



### St. Anne's Catholic Church

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### TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Memoria	Mass Intention
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		People of the Parish
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Hal Lindop RIP
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Christ the King Sunday		The Tivenan Family
		10:00am	St Anne's			John Palmer RIP
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	Presentation of the BVM	Memoria	Eileen Turvey RIP
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup>	No Mass	St Patrick's	St Cecilia	Memoria	
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's (In School)	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Memoria	Veronica Madden's Intentions
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Anne's		Feria	Holy Souls
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		Holy Souls
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Hal Lindop RIP
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	First Sunday of Advent		People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's			Eileen Turvey RIP

**Prayers for the sick:** St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. St Anne's: Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Sheila Burton.

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** [St. Patrick's] Charles Follows, Lucy Yeomans, George McCosh, Edward Cooper, George Edensor, Harry Wills, William Harrison, Frances Madden, George Foster, Lastina Smith. [St Anne's] Mary Bamber, Emile Bernier, Violet Campbell, Charles Goulding, James Sharple, Andrea Shufflebotham, Ellen Kaine, Lucy Pate, William Pownall, John Denham, Tom Denham Senior, Christopher Hickey, Anna Machoil, Christine Round, Jill Sly, Marjorie Ferguson, Mollie Byrne, David Duggan, Edward Gray, William Ryan, Nicholas Tradamus.

Income 13/11/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£89.50	£111.83	£391.45	£592.78	Sat 63 Sun 61
St Patrick's	Offertory	£53.30	£161.52	£149.69	£364.51	Sat 39 Sun 63

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 25<sup>th</sup> October 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.

***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. Very many thanks.*

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**This Weekend 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November Catholic Youth Service.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> December The Poor Parishes of the Diocese**

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

**St Anne's: Christmas Cards** are now on sale 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 to help here please!**

**St Patrick's Emergency:** Unfortunately, the gas to the church had to be turned off last Monday because of a leaking and damaged main gas pipe along the outside of the building. The 28<sup>th</sup> November is booked for the work, so our weekend's Masses will be held in the School Hall on this weekend and the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>. Apologies for this but the Tuesday morning Mass is cancelled for next week, although the Thursday Mass will be held in the school. Many thanks for your patience with the situation especially as we will have to organise chairs etc. in the school hall. **Fr. Bob**

**St Patrick's:** As I have mentioned previously, the following groups are up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams;** later, we hope: **Health and Safety, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis**. Anyone else who would like to be involved in some way, please contact Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

**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]

**St Patrick's Repository Stand:** Don't forget some of your Christmas needs may be met through the availability of: Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, children's Nativity, books etc. At the back of church.

**+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 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Fr Simon's Induction:** Fr Simon has sent the parishioners of Catholic Stafford an invitation to his Formal Induction as Parish Priest of St Thomas More's in Coventry. It will take place in the church at 6:00pm this **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** within Solemn Sung Vespers. Those who would like to attend will be most welcome. **A coach is booked to leave St Austin's at 4:00pm from Austin Friars. The cost contribution is £14:50**

### **Stafford Walsingham Association**

Every third or fourth Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is hoped to be held. 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. 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.

**Our Next Mass is on next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in St Anne's at 10:00am**

**Stafford Bereavement Café:** Please see the notices in the porches of each church concerning a Drop-In for the bereaved. **We meet in the Café at Asda on the third Tuesday of each month. Between 09:30 and 11:00am. Our next one is 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** 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.

### **LIVING SIMPLY (Update) Preparing for Christmas:**

Do you have a family member or friend who you would like to buy a special gift for? If so, look at the World Gift catalogue which has ideas of gifts which can change lives for the better.

We will also have a list of names of prisoners of conscience for you to send a Christmas card to, so that they know they are not forgotten. See Liz or Chris for more information.

CAFOD have a number of events happening **COP27 related** and more can be seen, including prayers on the website. It's great to see some of the schools have been including work around COP27 and contacting the PM in their 'live simply' plans. The world's poorest communities are often the most vulnerable to climate change and we need to stand in solidarity with them.

Joe McCormick

### **Call Of Creation**

**We invite you to a social evening on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Anne's Church Hall; light refreshments will be served. A short video called the Call of Creation will be shown, with a small display of Traidcraft items for sale and world Gift catalogues and information about Live Simply. Everyone will be very welcome.**

**Latest: the group met recently and discussed activities linked to our "Live Simply" Project.**

- **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – a tree planting event organised by Stafford Friends of Faith.**
- **Over Advent parishioners are invited to purchase Fair traded goods and to buy world gifts from CAFOD <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>**
- **We are creating a "wildflower area" in St Anne's garden to help support biodiversity by allowing bees, butterflies and other species to thrive**

**FAIR TRADE GOODS** If anyone is interested in buying Fair Trade goods, Ann Kelly, of St Anne's, will be happy to speak to you and to explain the process. If you text: 07914788247 Ann will get back to you. Orders are all done on line at the moment but some catalogues will be ordered. Tradecraft find online more cost effective. It is hoped that we might have a stall at the next meeting. **Many Thanks**

**Don't forget to take a CAFOD 'World Gift' Christmas catalogue (at the back of the churches)**

**Advent/Christmas Giving Tree:** We are inviting parishioners to bring in gifts around the tree for two charities: 'The Women's Refuge' and 'House of Bread'.

**The Refuge** have indicated welcome donations such as: Deodorant and hair products, small toys and games, socks and pants childrens and womens, umbrellas, kitchen utensils.

**House of Bread** would welcome Deodorant and toiletries, socks and pants (men's), towels. [Both charities would be grateful for supermarket gift vouchers also]. The need is even greater this year and they are happy to receive other donations too. Anything not needed by one will be passed to the other local charities. **Please note:** Since two charities are involved in the Giving Tree, could you please **indicate CLEARLY** on your gift which charity it is destined for.

Thank you. Ann.

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

### **Social Evening and Draw.**

We are having a Christmas social event this year at St Anne's. We are very grateful for the donations of wonderful prizes for the Grand Draw raffle which will be drawn on the evening. The date is **10<sup>th</sup> December after evening Mass, from 7:30pm. Much help** in organising the evening would be very gratefully appreciated. Tickets for this Christmas Social will be on sale from this weekend. Price £5 for adults, children free. **Books of tickets for the CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW are now available for distribution.** Many Thanks

**St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Before COVID-19 we had a number of Ministers who assisted at the Sunday Morning Mass. Now that we are moving back to our new normal, we would like to re-establish 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. Thank you

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. It is a simple but wonderful ministry and your services would be very much appreciated. Full training would be given.

***\*For your diary:***

**Stafford Passion Play 2023:** As most of you may be aware, it is planned to put on a Stafford Passion Play in the town next Easter. 'Love Stafford' has invited the 'Saltmine Theatre Company' (made up completely of Christians who are professional actors) to perform on the streets of Stafford at Easter 2023. All churches in and around Stafford are invited to help finance this event in whatever capacity can be offered. Looking ahead, there will be opportunities for those who would like to offer their time and interest in being an active part of the performance, eg. Members of the wider cast, musicians, singers, etc. There is also planned, locally, prayer meetings, enabling us to focus on such an important event.

**NB:** There are 'flyers' at the back of Church showing where prayer meetings are held in various town churches. There are monthly meetings until January then weekly prayer gatherings from February until March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Applying for Passion Play parts**

This link is also on the Facebook page of

**PS: Our next prayer gathering is on Baptist Church (The Green), Bailey**



Love Stafford

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Stafford Street ST17 4BG.**

- We still need volunteers for the Community Cast.
- There are a growing number of opportunities to pray together...the next is on Thursday 24 November, 7pm at Stafford Baptist Church (The Green)

All of this can be found at <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/passionplaystafford>.

**We now need to begin to build a team of stewards.** There is no application form. Applications are by email using [volunteer@lovestafford.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lovestafford.org.uk). This address can also be accessed through the website above by selecting the 'Become a volunteer' option. As you will be aware there are four performances of the play 11am and 3pm on both Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Eve), 7 & 8 April 2023. It would be very helpful if in the email, volunteers can show which performances they will be able to steward. Many Thanks to you all.

### **THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**Throughout this month there will be the opportunity of placing the names of deceased loved ones in envelopes. These can be placed in the basket in front of the altar in both churches, where Masses will be said for the Holy Souls during this special month. Offerings may be placed in the envelopes.**

