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Weekly Newsletter

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	20 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Elsamma Thankachan RIP & The Dowd Family RIP Vera Harland RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	21 st	9:00am	St Patrick's	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	David Sims RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		The Buhagiar Family deceased
Mon	22 nd	9:30am	St Anne's	St Cecilia	Memoria Deceased Family members & Friends
Tue	23 rd	7:00pm	St Patrick's	Parish Memorial Mass	Feria
Wed	24 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Memoria
Thu	25 th	9:15am	St Patrick's		Feria Patty Tiernan RIP
Fri	26 th	7:00pm	St Anne's	Parish memorial Mass & Ann. Catenian Mass	Feria
Sat	27 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	John Williams RIP People of the Parish
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	28 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	First Sunday of Advent	Allan Clews RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		The Bartolo Family RIP & Patrick James McKenna 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 Kilkenny. St Anne's: Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Ian Burnside, Pat McDonnell.

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, Robert Bradley, John Hingerty, Shereen Slingsby and Paige Evans. [St Anne's.] 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 and Clarena Williamson.

Income 14/11/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£99.20	£114.06	£283.84	£497.10	Sat 60 Sun 63
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£92.00	£89.00	£146.23	£327.23	Sat 30 Sun 57

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: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>

***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

Parish Tote 150 Club

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at only £4 per number per 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* Expenses (maintenance, consumables, utilities and fabric upkeep, not to mention health and safety) are ongoing. Very many thanks

The Year of St Joseph. This year we honour 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 we will endeavour to say the short prayer before each Mass.

St Anne's and St Patrick's Church maintenance: Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks this year include remedial H&S work required for making St Patrick's old boiler house safe. **Important and involved remedial work is also needed on St Patrick's upper front roof.** Please accept my grateful thanks for any donations. F.Bob

Our Deceased: Please pray for **Margaret Hawkins**, a former parishioner, who died this week. Let us remember her family also at this time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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'. **If notice is given, and at convenient times, before or after Mass, I have been hearing confessions and this will continue.** Fr. Bob

Guidance: Steps are gradually being reintroduced; the first being the distribution of Holy Communion during the traditional part of the Mass. The vast majority feel comfortable with these arrangements. As we obtain further guidance, then we can continue to take a more relaxed approach.

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 way back on 11th April (many thanks to Margaret [SP] and Mark [SA] for preparing these). If anyone would like more information concerning this method of giving (or, indeed, concerning donation by Standing Order) please see Fr. Bob

November Month of Remembering our Dead)

At the back of St Anne's and St Patrick's churches you will find brown envelopes into which you may place the names of those you wish to be remembered during the month of November. If you wish to make a donation then these may also be placed inside. These envelopes can then be put in the basket, which will be placed in front of the altar before each Mass.

***During this week beginning 22nd November, there will be a special November memorial Mass in each parish; St Patrick's Tuesday at 7pm and a combined Catenian and memorial Mass in St Anne's on Friday 26th November at 7pm. During these Masses the parish Book of the Dead will be opened before the altar and the names of those who have died during the past two years will be read out, also with the names of deceased Catenians in Friday's Mass.**

Bible Study takes place fortnightly at St Anne's 10 am – 11 am. Welcome to those wishing to join us.

Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings: These social occasions have now resumed for some time and all are welcome (from around 10:25am) in St Anne's Church Hall.

In the Advent season, the prophet Isaiah calls us to 'prepare a way for the Lord,' but with the busyness of our daily lives, this can often be difficult and before we know it, Advent has gone, and Christmas is upon us.

This Advent we would like to invite you to be part of two events happening in our parishes, that will enable us all to make time and space in the season and truly prepare ourselves for Christmas.

**BELONG & BELIEVE is a CaFE Film Resource which looks at our Celtic past and how it can help us today. It provides simple ways of refreshing communities and renewing our mission. BELONG & BELIEVE will take place on three consecutive Wednesday evenings at St Anne's Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st December. Tea and coffee will be available from 7.00pm.*

There will also be a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at these churches during Advent weeks. During these times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession will be available:

SAT 27TH NOV. 10am till 11am St Anne's / SAT 4TH DEC. 10am till 11am St Patrick's

SAT 11TH DEC. 10am till 11am St Anne's / SAT 18TH DEC. 10am till 11am St Patrick's

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". Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome.

This weekend's Second Collection: 20th/21st November The Catholic Youth Services

Upcoming Second Collection 4th /5th December The Poor Parishes of the Diocese

St Patrick's MISSIO: Because of the difficulties of transferring and handling the traditional 'Red Boxes' during this time it is recommended that donations should be transferred in the following ways:

By Phone – 02078219755 / By bank transfer -- Sort Code 16 – 00 – 16 Acct. No. 10824230

Reference – Donators or Parish Postcode (Missio use Nat West Bank)

By Cheque -- Missio 23 Eccleston Square, London SWE1V 1NU (Many Thanks)

Missio Calendars for 2022 are now available at the back of church in St Patrick's.

Parishioners of St Anne's and St Patrick's are now encouraged to use our alternative email account which is: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk (Also at the top of the bulletin)

This Sunday 21st November, the Solemnity of Christ the King, is World Youth Day where the role and significance of young people in the Church are celebrated. We pray for the Kenelm Youth Trust, the diocesan youth service, and support their work through the second collection. This collection supports the work of KYT supporting young people in our Archdiocese through Alton Castle and Soli retreat centres, in parishes and schools. Donations can be made directly to KYT at <https://donorbox.org/urgent-appeal>

Blessing of Graves: *As we were unable to gather for two years for the Annual Blessing of Graves service, we have decided to offer something which other parishes have done. At all Masses this weekend, we shall bless holy water, candles, and a prayer card. These are available in small packs, and you are welcome to take one home after Mass, with the intention of using them to bless your loved ones grave yourself. It is our hope that next year we can return to the usual summer gathering at our cemeteries which is a great witness to our faith and a comfort to our departed loved ones.*

Ecumenical Carol Singing

This year, instead of there being thousands of Christmas cards to deliver, the churches in the area have decided to carol sing at different locations on different dates during December. At these events cards and Christmas service details will be handed to shoppers. In addition, cards will be distributed through the schools and shops (that allow us to) and the library. Each church will be given a small number of cards for their congregations to take and distribute to their friends and neighbours. Each church cordially invites members from the other churches to join them for carol singing. In doing so the churches will be seen to come together to spread the joy and hope of Christmas. Here are the dates, times and venues for public carol signing. Please lend your voice (no matter how roopy you think it is) to swell the choirs of the other churches. Thank you.

Saturday 4th Bodmin shops 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Holy Trinity.

Saturday 11th Bodmin Shops 3 p.m. St Anne's.

Wednesday 15th The Gateway (next to Wildwood pub) 3.30 p.m. Wildwood Fellowship.

Thursday 16th Berkswich Methodist Church car park 6 p.m

Blessed William Howard PTFA will be holding a Christmas Shopping Event on Friday 3rd December 6pm - 9pm. All are welcome. Entrance is 50p per adult and children are free. If you would like to have a stall at this event, please contact the PTFA at ptfa@bwh.staffs.sch.uk for further details.

Blessed William Howard School are looking for retired teachers/tutors/instructors or people who have the skills to teach one or more students on a 1:1 basis to GCSE level. This is an exciting paid opportunity for those who have some free time to help us as school to start to recover. We need to support in the following areas: Maths, English, Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), RE, French, Spanish. You do not need to be a graduate or hold QTS, but would need relevant understanding, skills and knowledge (maybe from your employment/technical qualifications). Fully paid online training is available and we have the flexibility to work around your current commitments to secure the best for our students. This role would suit someone who is retired or works part time who could offer their talents to support our students. All 1:1 tutoring is paid at £25 per hour which covers planning time too. Application forms, available at <https://www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk/Jobs/> need to be returned by 26th November 2021 to Kerry Collins at kec@bwh.staffs.sch.uk

