



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL				ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL			
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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention	
Sat	23 rd	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil		Angela Newbon RIP In thanksgiving Peter & Julia	
Sun	24 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		People of the Parish Sheila Ferris RIP	
Mon	25 th	9.30 am	St Anne's	Monday of Holy Week		Fr. Michael Ho Hau Nghia (well being)	
Tue	26 th	9.30am 7:00pm	St Patrick's St Patrick's	Tuesday of Holy Week Lent Penitential Service		Mick Crook RIP	
Wed	27 th	10:00am 11:00am	St Anne's St Chad's	Wednesday of Holy Week Communion Service Chrism Mass		People of the Parish	
Thu	28 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	The Mass of The Lord's Supper " " " "		Catherine Stevenson RIP Michael Collins RIP	
Fri	29 th	10:00am 3.00pm 3.00pm	St Austin's St Patrick's St Anne's	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion " " " "			
Sat	30 th	10:00am 8.30pm 8.30pm	St Austin's St Patrick's St Anne's	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer The Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection " " " "		Angela Newbon RIP Martin Ogram RIP	
Sun	31 st	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord		John Rennie RIP Fr David Catterall (In Thanksgiving)	

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

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Antonia Orfila, William Kearns, Patrick Edensor, Bishop David McGough, James Wilkinson, Rudolph Valentini, John Jackson, Helena Gage, Reginald Concar, Harold Leslie Wilkes, Violet McCarthy, Joanne O'Brien, Mary McKiernan, Frederick Cull, Catherine Owens, Timothy Vella. **[St. Anne's.]** Bishop David McGough, Lucy Moran, Hilda Nicholson, Geoff Green, Michael Collins, Robert Hunt, Annie Shelly, Sarah McHugh, Betty Cunningham.

Income 17/03/24	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	£ 62.00	£186.22	£408.25	£656.47	Sat 69	Sun 80
St Patrick's	Offertory	£49.30	£293.92	£152.16	£495.38	Sat 61	Sun 70

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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

Parish Tote 150 Club

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are 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 Second Collections: 29th March (Good Friday) UPKEEP OF THE HOLY PLACES
w/k 30th/31st March EASTER OFFERING
w/k 20th/21st April CLERGY TRAINING FUND

St Anne's Readers: The rota is on the notice board in the church porch.

The Drop in Group Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne's
10 am Communion Service. All Welcome.

Our Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Etna McLuskey** formerly of **St Patrick's** who died recently. We remember also her family at this time. ***May Etna rest in peace and rise in glory.***

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 valuable facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY is up and running and held on every Sunday. This is due to the number of kind parishioners who have volunteered to help put on this much appreciated facility. It means we can form teams and a rota. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. Ann Kelly is kindly looking after the necessary safeguarding procedures. **Many thanks.**

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]

* **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. Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

+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. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March. Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!**

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.

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.
[The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

LIVING SIMPLY: 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.

Take a look at our latest graph showing the numbers of meals provided (at the back of church)

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) 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.

Parish Library St Anne's

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

Still curious about Jesus?

St Anne's will be hosting an ALPHA COURSE

Our Alpha course begins on Monday 8th April at 7 pm.

If you would like to come along, bring a friend, or help out, please let us know. There should be a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thanks, Deacon Mike.

ALPHA is a 12 week course similar in format to the groups we have been having at St Austins over the past few months. The Alpha course is ideal to bring non-Christian or lapsed church going friends along with you to take part in. Alpha is a series of interactive video/discussion sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. We would love you to come along either as a helper with hospitality/group support/set up or just to join in and hopefully invite a friend. More info on our St Anne's Website. Fr Stephen, Deacon Mike or Fr Bob will be happy to talk with you about the course.

We Dare To Say :

Year of Prayer: As part of the Year of Prayer the Bishops of England and Wales have produced a series of reflections called 'We Dare to Say' which looks at the petitions of the Our Father in five ready-to-use sessions. Our final session is on this **Monday at 7.00 p.m. at St. Anne's.**

To parishioners of both St Patrick's and St Anne's: as you will be aware the complete Holy Week Triduum will be celebrated in the three churches this year [as last]. We must understand that the Church guidelines advise that for such a liturgical celebration to be worthy the essential elements, such as readings, the music/hymns, serving and help with setting up, liturgy, lighting etc. should be present. This should reflect the keen participation of parishioners who are indispensable in such services. *Sheets are out at the back of church for parishioners to volunteer for assisting in a variety of roles.* Please do give this serious consideration. Synodality insists that, as CHURCH COMMUNITY, we play our part fully in all facets of church life. Many thanks. Fr. Bob

The Stafford Orchestra presents Impressions of Britain: A musical journey.
This Saturday 23rd March in St Anne's Church Hall at 7.30 pm.
Tickets available on the door £8. Adult accompanied under 18s Free.
Please see the poster in church porch for more details.

**There will be raffle tickets on sale over the next few weeks for a basket of goodies.
Tickets £1 a strip. Proceeds will go to CAFOD for their work helping displaced people in many countries.
Draw will take place on Easter Sunday.**

HOLY WEEK – TRIDUUM

Please check the times of Masses and services over this period in our three parishes:

Lenten Penance Service: This year our Lenten Penance Service with opportunities for individual confession will be on Tuesday 26th March at 7.00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church on Sandon Road.

St Anne's Altar of Repose

We would be grateful for any donations of yellow or white flowers for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday and for volunteers to assist arranging them. Thank You.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: (Times are identical in all three of our parishes)

28 th March	HOLY THURSDAY (MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER) Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose	7:30pm
29 th March	OFFICE OF READINGS [At St Austin's only] GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY STATIONS OF THE CROSS	10:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm
30 th March	OFFICE OF READINGS [At St Austin's only] EASTER VIGIL	10:00am 8:30pm

*Easter Sunday morning Masses will be held at the usual times in our three parishes.
And please note that the Easter Vigil Mass will take the place of our usual evening Mass.

Next weekend there is the traditional Second Collection for the Easter Offerings for the clergy.

Easter Sunday after 10am Mass at St Anne's we would like to invite the children to an Easter Egg Hunt in the fenced garden. Parents, carers, grandparents are welcome to join us.

Ecumenical 'WALK OF WITNESS': The Stafford Walk of Witness starts, this year, from the "wheel" in Mill Bank at 12 Noon.