

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

## Weekly Newsletter

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

#### **The Third Sunday of the Year**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Vincenza Tonna RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Anne Harvey RIP
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>The Third Sunday of the Year</b>	Tony Ruttledge RIP(Ann) & Eddie & Teresa Lennon RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Bridget & Eddie McAweaney RIP
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	St Francis de Sales	Memoria Michael Glover RIP
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	The Conversion of St Paul	Feast Michael Scott RIP
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service Ss Timothy & Titus	Memoria
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Patrick's		Feria Celebrant's Intention
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Anne's	St Thomas Aquinas	Memoria People of the Parish
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Private Intention
		6.00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil	John Bamber RIP
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>The Fourth Sunday of the Year</b>	Eddie & Bridie Hunt RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Percy Grero RIP

**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: Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, 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] William Bragg, Andrew Mountford, Pattie Sykes, Margaret Stanley, Doris Hindle, Alice Ogbourne, Eric Pitman, Richard Dawson, Marie Fradley, Dolly Godwin, Alan Mitchell, Alfred Keogh, Mary O'Connor, William Bell, Michael Creamer, Zenon Zawadka, Terry Costello, Mary Bromley, Michael Caple, Eddie Hunt, Terence Keane, Tony Percy, Johannah Plant and Peter Sanza. [St Anne's.] John Gray, Jack McMahon, Kathleen McMahon, Dolores Delgado, Mary Elms, Harry Peck, Vincent Lythgoe, Adrian Walker, Fred Stephens, Peter Gibson, Charles Shackle and Fr Kevin Good.

Income 16/1/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£115.00	£181.00	£391.45	£687.45	Sat 68 Sun 67
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£140.10	£56.40	£149.69	£346.19	Sat 31 Sun 59

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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

### **Parish Tote 150 Club**

Thank you for your support during 2021. Just a reminder for those who pay yearly that your monies are due this month. Envelopes can be put in the collection or handed into St Anne's presbytery. Thank you.

*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. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also. 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*

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Please be assured that the Church's communication on this is still valid from the beginning of 2020'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, we priests of Catholic Stafford will hear confessions and this will continue.** Fr. Bob

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

*The recent "Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday" is published. Given that there remains a degree of caution within society, our bishops are nevertheless fundamentally asking us to consider the central importance of the meaning of Mass and the central place that Sunday -- the Eighth Day / Resurrection Day has in our Catholic Faith. So, although the obligation to attend Sunday Mass may not yet have been re-imposed, we are asked seriously about our priorities for Sunday, this special and unique day for us. Giving serious consideration as to where we place Mass attendance in the hierarchy of other Sunday activities, whether sporting, leisure, entertainment, shopping and so on should impact on the coming synodal experience and our Diocesan Vision: "Behold I am making all things new."*

**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". Male and female voices provide such harmony. Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome.

**St Patrick's Music:** May I ask for volunteers who attend regular Mass at St Patrick's (Sat or Sun) to operate our phone/Bluetooth system so that our parish may once more sing hymns at Mass. It would be great to have a team taking care of this. I thank the two who have volunteered already, so if others could come forward and begin to form a rota it would be great. I will explain it all. Just phone/email Fr. Bob. With gratitude.

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

'**Friends of the Holy Land**' would like to thank all parishioners who donated funds for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging, especially as they face another Easter season with limited numbers of pilgrims. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.'

## CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY: SUPPORTING THE DIOCESAN VISION

'Cursillo' began in Spain in the 1940's, a name simply meaning 'a short course.' It has become a world-wide, tried and tested method of adult faith development. It is a way of making our discipleship effective and furthering the mission of the Church. The movement has papal approval and the support of our Archbishop. You are invited to discover Cursillo at two exciting events taking place in the next few weeks and months in our Archdiocese. If you would like to be involved in either or both of these events, and for further information, please contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater at [canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk)

**Encounter Day** on next Saturday 22nd January at St. Mary's the Mount Pastoral Centre, Glebe Street, Walsall. From 10.30am to 2.30pm. This event is free (though donations are gratefully received) and lunch is provided.

**3-Day Cursillo Weekend** from Thursday 24th March (evening) to Sunday 27th March (afternoon). This will be held at Shallowford House, near Stafford. Experience community, formation and prayer with a warm and friendly welcome!

### **Modern Slavery**

Please find below an e-invitation to join the relaunch of the Look Up project next month.

You may recall the Archdiocese joined forces with the Medaille Trust to launch a six-year Look Up awareness campaign in February 2019, to work together to combat modern slavery in our communities. A number of parishes were visited by a representative of the Trust and awarded a 'Make the Pledge' certificate.

As part of this call to action Garry Smith, CEO of the Medaille Trust, and Archbishop Bernard Longley, signed a pledge to work together for the benefit of those suffering from modern slavery.

You, and your parishioners, are invited to the online relaunch of this project on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. The online event takes place on Tuesday 8 February from 6pm to 7pm. Find out how modern slavery affects your community and how you can help.

### **The Synod: Now's the time to get talking**

Momentum to take part in the Synod is building across the Archdiocese as more and more parishes kickstart their conversations.

The Synod was launched in Rome last October by Pope Francis and the Diocesan phase is now underway. The deadline to receive feedback from parish conversations is **Monday 28 February**.



*"We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together*

*in your name"*

In response to Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter last year on the Diocesan Vision and Pope Francis' call to the whole Church on the Synodal Pathway, we are inviting you to our three parishes discussion meeting.

**The meeting will take place at Saint Anne's parish hall on**

**WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

**Why the meeting?** Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes in every diocese of the world.

**What is the point of the meeting?** It is an opportunity for us to come together and share our thoughts about our Church today. The meeting is part of a process of consultation, which will result in a report to Archbishop Bernard in March 2022.

**Why should you attend the meeting?** The meeting is for every parishioner in Stafford. Let us come together in an atmosphere of mutual honesty, trust and respect, to share our hopes and dreams for the future of Our Church as well as our doubts and concerns. *"Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it"*

If anyone requires transport to St Anne's, please speak to either Canon Michael, Fr Bob or Fr Simon.

