone (St Patrick's or St Anne's) who might like to receive the Sacraments at home, please do speak to Fr. Bob.

**Our Lady of Stone Rosary Procession:** Covid permitting, the usual Rosary Pilgrimage, which will commemorate the arrival in Oxford, 800 years ago, of the first group of Dominican Friars, will be celebrated in Stone next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June (St Dominic's Convent, 21 Station Road, Stone). There is a talk and a picnic lunch (please bring your own). Contact Sister Julie OP for more information [[alvesjulia@hotmail.com](mailto:alvesjulia@hotmail.com)]

**St Patrick's welcomes Bishop Stephen Wright this Monday (21<sup>st</sup> June) for the sacrament of confirmation to be administered to candidates in Yr6**

**Training Workshops for Readers:**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June St Anne's 12 noon

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June St Anne's 7 pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June St Patrick's 7 pm

**(Each workshop will be identical to give opportunity for everyone to get to one).**

**What we will do:**

Basics of reading in public-posture, use of diction etc. We will practice these skills. Consideration of the privilege and reality of being a reader, what it is to stand before the people of God to bring God's word. A brief shared reading of scripture.

**Hednesford Pilgrimage 2021:** Our second event involving parishioners from Hednesford and surrounding area: **Mass for the Diocesan Pilgrimage.** Bishop Stephen Wright will say Mass at the shrine **this Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.** The Mass will be filmed and posted online on **Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>** in place of the Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass. If you would like to actually come to the shrine, book a place by ringing 01543 422576 or emailing [lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk)

**Diocesan Vision:** "Unfolding God's Plan". The Diocesan Evangelisation Team are inviting parishes to host '**Something Greater**' which takes place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. This event will help parishes extend a hand of friendship to their local community. This online gathering will include a welcome, a short film and a personal invitation to come to church. A pack is being created which will have everything we need to host '**Something Greater**'. It will include a step-by-step guide and different ways for parishes to reach out to invite their community and ideas on how we may extend a personal invitation to church. If any parishioners are interested in coming together to form a group who would help lead this then the Evangelisation sub group would be pleased to make contact. They can be contacted at: [something.greater@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:something.greater@rcaob.org.uk) More information on the Diocesan Vision will be released in June. We are all asked to pray for this event and also encouraged to think how we might begin to reach out to:

- (1) **Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so.**
- (2) **Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship – who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and communal expression of that spiritual quest.**
- (3) **Those 'Covid curious' who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic.**

**Candle Lighting day:** Unfortunately, due to the and the delay of their lifting until 19<sup>th</sup> July, our 'Open Please keep your eye on the newsletter for further



ongoing Covid restrictions announced on Monday Church' day has been postponed for a few weeks. information.