

## Weekly Newsletter

### **St. Anne's Catholic Church**

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**Deacon: Rev. Michael Horsnall**

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## **TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Lectionary Cycle A, Weekday Mass Cycle 2 Psalter week 3 [Parish Mass Book P90]**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am 11:15 am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Catherine Dutch Bridie Toner RIP
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's		Advent Feria
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm 6:00pm 10:30 pm 11:00 pm	St Patrick's St Anne's St Anne's St Anne's	Christmas Eve	Jennie L Burke Geoff Owen RIP & Bernard Massey RIP Well-being of Mary Collins
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 11:15am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Christmas Day	Solemnity of The Lord's Nativity St Patrick's Parishioners Martina&Edmond Quinn(in thanksgiving)
Thu	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	St Patrick's	St Stephen	Feast Damian& Bob & Jack Devaney
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	St John, Apostle, Evangelist	Feast Mike&JoyeSimpson60thAnn
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am 6:00 pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Marriage of Michelle Moore & Josh Heywood Vigil Mass	Peggy Ogram RIP
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 11:15 am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Feast of the Holy Family	The McHugh Family Winifred Meehan

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** [St. Patrick's] Winifred Cotton, Dom Krsul, Francis Ackland, Clifford Hewitt, Violet Melvin, Wasil Hrynieccko, Joseph Meehan, Geoffrey Bowes-Lyon, Bridget Myatt, James McEwan, Egizia Valentini, Nicholas Byrne, Austin Read, Norah Lennon, James Scullion and Catherine Gask. [St. Anne's] Vincent Eardsley, Noel Joret, Esther Martin, Peter Rice, Delia Brough, Ronnie Thomason, Eliza Baldwin, Frances Curran, John Freeman, Elsie Papworth, Pepita Pinney, John Taylor, Joyce Muriel, Bernard Hadley, Robert Sartory, Catherine Hammond and Mary Rogers.

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

### **CHURCH ROTAS**

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	27 <sup>th</sup> December	29 <sup>th</sup> December Mary Picking		29 <sup>th</sup> December Eileen Turvey & Joan Collins	29 <sup>th</sup> December
St Patrick's	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> January Sumitha, Jenice & family	Joan McKinlay	Carmel P	29 <sup>th</sup> December Jean & Kathy	29 <sup>th</sup> December Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

### **READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

	ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
<b>Sat . 28<sup>th</sup> Dec :</b> Readers:	Frank Lain	
Euch. Ministers:	K Bennett	
<b>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec :</b> Readers:	Joan Collins	Anjali & Geo
Euch. Ministers:	T Whitehall & J Peck	Angela, Mary O & Geraldine

Income 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£220.15	£199.40	£179.65	£599.20	165
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£129.00	£121.11	£136.23	£386.34	148

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**ST ANNE'S & ST PATRICK'S GRAND DRAW** Thank you to everyone who supported the Grand Draw by buying tickets and donating prizes. The Grand Draw raised £1141.40. The Raffle raised £116.98. Also thank you to everyone who attended the successful buffet/social event.

**DROP-IN:** Our drop in will continue as usual on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** in St Anne's Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All Welcome.

**Our recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Violet Donohoe (St Patricks) who died recently. We pray for her and Violet's family. Also, pray for Fr. John Ellis (a priest of our diocese) who died recently in Aston Hall. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**ROSARY No more "Tea"! But: prayer, intentions/intercessions and rosary.**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome.

**Eucharistic ministers (Both parishes):** If there are any Eucharistic ministers who would be willing, **one Sunday per month**, to take communion to the hospital please speak to Deacon Mike, or leave a phone message/text. (07706077124) Many thanks.

**SAFEGUARDING Representatives:** Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 01785603012 **St Anne's.**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** The next shared Bible Study group will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 All are welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall, 10 am – 11 am.

**Health&Safety:** There has arisen developing and ongoing pressure upon all parishes to make health & Safety a top priority. H&S covers an extremely wide area that influences virtually every aspect of our parish life, from liturgy to social activities to simply just existing as a community having use of buildings, paths etc. It truly is all-embracing and shows every sign of taking up a significant amount of collective energy. In light of this, I am appealing for volunteers to assist us (Peter Turner and myself) in helping to monitor, on a regular and rota basis, our water supply, risk assessments and other areas of concern. Please approach Peter or myself if you would like to become a team member. Many thanks Fr. Bob

**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

**A St Thomas Aquinas Study Weekend Retreat** will be held at St Dominic's Covent, Stone from **January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.** Led by Sr. Mary Magdalene Eitenmiller OP, details are on the noticeboard in the church porches.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** Would you like to put a smile on a child's or older adult's face this Christmas? If so, please fill a covered shoe box with suitable little gifts and perhaps a Christmas Card. Please label the box with an indication of who the shoe box is for eg Boy 12-15 yrs, girl 5-8 yrs or older man or lady. Thank you in anticipation, Jean Lindop. Please leave the boxes in either the church porch or take to St Anne's School for collection.

**St Patrick's toilet facility:** Please take a look at **the drawings at the back of church. The 'target scale' on the noticeboard indicates how the financing is progressing. Gift aid envelopes are at the back of church.**

**Missio Red Boxes (St Anne's):** Many thanks to all who have been a part of the Red Box collection through the year, and all who have donated.. A grand Total of £1,322 was collected. It is very encouraging. Well done.

**PARISH TOTE 150 CLUB** Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at only £4 per number per month. Further information from Marie on 01785 661012.

**Both our Parishes: Advent & Christmas:** Our Advent 'Giving Tree' in each church is the focus for gifts brought in for our local **Womens' Refuge.** Gifts can be placed in the box in the Narthex or around the tree in each parish. The refuge gets particularly short of teenage gifts and baby toys. Gift vouchers are always welcome as teenagers can choose for themselves and mums can buy gifts for the children too. Also as last year, single bedding, sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers (New please) and towels, socks, pants and anything else are all received with much thanks.

**Grateful thanks:** *I would like to thank both of our parishes for all the good wishes and help that I have received over the year, not to mention the Christmas cards and blessings. There are many people to thank, looking after so many areas of, for keeping the parishes living and welcoming homes of God's presence. As usual, so many have simply 'got on' with things and this is what helps the parishes run so smoothly, allowing our liturgy and pastoral life to be an encouraging sign of God's work. It is wonderful to see that 'teams' have emerged in St Patrick's parish and it is my intention to try to set up a similar arrangement for St Anne's in 2020. A big welcome also to our visitors attending the Masses over Christmas and any new parishioners who may have moved into the area; please introduce yourselves. On behalf of Deacon Michael and myself: A Blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year to you all. Fr Bob & Deacon Michael*

