

### St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Parish Administrator: Father Robert Devaney - Parish Secretary: Marie Badger**

**Deacon: Rev. Michael Horsnall**

**The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No.234216**

## TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

**Third Sunday in Lent - Lectionary Cycle C, Weekday Mass Cycle 1, Psalter Week 3 [Parish Mass Book P160]**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Martin Cook RIP
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Third Sunday of Lent	Eddie & Bridie Hunt RIP & The McHugh Family
		11:15 am	St Anne's		Hird & Carmedy Families Deceased
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	The Annunciation of the Lord	Solemnity Nora O'Keefe (Johnson)
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	St Patrick's		Lent Feria In Thanksgiving (St Jude)
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Lent Feria
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Patrick's	School Mass	Lent Feria Bob McKinlay RIP
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's		Lent Feria Michael Collins RIP
		7:00 pm	St Patrick's	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	St Patrick's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Geoffrey Green RIP
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday in Lent (Latere)	Joe Abayakoon RIP & Patrick Joseph Lennon
		11:15 am	St Anne's		People of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** [St. Patrick's] Michael Sheehan, Richard Lalor, Jerry Sutton, Patrick Ward, Antonia Orfila, William Kearns, Patrick Edensor, James Wilkinson, Rudolph Valentini, John Jackson, Helena Gage, Reginald Concar, Harold Leslie Wilkes, Violet McCarthy, Joanne O'Brien, Mary McKiernan and Frederick Cull. [St. Anne's.] Peter Brown, John Moloney, John O'Loughlin, Lucy Moran, Hilda Nicholson, Geoff Green, Michael Collins, Robert Hunt, Annie Shelly and Betty Cunningham.

**Prayers for the sick:** St Patrick's Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, June McConnell, Christine Sargeant, Gregory McKinlay, John Reavy, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter and Damian McKinlay. St Anne's Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, David Green, Joan O'Dowd, Kevin Kaine, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Colin Wilkinson, Richard McMahon, Maria Rogers, and Teresa Lloyd.

**This list is being 'rebuilt' as signed forms come into the parish office.**

### CHURCH ROTAS

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	29 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March Sheila Bayliffe		31 <sup>st</sup> March Jo Bennett and Eileen Buckley	
St Patrick's	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Sumitha, Jenice and family	Joan McKinlay	Carmel P	31 <sup>st</sup> March Jean and Kathy	31 <sup>st</sup> March Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

### READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
<b>Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March :</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	Ian Burnside	
	<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	T Whitehall & C Whitehall	
<b>Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> March :</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	Honor Shammass	Claire & Geo
	<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	J Peck & B Turvey	Steph, Richard & Geraldine

Income	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£326.50	£177.53	£179.65	£683.68	161
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£68.50	£152.34	£136.23	£357.07	150

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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 Head Teacher: Mrs. C. Williams

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: St Anne's £ 632.30 St Patrick's £252.14 Many Thanks**

**DROP-IN:** Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in St Anne's church hall on Wednesday morning at 10:30 am. Everyone welcome.

**SAFEGUARDING**

The parish members who need documentation are **adult servers, catechists, Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick and Children's liturgy leaders**. Some who hold these roles already have clearance others need to be updated. If you need to fill in forms you will be contacted soon. Any concerns over safeguarding can be raised with Fr Bob or the two representatives. Many Thanks  
**Our Representatives:** Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 01785603012 **St Anne's.**

**For your Diaries:** **Catholic Stafford Three Parishes Lent Penitential Service:** **St Patrick's April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**First Holy Communions:** **St Anne's May 11<sup>th</sup>** **St Patrick's May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** During Lent our shared Bible Study group will meet every Tuesday from 10.30 – 11.30 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome to join us. **Lenten Lunches.** On Tuesdays in Lent at 12 noon in St Anne's meeting room Soup, roll, tea and coffee will be available. March 12,19,26 and April 2,9,16.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019:** The Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the weekend of the **26th to the 28th of July**. Application Forms with details of prices and accommodation etc are now in the porches of St Anne's and St Patrick's. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for further details.

**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

**Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage Needs YOU!** Joining the annual Birmingham pilgrimage to Lourdes as a nurse or carer is an opportunity to do something completely different – and to make a real difference. Whatever your background if you have an open and caring attitude and a sense of humour you will be welcome. This year several of our regular volunteers are unable to join us and we need you in order to continue to take assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. For more information see the poster in the porch, check out our website: <https://www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com> or speak with Rita Mather 01785 226933

**PARISH TOTE** The next draw will be at **St Anne's next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March after the 11.15 am Mass.**

**Catholic Stafford Lent Course:** Our weekly spiritual session based upon the acclaimed and moving film: 'THE WAY'. Through coming together weekly and following the accompanying book: 'THE LONG ROAD TO HEAVEN' we can prepare ourselves for our journey through Lent and so look forward to the great feast of the Paschal Mystery. We will be watching clips of the film whilst also referring to the book and scripture. There will be an opportunity for discussion and feedback. Parishioners from the three Stafford parishes are invited, so the venues are rotated for the **five sessions**. Sessions start at **7:30 pm** and (**The venues are: St Anne's School 12<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April, St Austin's School 19<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April, St Patrick's School 26<sup>th</sup> March**). Each participant will need to have their own copy of the book. **[Lifts for those who need transport will be happily arranged]** Please bring a bible with you to each session.

We are urged to read through the Prelude for each week before coming to discuss the clips. **For anyone wishing to watch the whole film, (if you haven't Netflix or Amazon Prime) let Fr Bob or Fr Michael know and we can arrange a suitable time.**

**THE SOWER: Our diocesan publication (The Sower) has been delivered. Please do take a copy – it is free and extremely well produced and presented. It contains much of interest concerning events within parishes across the diocese.**

**Laurine and family would like to thank everyone who attended Joe's Requiem Mass and sent cards of condolence. We extend our thanks to Peter and Geoff Ogram and not forgetting Fr Bob for his immense help and guidance at this sad time.**

Watch our film about why some of our supporters are taking action on climate change to protect our common home. Then [sign our petition](#) on climate change asking the Prime Minister support measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 'net zero' by 2045. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar/27-March>

'Walk With Me' booklets are still available for this Lent. It's never too late to start a daily routine of prayer. They are in the church porches. Calendars are also available for the young and not so young! Just help yourselves.

In the Old Testament the early encounters with God are based on the promise that the Lord will always be faithful to them; will always be beside His people, leading and guiding them. The people, of course, were not always faithful to God and there is an ongoing dialogue between God and His people due to their infidelity. Sometimes God seems willing to destroy them, whilst at other times God declares that He will be with His people no matter how unfaithful their behaviour. Unfortunately, through their primitiveness, the chosen people developed this mindset whereby terrible events that anyone experienced were due to punishment from God. But in Luke's Gospel Jesus offers a more nuanced interpretation. Disasters, whether caused by nature or people, are not signs of God's punishment but rather signs to us to reflect on our lives and ask ourselves whether we are producing the fruit asked for. Disasters, however caused, should help us learn lessons from them; including establishing justice, compensation and assistance to those whose lives have been harmed. We can also look at the attitudes and habits we have that make us, even unwittingly, contribute to such disasters. During our Lenten journey let us ask God to bless us with sensitivity to the needs of our world and each other.