

Weekly Newsletter

**St. Anne's Catholic Church**

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**Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Bob & Damian McKinlay RIP	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Stephen Bayliffe RIP	
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	Julia Sims RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		Laurine AbayakoonRIP	
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Gemma Owen RIP	
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	St James	Feast June Ryan (celebration)	
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Ss. Joachim and Anne	Solemnity Our Parish Families	
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	St Patrick's	Funeral Service for Paul Prenter	Feria Mr M E Connelly RIP	
		11:00am	St Anne's			
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Anne's	Feria	Fr. George Grynowski RIP	
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	Betty Mallon RIP Helena Margaret Grantham	
		4:00pm	St Patrick's			Vigil
		6:00pm	St Anne's			Vigil
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	Deceased Parishioners Deceased Parishioners	
		10:00am	St Anne's			

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

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** [St. Patrick's] Joan Lees, Ernest Moseley, Mary Murphy, Maurice Desroches, Louise Barker, Wladyslawa Halberda, Barbara Astley, Kathleen Cochlin, Bartholomew Tivenan, Larry Mooney, Mary Daghall, Elizabeth Millward, Delia Ferrie, Edward Hagan. [St Anne's] Stephen Bayliffe, Pascal Doyle, Mary Nealon, Berta Szholz, Fredrick Miller, Mary Purcell, Ann Stanyer.

Income 16/07/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£92.50	£233.60	£408.25	£734.35	Sat 65 Sun 81
St Patrick's	Offertory	£82.30	£150.67	£152.16	£385.13	Sat 45 Sun 92

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 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.*

Information cards [*gift-aid it*] can be found at the back of the churches for any parishioners who are not in the gift aid scheme. The cards explain how the system works (at no extra expense for the doner) and provide information as to how you can be part of the scheme. It is a simple, free and effective way to help our parishes increase our funds. Do consider this if you are not already gift-aiding. Very Many Thanks.

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- 1. BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Catholic Stafford will be holding our annual 'Blessing of Graves' service on next Sunday **30<sup>th</sup> July**. We will gather in the **Crematorium Chapel at Tixall Road** for **3:00pm** where a short service will be held. We shall then move out into the cemetery where graves will be blessed. It is hoped several priests will be assisting.

*Since we are blessing the graves in the afternoon the three morning Masses in our churches (on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>) will be offered for the repose of the souls of all our deceased parishioners.*

**Patronal Feast:** Next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July is the Patronal Feast Day for our parish of St Anne and is a Solemnity, so Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am.

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

**Wool donations –** If anyone has any spare wool it can be left in St Anne's Church porch. It will be used for knitting hats and scarves for the homeless. Thank you.

**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 would be most welcome.**

**CLEANERS** St Anne's: Grateful thanks for our volunteers. There is now a list of the teams and a date rota displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

**St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will restart the first Sunday of September and the first Sunday of each month after.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our St Anne's Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ann Kelly and can be contacted at [sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk). Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at [sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**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]**

### **APPEAL - ST PATRICK'S CHURCH FLOWERS**

If you would like to help with the flowers at St Patrick's, we would really welcome extra hands – you don't need to be a florist!

Please let Fr Bob have your contact details. Thank you.

**+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** Meetings will start again on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Exposition and Holy Hour:** There is Exposition and Holy Hour, including opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, at St Anne's: From 10:00am until 11:00am. This is offered every Saturday, except the third Saturday of the month, upon which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** The New Gift Aid Envelopes [for this new tax year] are ready for your collection at the back of church. 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.

**St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** we have re-established 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. 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. Full training would be given. Thank you.

### **LIVING SIMPLY (Update):**

Parishioners are invited to purchase Fair traded goods and to buy world gifts from CAFOD  
<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

- We are developing a wildflower meadow at the side of St Anne's Church to help support biodiversity. We are inviting parishioners to donate wildflower seeds, plants or peat free compost. If you would like to look at the area, Liz and Ann will be available to show you the area on Sunday after Mass.

**CHRISTIAN FOOD HELP:** Due to the ever increasing problem of food poverty, nationally and locally within many families, there is a continual need for donations. At the back of each church we have clearly marked boxes for your donations of food items. Please deposit them there so that they can be taken regularly to St Austin's, where the CFH team can arrange for their distribution. Many Thanks

Our local co-ordinators, Adam and Clare (St Austin's), send their thanks.

**New to the Parish?** If you are new to either of the parishes of St Anne or St Patrick you are very welcome. Please let Fr Bob know (on 01785 661012 OR [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk)) There are numerous aspects of our parish life that might be of interest to you. We hope that you will feel 'at home' within our parish community.

### **SYCAMORE**

***FOLLOWING ON FROM THE SUCESS OF PART 1 OF OUR SYCAMORE COURSE WE ARE CONTINUING WITH PART 2***

***SYCAMORE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR LIFE TODAY. IT GIVES YOU SPACE TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE, SHARE IDEAS, EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS, AND THINK ABOUT QUESTIONS THAT REALLY MATTER.***

The Bible Timeline® study program takes us on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical

story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. (Please bring a Catholic Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church) Both the Sycamore course and the Bible Timeline program take place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room and Hall at 7pm. All welcome. *[For more information, go to St Austin's home web page, click on CONNECT and then PARISH COURSES]*

**Mathew 28: 19-20** "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

**The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.**

**Assumption Devotions Sun August 13th at 3 pm**

Preacher Mgr Timothy Menezes

- Procession
- Rosary
- Shrine Prayers

***Please bring your own chairs***

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10 am Mass at St Anne's**

**To celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Fr Steven's Ordination you are invited for tea/coffee and cake in the parish hall this Sunday after the 10am Mass.**

**Parish Library**

**Thank you to everyone who has donated bibles and books (and a bookcase).**

**The parish library is located in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.**