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<u>TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK</u>						
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					Parish Mass Book Pg.127	
Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	20 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Private Intention	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Special Intention(RD)	
Sun	21 st	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-First Sunday of Year	McHugh & Middleton Families	
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish	
Mon	22 nd	9:30am	St Anne's	Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary Memoria	Bernadette Ball RIP & A Private Intention	
Tue	23 rd	9:30am	St Patrick's	St John Wall Feast	Joe Abayakoon RIP	
Wed	24 th	No Mass	St Anne's	Communion Service St Bartholomew Feast		
Thu	25 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Helena Hempill RIP	
Fri	26 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Blessed Dominic Barberi Feast	Celebrant's Intention	
		12 Noon	St Patrick's	Funeral Mass for Martha Porter		
Sat	27 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Pauline Awty RIP	
Sun	28 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twenty-Second Sunday of Year	Patrick O'Sullivan RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		Eamon Gormley RIP	
Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Jacqueline Simpson, Graham Burningham. St Anne's: Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahan, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Eileen Turvey, Marie Geal, Molly and Tony Hukin.						
Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Joseph McDermott, Francis Burne, Laurence Kelly, Elizabeth Walsh, Dan Cooney, Ron Walker, Breeda O'Toole, Mary Sutton, Andrew Petrini, Francis Kenny, Doris Allen, Katharine Burns, Eddie McKiernan and Lilian Haydon. [St Anne's] Daisy Hammond, John Chadwick, Frank Murray, Laura Brown, Nathan Goodwin, Francis Ilsley, George Nealon, Millicent Carter, Thomas Deaval and Deacon David McCarroll.						
Income 14/8/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's St Patrick's	Offertory	£34.00	£119.88	£391.45	£545.33	Sat 46 Sun 61
	Offertory	£53.40	£132.76	£149.69	£335.85	Sat 31 Sun 64

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

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers 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.

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

<p><i>Last weekend's collection for the Society of African Missions (SMA). St Anne's £418.64 St Patrick's £272.55</i></p>	<p><i>Thank You.</i></p>
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Our Deceased: Please remember in your prayers **Martha Porter**, a parishioner of **St Patrick's**, who died last Wednesday. Please also hold in your prayers Martha's family at this time. *May Martha rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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.

COLLECTION BAGS: The passing around of leather collection bags has returned to our parishes of St Patrick's and St Annes'. It was felt that it was the time for re-establishing this tradition because of its inherent security and to enable a more focused collection of 2nd collection donations (through a retiring collection as parishioners leave). I am very grateful to our welcomers and stewards who are enabling the bags to be passed along the benches and also to those who have offered to be in a counting team. To St Patrick's counting teams – I hope to be able to meet with you at convenient times at the end of the month so that we can run through the process (for the benefit of new volunteers). It goes without saying that the most convenient and preferred method of giving remains Standing Order. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Marie in the office if you would like to consider this. Many thanks. Fr. Bob

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: As I have mentioned previously, the following groups are soon, hopefully, to be up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Health and Safety, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, 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. [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk] or 01785 661012

[*There are sheets at the back of church on which you can write your name for any of these roles.]
Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

Fr Simon's final Mass in Catholic Stafford, as Assistant Priest, will be this Sunday 21st August in St Austin's at 11am. On behalf of St Patrick's and St Anne's, we wish Fr Simon our very best wishes and thanks for the unique and uplifting contribution he has made to our parishes over the last two 'challenging' years. Fr Simon has also helped us to re-configure ourselves as a Catholic Stafford 'parish' offering three distinct but collaborative community contributions; worshipping and evangelising together. As for Fr Simon's musical accompaniment with the organ at various times, I'm sure we were all 'impressed': I can't be the only one to have been raised to the 'celestial' heights on occasions. Fr Simon's destination parish will be truly blessed and our prayers go with him.

SCHOOL GOVERNORSHIP: Due to a number of recent resignations, both our schools (St Patrick's and St Anne's) are in need of Foundation Governors. Foundation Governorship is a seriously important role that enables the school to function with the necessary oversight and partnership of its community. Please do give this request urgent consideration since no previous experience is required. The requisite is that you are a practicing Catholic who recognises the value and importance of each of our parish schools in the life of our Catholic faith. Full induction and training will be provided. Do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bob (01785661012) or Mrs Bennett [St Anne] (01785663128) or Mr Brandon [St Patrick] (01785413275)
Many Thanks

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group will start up again on Sunday 11th September. Open to children of primary school age and under. Children leave church for their own celebration (accessing the mass and readings at their own level) shortly after the beginning of mass and return after the Creed. Pre-school children are welcome but adults are asked to accompany them for safeguarding reasons. Also volunteers to help with the sessions are always welcome. 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. However, there will be a break over the summer period. ----- The next meeting will be on **6th September**.

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 is 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, 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 venue of our next Mass will be announced soon]

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

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

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.

LIVE SIMPLY

"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.

We are asked to "Pray, Act and Give. Take time to consider our broken global food system by praying for food justice, <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/A-prayer-for-food-justice>. You may wish to email your the Foreign Secretary, <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1>. If you are able you can donate to help those in need, <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=125900> 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 your MP <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

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

Human trafficking is also an issue. The Church stands in solidarity with the poor and drawing from Catholic Social Teaching, we believe that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God, imbued with an innate dignity. Modern slavery is an attack upon this dignity. In solidarity, we are called to work with hope and compassion to transform our common home, to ensure that people, communities and the earth may flourish - free from exploitation. CAFOD are calling for a 'Business, Human Rights and Environment Act' and a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights, to help the UK fully realise its commitments to the UN. You can email your MP to support this act here <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

regards

Joe McCormick

Spiritual Spa Day for Ladies: This is an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in God's love; to be inspired, reflect and pray together and to be affirmed in our faith at St Austin's Church, Stafford on Saturday 10th September. The day will also include Praise and Worship, Adoration and Reconciliation 10.30am – 4.30pm with Registration from 10.00am and Holy Mass at 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. Please contact Rita 07792 318916, Karen 07528 229236 or Hilary 07813 751444 by Thursday 1st September, if you are attending the day.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: In October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. As part of the pilgrimage, the relics will come to Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford on 8th and 9th October. There will be more details about this in the coming weeks. **NB:** To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, and to allow for the potentially large numbers, individuals and groups are strongly encouraged to register their attendance at their earliest convenience choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at their chosen church or cathedral. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed here: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/. (Please be assured that pilgrims who have been unable to register will not be turned away).

Fr Stephen Fleming has been appointed as Assistant Priest of St Austin's and will be arriving at the end of this month. We offer our congratulations to him, and pray for him in these early days since his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. A few years back, Fr Stephen did a Pastoral Placement at St Austin's, so he might be familiar to a few people.

**For your diary:*

Three Parishes Family Barn Dance

Friday 7th October 7.30 pm – 10 pm

(Doors open at 7.15 pm)

St Anne's School Hall

£5 per person – Children Free.

Bring your own drinks and food.