

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Weekly Newsletter

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Private Intention
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Private Intention
		10:00am	St Anne's		TonyDukeRIP(1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	<b>St Mark</b> Feast	Sheila Hird RIP
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	<b>St George</b> Solemnity	Damian McKinlayRIP
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	<b>Communion Service</b> Easter Feria	
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Patrick's	Easter Feria	Bob McKinlay RIP
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Anne's	<b>St Catherine of Siena</b> Feast	Peggy Ogram RIP
		<b>7:00pm</b>	St Patrick's	<b>Memorial Mass for Mgr. John Heslin</b>	
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	<b>Vigil</b>	Keith Price RIP & Marriamma & Alex RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	<b>Vigil</b>	People of the Parish
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	Michael Burns RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Sheila Hird RIP

**Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:** Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Jacqueline Simpson. **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, Georgina Copp.

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's]** John Broun, Frank Willitt, Ernest Ferrie, Ralph Lennon, Kathleen Boulton, Louise Adams, Margaret Smith, Alfred Millward, John Jackson, Mary Heslin, Eva Devlin, Honora Eley, May Carroll, Mary Hardy, Anthony Finn, Vincent Brigham, Ronald Skelton and Michael Bell. **[St Anne's]** Frances Rushton, Laura Rushton, Roy Bowyer, Ivor George, Caroline Langham-White, Ted Shelley, Rose Thomasson, Thomas Brough, Jim Fletcher, Andrew Martin, Gabriel Geadah, Joan Batkin, John Wilson and Barbara Curran.

Income 10/4/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£ 90.00	£	£391.45	£481.45	Sat 55 Sun 143
St Patrick's	Offertory	£ 82.00	£	£149.69	£231.99	Sat 80 Sun 99

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)

**Holy Places Collection** St Anne's £128.26 St Patrick's £27.00 Easter Raffle proceeds £85.00. Thank You.

### **Parish Tote 150 Club**

Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie 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. 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

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

**Wednesday Drop in** have sent £150 to CAFOD 's Ukraine appeal.

**The raffle for MacMillan Cancer Care** raised £140.

**The Easter raffle** raised £85 and the proceeds will be added to the Good Friday collection for the Holy Places.

**Thank You.** The winners of the Raffle - Easter Cake - Sally Lee, Easter Egg - Veronica Curwen, Bottle of Port –

Jo Bennett, Bottle of Port - Sandra Tyrrell, Box of Chocolates - Catriona Mawdsley.

*The "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. Even if you can just come now and then for the pleasure of singing 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 those 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.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Our parish Bible Study is now starting on a regular **fortnightly** programme. The first, following Easter, is this coming **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in St Anne's parish hall meeting room from 10 am – 11 am.** Welcome to those wishing to join us.

**Receiving Holy Communion:** Recently occasions have been noted when one or two, who have come to receive the Host, have walked away with it in their hand. Please could we all understand that when the Lord is received in Mass the Host must be consumed as soon as it is placed in the hand. Thank you.

**Ukrainian Refugees:** We have received an email from the diocese related precisely to this urgent issue and you will find all useful details on our diocesan website. Please see just how offers of help will be co-ordinated through **Caritas** and **Father Hudson's Care**. Our Catholic parishes will be in regular communication with the diocese in regard to this matter.

#### **\*Stafford Walsingham Association**

For many years the Stafford Walsingham Association arranged a yearly pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. We are hoping to revive this in 2022 and invite anyone in our three parishes to become a member. Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be held. We hope to begin this from May. During the Mass, we shall offer the Litany of OLW, praying that Our Lady will, as the prayer says, *'look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.'* As membership of the Association is open to anyone within our three parishes, the Mass will alternate between the three churches. If you would like to be a member of the Walsingham Association, please fill in one of the forms at the back of church and return it to the Presbytery.

***St Patrick's Parish: Please note the date in your diary. We will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for the late Mgr John Heslin at 7:00pm on this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in St Patrick's. We welcome His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, who will be the main celebrant. This would be a wonderful opportunity for us to re-establish our choir after such a prolonged break. [Parishioners who would be willing to help as a team with light refreshments following the Mass please see Fr Bob or place your name on the sheet at the back of church]. I thank all those who can be of assistance in helping to take part in such a worthy celebration of Mgr John's time in the parish.***

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** The Annual Diocesan Day Pilgrimage is taking place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. St Joseph's in Rugeley have asked if any parishioners from the local churches would be interested in joining them on a coach leaving Rugeley at 7.00am that day. Cost per person is £30.00. It seems a sensible idea to join with other parishes to fill a coach, rather than smaller groups making their own way. Anyone wishing to book a space on the coach needs to contact Caroline Richards on 07817 362601.

**Hednesford Diocesan Pilgrimage** is taking place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Any singers who would like to join the choir for the Mass are asked to contact Anne Tibke at [tibkes@talk21.com](mailto:tibkes@talk21.com) or by phoning 07850 459563. Rehearsals will be held in Hednesford at 7.30pm on April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Further details of the pilgrimage will be advertised soon.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** Please be aware that the new financial year is imminent. New boxes of envelopes used by parishioners who gift aid their donations can be found in the porches of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. They are already named and ready for collection. If any parishioner would prefer to donate through STANDING ORDER 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. Thanks to Mark and Margaret for their efforts in administering the Gift Aid facility

## **Live Simply Award**

The three parishes of Stafford are hoping to earn the Live Simply award, by living simply, in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation. We are hoping to meet on this **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in St Austin's Parish Meeting Room** to discuss our plans. If you would like to join us email [josephmccormick61@gmail.com](mailto:josephmccormick61@gmail.com) or speak to one of the clergy.

## **\* Committees/groups Returning**

We are now at that stage where “touching base” with our parish committees and groups will be essential. I would hope that all of us would wish to see both parishes operating as we were in the early months of 2020 when Finance committees and Social committees and Health and Safety committees met periodically. These existed to enable each parish to function more completely and to keep parishioners informed of various requirements and opportunities for involvement in broader parish ‘life’. Some may feel that a new ‘model’ is needed in order for parishes to continue maintaining themselves and evangelising. I would welcome ideas and particular insights/ vision as to how the parishes of St Patrick’s and St Anne’s might go forward. According to Canon Law, the bare minimum is for us to have Finance Committees. So, I shall email members of both St Anne’s and St Patrick’s FC’s in order for us to home in on a date for meeting. As mentioned, if anyone has ideas for re-establishing some form of social/fund-raising group etc please let me know. We hope to hold a Quiz Night at St Anne’s in due course.

**PS:** It would help greatly if St Patrick’s re-established our regular counting teams. These used to carry out this important contribution following the Sunday Mass. If any parishioners could offer their time by becoming one of a counting team it would be much appreciated. As part of a team the counting task would not take long.

Also, if ‘Refreshment’ teams would like to be formed then let me know or sign up at the back of church. This would enable an important social facility following our Sunday Masses. Do give it some thought.

Many thanks Fr. Bob